



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 17, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL – Chair Wotton called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Committee Members: Councilmembers Rob Wotton, Catherine Cotton and Bryan Holloway were present.

Mayor James Mayhew was also present.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Gary Horejsi, Interim Police Chief; Police Capt., Moate; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Robert Thrall, Interim City Clerk; and Rebecca Solem, Temp Executive Assistant.

AGENDA APPROVAL – The Agenda was approved as amended – Item “Future Discussion Items” was added.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- Caitlyn Wisync of Snoqualmie encouraged The Committee to vote “Yes” on AB26-004. She stated that manual enforcement alone isn’t going to be able to fully address the problem. Mrs. Wisync also brought to The Committee’s attention the Actibump Swedish inverted speed bumps which would avoid the concern for personal privacy. And asked the Committee to continue exploring additional avenues to slow drivers down.
- Kristin Feedler of Snoqualmie thanked The Committee for addressing this concern and acknowledged the previous additions of the blinking pedestrian light as well as the speed limit ticker sign. She expressed disappointment that the speed study was not also conducted in front of the Elementary school as the stop sign nearby is the first after a long straightaway. Ms. Feedler suggested The Committee consider adding additional stop signs and other speed indicators and expressed hope that The Committee will work on this concern to protect the small children of Snoqualmie.
- Hadley Everts of Snoqualmie thanked the Police Department for conducting the speed study. She stated that she and her neighbors have celebrated The Department’s assistance, supported the addition of speed enforcement cameras and emphasized that the previous actions taken by The Department and The Committee have created an incredible improvement to safety and quality of life.
- Nick Postigleioni of Snoqualmie confirmed that he attended last year’s meeting on the same topic and that the City Administrator had observed a four-way stop with him the previous year. He expressed concern regarding the straight of way by the high school being a hotspot for speeding and the text on the signs regarding school hours is too small and frequently covered by vegetation. He believed there needed to be an engineered traffic solution to physically slow drivers. He also remarked on the effectiveness of the speed camera by the High School in Issaquah.

MINUTES – The minutes dated February 2, 2026, were approved.

PRESENTATION

1. School Zone Speeding – Chief Horejsi led the discussion and began by sharing a presentation regarding the topic. Verra Mobility, the vendor the City of Issaquah uses for their traffic safety cameras, provided a short case study, the data of which was shared. He assured The Committee that The City is not looking at any Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs) type solutions. CM Holloway asked several questions regarding the security and ownership of the data and wanted to make it known that it's the vendor not The City that owns the data and everything goes through them. He would also like to add additional solutions to the next presentation and to include cost analysis. He made sure to express that there would be no consideration of any solution that relinquishes The City and Police Department's ability to determine the level of enforcement. CM Cotton thanked those that provided Public Comments. She agreed that the Public's main concern regarding the safety cameras would be whether they were ALPRs. She expressed the need for a multi-prong approach and reminded The Committee that Public Works had previously brought forward ideas such as temporary rumble strips, an Actibump inverted bump (as the usual speed bump is bad for snowplows and fire trucks), to name a few. The Chief reminded The Committee that he is unable to proceed with any further inquiry unless the ordinance that allows the technology is passed. He confirmed for The Council that they were only authorizing the gathering of vendor information and nothing further. The Mayor told The Committee that The City would bring the top two to three proposals from vendors, none of which would use ALPRs, that there would only be a fixed monthly charge to the Vendor with no fiscal connection to the number or type of infractions imposed. The time required of the Verra Mobility could be covered with the officers that The City of Snoqualmie currently has and therefore not of concern in that regard. The reason that vendor was investigated was since it is already integrated with the Court of the City of Issaquah of whom we contract. He summarized that what was brought before The Committee was an example of what could be done with the current budget with the goal of stopping speeding not increasing revenue.

AGENDA BILL

2. **AB26-004:** Ordinance adding Ch. 10.13 Automated Traffic Safety Cameras to the Snoqualmie Municipal Code – Chief Horejsi led the discussion. He clarified that state law changed in 2024 and dictates a lot of what can and cannot be done regarding safety cameras. Chief Horejsi confirmed that infractions can only be issued by The City's officers per state law. The City's officers make the decision themselves, and The City's officers would go to court to do testimony if needed. No changes to the Ordinance were requested and the Ordinance was approved to go before the Council.

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. 4th Quarter Accreditation Report – moved to next meeting
4. Crisis Intervention Training for Officers – moved to next meeting

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.

*Minutes prepared by Rebecca Solem, Temp Executive Assistant.
Recorded meeting audio is available on the city website after the meeting.
Minutes approved at the March 3, 2026 Public Safety Committee Meeting.*