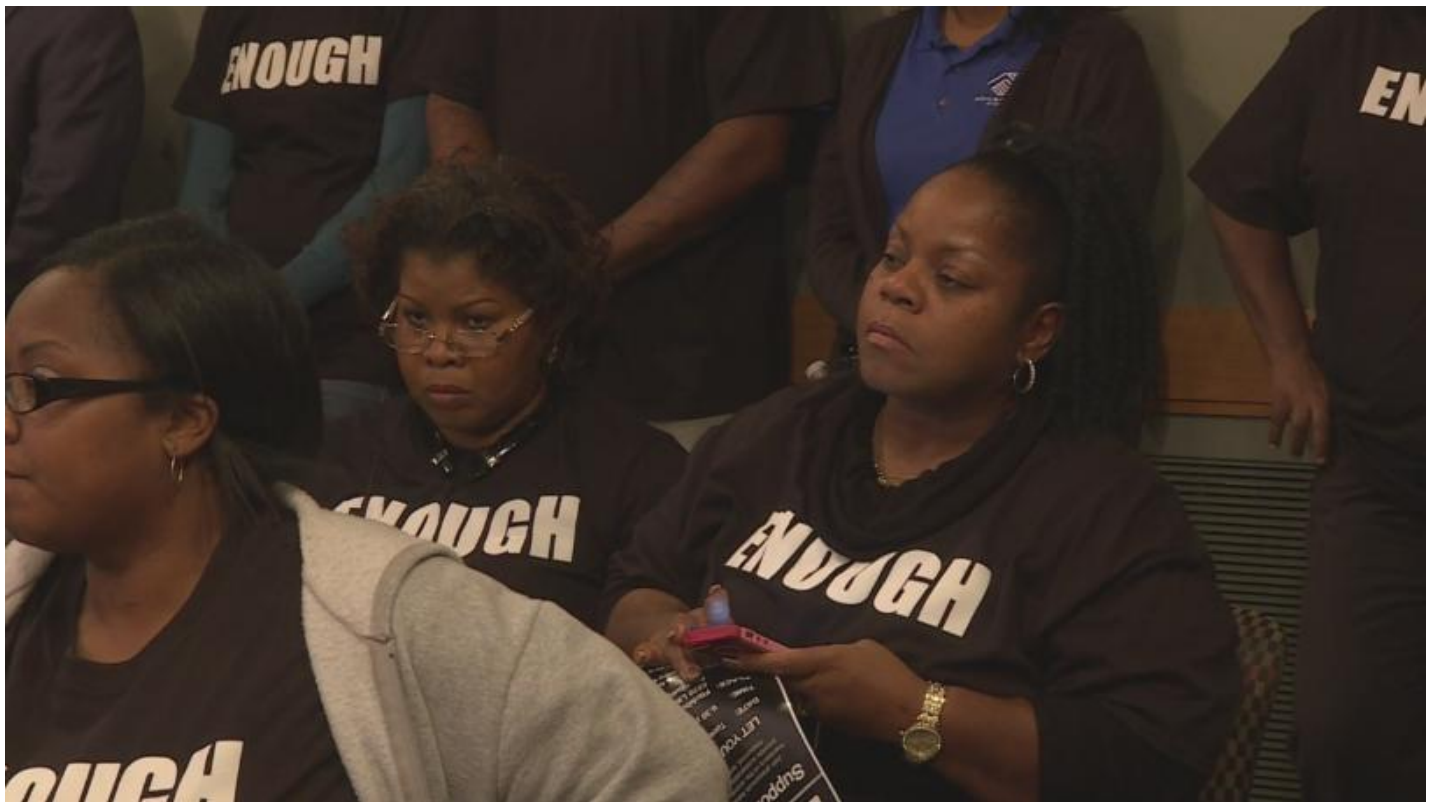


Fitchburg residents and groups bring their causes to common council



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FITCHBURG, Wisc. -- Tonight's common council meeting in Fitchburg was more heated than many council meetings are - and more crowded. Crowds had to be moved away from doorways to maintain fire code as the room filled to overflowing with Fitchburg residents.

Items on tonight's agenda ranged from subdivision improvements to amendments that aimed to remove additional staffing positions. But funding is what brought many people out of their homes - many in t-shirts that read "ENOUGH," referencing the feeling of having enough of the problems they came to address.

Boys and Girls Club CEO Michael Johnson was one of them. He spoke to the council about preserving and ultimately expanding the \$50,000 allocation in the city's budget for his group's work transporting and feeding kids at the Allied Drive location.

Others, such as Wanda Smith of Peace Network Inc., came to discuss issues that were not on the official agenda - such as funding for a park planned for a currently empty lot on King James Way in north Fitchburg. Smith also petitioned the council to repurpose a local fire station that is going out of use into a community center for local youth.

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