



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 01, 2026, at 5:00 PM

This meeting was conducted in person at Snoqualmie City Hall and remotely using Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL.

Councilmember Wotton called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Committee Members: Councilmembers Catherine Cotton, Rob Wotton, and Andre Testman were present.

Executive: Mayor James Mayhew was present.

City Staff: Deputy Fire Chief Chris Brown, IT Systems Specialist Andrew Jongekryg, Legal Assistant Robert Thrall, and Interim Police Chief Gary Horejsi.

AGENDA APPROVAL.

Councilmember Wotton stated that he would like to add two items to the agenda. The items were:

- Risk Mitigation
- Review of minimum liability coverage for BESS facilities.

Motion: The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

No public comments were made.

MINUTES.

1. Approval of the minutes dated May 18, 2026.

Motion: Councilmember Cotton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Testman.

Motion passed: 3-0.

AGENDA BILLS.

2. AB26-024: Covered Load Ordinance.

Interim Police Chief Gary Horejsi briefed on increased community outreach regarding debris falling from vehicles and stated staff have prepared a covered load ordinance to address those concerns. Council discussion followed.

Action: Move item to city council meeting on June 8th, 2026 for a first reading of the ordinance.

3. AB26-025: E-Motorcycle Ordinance Amendment.

Interim Police Chief Gary Horejsi briefed on an ordinance to regulate the use of electric motorcycles within City limits. Committee discussion followed.

Action: Move item to city council meeting on June 8th, 2026 for a first reading of the ordinance.

4. AB26-028: Ordinance Animal Cruelty Code.

Legal Assistant Robert Thrall briefed on an ordinance to repeal Snoqualmie Municipal Code section 9.20 regarding animal cruelty, as the legal implications are outdated, and briefed that the City already previously adopted Title 11 of the King County code in its place. Committee discussion followed.

Action: Move item to city council meeting on June 8th, 2026 for a first reading of the ordinance.

DISCUSSION.

5. Volunteer EMT Onboarding Spring 2026.

Deputy Fire Chief Chris Brown briefed on applicants for volunteer EMT positions and stated that five applicants were stated for chiefs' interviews and four applicants were selected for the open positions. Committee discussion followed.

6. Emergency Management Plan.

Councilmember Wotton provided an update on the Snoqualmie Valley Governmental Association meeting held the prior week, which was attended by Councilmembers Cotton and Wotton, along with Mayor Mayhew. He noted that participating agencies are exploring opportunities to coordinate disaster relief efforts across jurisdictions. Committee discussion followed.

7. Liability Review for BESS facilities.

Councilmember Wotton briefed on an ordinance passed by King County in 2024 regarding battery energy storage systems and requested that staff assess new utility facilities requirements adopted by other states and local jurisdictions. Committee discussion followed.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.

None.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion: Councilmember Testman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Cotton.

Motion passed: 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54pm.

Minutes prepared by Kim Agfalvi, City Clerk.

Recorded meeting audio is available on the city website after the meeting.

Minutes approved at the June 15th, 2026 Public Safety Committee Meeting.