



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MINUTES September 18, 2023

This meeting was conducted in person and remotely using teleconferencing technology provided by Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Cara Christensen called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Committee Members: Councilmembers Cara Christensen, Rob Wotton, and Ethan Benson.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, Interim City Administrator; Mike Bailey, Interim Fire Chief; Brian Lynch, Interim Police Chief; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Michael Liebetrau, Police Evidence and Records Technician; Don Harris, Fleet and Facilities Supervisor; and Andy Latham, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL: The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

MINUTES

1. Meeting minutes dated September 5, 2023, were approved as presented.

AGENDA BILLS

DISCUSSION

2. Sunnyside Jail Tour/Contract. Interim Chief Lynch introduced this item noting it costs us \$140-250 per day at SCORE or Issaquah Jail. Sunnyside has a 77 bed facility and contracts with outside agencies on a first come first serve basis at a cost of \$62 per day. This matter is anticipated to come back at end of October for committee approval. Questions followed.
3. Connections Crisis Center. Interim Chief Lynch spoke to this item which is a new program and another resource for individuals in crisis. The model includes chairs and beds for longer term individuals.
4. Peer Support Program. Interim Chief Lynch spoke to this item indicating SPD has no certified peer support person on staff. The goal is to bring this program in-house and have three trained and certified staff members. Committee comments and questions followed.
5. Jail Transport Van Surplus and Sale. Interim Chief Lynch introduced this item to surplus the jail transport van as it is no longer being used. Don Harris, Fleet and Facilities Supervisor, spoke to the lifecycle and value of the vehicle and the auction process.
6. Detective Appointment. Interim Chief Lynch announced that as of October 15, 2023, Officer Chris Werre will be moved to the detective role.

7. Potential Budget Amendment for Range Mining. Interim Chief Lynch spoke to the mining of the gun range noting the allocation is anticipated to be below bid amounts. LT Liebetrau provided additional information on lead vs non-lead equipment and ammunition. Committee comments followed.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- CM Benson would like to have an update on the parking issue near Panorama.
- CM Wotton provided comments on the King County Jail closure.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm.

Minutes taken by Deana Dean, City Clerk.

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

Minutes approved at the October 2, 2023, Public Safety Committee Meeting