

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, September 15, 2010 8:45 AM – 9:15 PM
Council Chambers, 140 West Pine Street, Missoula, Montana

Members Present: Dave Strohmaier, Pam Walzer, Roy Houseman, Bob Jaffe, Jon Wilkins, Renee Mitchell, Dick Haines, Ed Childers.

Members Not Present: Lyn Hellegaard

Others Present: Jason Wiener, Mark Muir, Chris Odlin

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Approve Minutes from [July 21, 2010](#) and [August 25, 2010](#) . Minutes approved unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Confirmation of Police Officers Robert Larson, Jeffrey Lloyd, Michael Kamerer, Christian Cameron, Steven Crass, Josh Volinkaty. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Mark Muir) (Referred to committee: 09/13/10) **(REMOVE FROM AGENDA)**

Motion: The committee recommends that the City Council Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Robert Larson, Jeffrey Lloyd, Michael Kamerer, Christian Cameron, Steven Crass, Josh Volinkaty as Police Officers.

Mark Muir presented the committee with brief biographies for each officer to be confirmed.

Roy Houseman moved to confirm the officers.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Childers asked Mark Muir if the confirmation of the new officers would bring the Police Department to full staffing levels.

Mark Muir replied that the Police Department is now fully staffed.

2. Police Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Mark Muir) **(HELD IN COMMITTEE)**

Dave Strohmaier indicated that the topic of today's discussion is the recent traffic enforcement roadblock on West Broadway.

Mark Muir provided the committee with a [Press Release and Operational Plan](#) with a [diagram](#) relating to the recent traffic enforcement roadblock on West Broadway. He reviewed the documents, and described the execution of the traffic enforcement roadblock.

Chris Odlin provided statistics resulting from the traffic enforcement roadblock. Police stopped 111 out of 880 vehicles passing through the checkpoint. There were 20 citations for proof of insurance violations, 3 suspended/revoked arrests, 4 warrant arrests, 3 equipment violations, and 1 driver without a license. Chris described the operation and the supporting agencies and businesses.

Bob Jaffe asked why the roadblock was scheduled for 6-9 PM when DUI offenses tend to occur later in the evening.

Chris Odlin responded that the Police Department was conducting the operation earlier to familiarize the department with the logistics of such an operation.

Dave Strohmaier asked how the roadblock affected regular staffing levels.

Chris Odlin responded that since the roadblock operation was held during overlapping shifts, very little overtime was utilized.

Pam Walzer expressed her support for the traffic enforcement roadblock. She described a complaint that a citizen was held up at the roadblock for 1/2 hour, and asked Chris Odlin if this was possible.

Chris Odlin responded that it could have been possible under specific circumstances.

Ed Childers thanked local businesses that donated time and equipment to the operation. He asked about the safety configuration of the roadblock

Chris Odlin responded that Highway Technologies handled the placement of traffic control devices and signage, as they have the experience.

Ed Childers asked if any of the citizens that were stopped mentioned the press release.

Chris Odlin was not sure, but he stated that the press release went out to the Missoulian on Thursday at 14:30, but did not make it into the printed edition of the paper, just the online edition.

Jason Wiener expressed his support for traffic enforcement roadblock. He asked if the Police Department is ready to implement this project on a larger scale. He also asked what the warrant arrests were for.

Chris Odlin responded that the Police Department is ready to implement the traffic enforcement roadblock again, but he was not sure what the arrests warrants were for.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

V. HELD AND ON-GOING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Fire Department Update – Ongoing in Committee (Mike Painter)
2. Health Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Ellen Leahy)
3. An [ordinance](#) amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 6.09 entitled "Missoula Cat Ordinance" section 6.09.010 through 6.09.090 to amend definitions, to limit the number of cats over the age of four months that a person, family, or household can harbor, keep, or maintain to five and to enact other general amendments. ([PS&H](#)) (Returned from Council floor: 01/12/09)
4. An [ordinance](#) amending Missoula Municipal Code Title 6 entitled "Animals" generally amending Chapter 6.04 entitled "Animals Running at Large" and Chapter 6.08 entitled "Dogs and Pet Shops," increasing the fee when an animal is impounded and establishing a fee for a boarding kennel license. ([PS&H](#)) (Returned from Council floor: 01/12/09)
5. Review implementation of the Missoula Outdoor Lighting Ordinance ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 08/09/10)

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 AM. Submitted by Gregg Schonbachler.