



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 5, 2023
Snoqualmie City Hall, 38624 SE River Street & Zoom

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Committee Members:

Chair Cara Christensen was present.

Councilmembers Rob Wotton and Ethan Benson were present.

Mayor Ross attended virtually.

City Staff

Mike Chambless, Interim City Administrator

Perry Phipps, Chief of Police

Mark Correia, Fire Chief

Mike Bailey, Deputy Fire Chief

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Wisham – Member of the fire fighters labor union advised that he was available to answer questions regarding the letter that was sent to the Mayor and City Council.

MINUTES

1. Meeting minutes dated May 15, 2023, approved.

AGENDA BILLS

2. AB23-081: Fireworks Stand Permit for J&M LLC.
3. AB23-082: Fireworks Stand Permit for Impact Ministries.

Fire Chief Correia presented both agenda bills with a discussion on the process to have a firework stand in Snoqualmie and past experiences with the organizations on each agenda bill. There was additional discussion related to J&M and possible location concerns which may not allow them to have the stand at the location that they utilized in prior years. They are in the process of securing an approved location.

Both items were approved to move forward at the June 12, 2023, City County Meeting on the consent agenda.

DISCUSSION

3. Strategic Plan Update – Fire Chief Correia spoke about the requirement for the Fire Department to have a strategic plan to maintain their accreditation. The current strategic plan has ended and needs an update to include a few items that were not completed from the expired plan. Chief Correia discussed the process that was used in the last strategic plan and his intention to bring a strategic plan update at the next Public Safety Meeting. This would also align with the proposed City Strategic plan that will be moving forward as well.

5. Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Update – Fire Chief Correira gave an update that Mayor Ross has approved the hiring of Tetra Tech for a total of \$42,000 to complete a strategic plan for the CEM. The City will use Emergency Management grant funds in the amount of \$20,000 to help off-set the costs. The remaining balance will come out of the Fire Department’s budget.
6. Controlled Substance Legislation Update – Police Chief Phipps updated the board on the approved State legislation related to the Blake decision. There was a discussion regarding the need to possibly adopt a City ordinance to “bridge” the period of time that a small portion of the legislation that will not go into law until August 14, 2023. The City recommended to not move forward with the ordinance based on the recommendation of the attorney representing the City. After the issue was discussed, the Committee recommended to move forward with an ordinance proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Christensen completed the meeting at 5:45 PM.

*Minutes taken from Zoom recording by Chief Perry Phipps, Administrative Coordinator.
Recorded meeting audio is available on the City website after the meeting.
Minutes approved at the June 20, 2023, Public Safety Committee Meeting*