



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 2, 2025

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

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL – The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

Committee Members: Councilmembers Cara Christensen and Catherine Cotton were present.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Gary Horejsi, Interim Police Chief; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Jason Weiss, Police Administrative Sergeant; Michael Liebetrau, Police Evidence and Records Technician; Deana Dean, City Clerk; and Andrew Jongekryg, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL – The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Richard Martin of Snoqualmie recognized Interim Chief Horejsi and spoke highly of the Snoqualmie Police Department.
- Sergeant Weiss provided an update on police and public works improvements on Park Street.

MINUTES – The minutes dated May 19, 2025, were approved as presented.

AGENDA BILLS

1. **AB25-065:** 2025 Firework Stand Approval - Impact Ministries (Safeway). This item was heard with **AB25-066:** 2025 Firework Stand Approval - Impact Ministries (Lot 213 Railroad Ave SE). Discussion led by Chief Bailey. Committee questions followed. Both items were approved to move forward at the June 9, 2025, City Council meeting on the consent agenda.

DISCUSSION

2. E-Motorcycle and E-Bike Discussion led by Interim Chief Gary Horejsi who noted the King County Prosecuting Attorney will not pursue charges against anyone under the age of 16. Anyone who has a driver's license can be cited through Municipal Court. The goal going forward is to continue enforcing the RCW on any road violations and to ensure safety on the roadways. If a person is under the age of 16, at this time, the department will take an educational approach and communicate with the parents. Committee questions followed.
3. Review of Council Work Plan. Chief Bailey provided an update to the fire department work plan, noting which items were completed or in process. An EOC tabletop exercise is scheduled with the department heads for June 30th and a large citywide exercise later in the year. Negotiations

are ongoing with the IAFF, full plans for wildland evaluation have been on hold with staffing issues but community education will be coming out late June, and an update was provided on new and replacement apparatus. Interim Chief Horejsi provided an update on the police department work plan, noting the North Bend is still being worked through, completed items were contract negotiations, LEMAP review, Sunnyside and Yakima Jail contracts, and evidence room construction is almost done. Purging of evidence and inventory will begin once room is completed. Sergeant Weiss is working on the parking ordinance, and policy updates are ongoing as are purging and scanning of paper records.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business items.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 pm.

Minutes prepared by Deana Dean, City Clerk.

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

Minutes approved at the June 16, 2025, Public Safety Committee Meeting.