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Mayor Barrett to Unveil New Details on Neighborhood Video Surveillance Program

Plan Puts Cameras on the Streets to Catch Criminals, Deter Crime

MILWAUKEE – Mayor Tom Barrett’s Administration will update the Milwaukee Common Council tomorrow with new developments on the Neighborhood Surveillance Program that puts security cameras in high-crime areas.

At a hearing of the Public Safety Committee, new information will be shared on the type of technology that will be employed and on the locations that have been tentatively identified for camera placement. These locations have been determined after consideration of crime data, citizen feedback and the input of Milwaukee Police Department precinct captains.

“Neighborhood security cameras are a critical part of the fight against crime,” said Mayor Barrett. “Use of video surveillance in at-risk neighborhoods is yet another strategy we are implementing to catch criminals and make Milwaukee streets safer.”

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Mayor Barrett intends to utilize multiple funding sources, including grants, to install up to 15 security cameras in high-crime areas of the City. These cameras feed directly into the police dispatch center and the video is admissible in courts of law, which means these cameras can serve both as a powerful deterrent and a valuable tool to help police put dangerous criminals behind bars.

The Barrett Administration will announce that a demonstration of the new camera system will take place in early summer.

Mayor Barrett also thanked members of the Milwaukee Common Council who have supported the neighborhood video surveillance program.

“I have long been an advocate of security cameras,” said Alderman Bob Donovan, Chairman of the Common Council’s Public Safety Committee. “They have proven to be a great public safety tool in several parts of our City already. I am fully supportive of the Mayor's efforts to expand this program and look forward to working with him in this endeavor.”

“As always, I look forward to working with any and all partners to ensure Milwaukee streets are safe,” the Mayor said.

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