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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Community Meeting To Discuss MPD Officer Reinstatements In Frank Jude, Jr. Case, Asset Forfeiture & Gang Loitering Proposals**

*Ald. Mike McGee, Jr. to Host Public Meeting Wednesday Night at North Division*

A public town hall meeting Wednesday evening will serve as a venue for residents to ask questions and air their views on two proposals now before the Common Council, as well as the reinstatements of two Milwaukee police officers who were fired by Police Chief Nannette Hegerty for their roles at the scene of the Frank Jude, Jr. beating incident in October 2004.

**Ald. Mike McGee, Jr. will host the meeting, which starts at 6 p.m. Wednesday, February 15, 2006, in the auditorium at North Division High School, 1011 W. Center St. Representatives from the City Attorney's Office have been invited to participate, and the public and media are welcome to attend the meeting.**

Two officers who were not on duty at the time but were at the scene of the severe beating of Frank Jude, Jr. – Bradley Blum and Michelle Grutza – appealed their firings to the Fire & Police Commission. The Commission reinstated Officer Blum and Officer Grutza was reinstated as part of a deal she reached with the city. Both received unpaid suspensions in the case.

A proposed anti-gang loitering ordinance that could allow police to disperse groups of three or more people if the group includes at least one known criminal gang member if found congregating or loitering in specified “gang activity” areas designated by the police chief will also be discussed at Wednesday’s meeting. Also, a proposal authored by Ald. McGee that would allow the Council to tap MPD asset forfeiture revenue so that some of the money can be used to help pay for additional gun buy-back programs, more “Slow Down” stop speeding signs, as well as a police substation at the new Granville Station (former site of Northridge Mall) will also be a topic of discussion.

The proposed anti-gang loitering ordinance and the proposed asset forfeiture ordinance will be heard by the Council’s Public Safety Committee at 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2006, in room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

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