

**PUBLIC SAFETY & MUNICIPAL COURT COUNCIL COMMITTEE**  
**JUNE 18, 2025**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

Council present:

Victoria Johnson, Chair  
Alexa Boedeker  
Larry Scott

Council Absent:

Staff present:

Tommy Ludwig, City Manager  
Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager  
Eric Oscarson, Deputy City Manager  
Amanda Campos, City Secretary  
Monica Solko, Deputy City Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Time: 1:00 p.m.**

Chair Victoria Johnson called the meeting to order. **Time: 1:03 p.m.**

**2. CITIZEN APPEARANCES**

- None.

**3. GENERAL**

**A. Minutes from the March 5, 2025 Public Safety & Municipal Court Committee meeting. (Staff Contact: Monica Solko, Deputy City Secretary)**

Motion made by Larry Scott and seconded by Alexa Boedeker to approve.

Motion passed 3-0.

**4. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on proposed amendments to Chapter 26, Courts and Chapter 34, Environment. (Staff Contact: Tony D. McIlwain, Development Services Director)**

Tony McIlwain, Development Services Director, presented proposed amendments to the committee.

Council committee was in favor to take to full council for discussion and consideration.

**B. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council on Axon's new Artificial Intelligence (AI) products and services they are offering as part of a new 10-year contract. (Staff Contact: Chief Billy Cordell, Chief of Police)**

Billy Cordell, Chief of Police, presented Axon's new artificial intelligence (AI) products and services proposed as part of a new 10-year contract. Axon representatives provided a video demonstration of the body-worn camera AI reporting tool and explained the current practice of manual policy updates versus Axon's quarterly automated updates. The committee expressed hesitation regarding the use of AI for report writing, noting concerns about liability, evidentiary integrity, and accountability during court proceedings. Chief Cordell emphasized that AI-generated reports would serve only as supplemental information and not replace body-worn video or other evidence.

**RECESS AND BACK TO ORDER**

Chair Victoria Johnson recessed for a short break at 2:14 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 2:21 p.m. with all members present.

Axon continued the presentation with an overview of Axon drones, including the Drone as First Responder (DFR) program, and Axon Fusus, which integrates mobile and drone video. Representatives noted that Axon's drones are American made, aligning with legislative preferences, and that Axon would provide credit for trade-in of older drones. Discussion included drone flight safety in various weather conditions, jurisdictional flight requirements, and FAA guidance, including beyond-visual-line-of-sight capabilities. The presentation also covered Axon's training simulator suite (vRBT live-action) offering four integrated training products.

Chief Cordell reviewed two budget options for the 10-year contract: maintaining current pricing for the first five years with an increase in the last five, and a 7% escalation after contract expiration unless renewed. He noted potential overtime offsets and a cost savings of approximately \$62,085 if the products were consolidated into a single contract. Staff will verify that local judicial systems are supportive of this type of technology. Chief Cordell stated that the AI tools could help improve report writing by prompting additional questions and enhancing completeness.

Following discussion including questions regarding whether AI prompts could be considered "leading" Chief clarified it would be similar to supervisory guidance and contract structure. The committee expressed support for moving forward with one consolidated contract, with staff discretion to determine which components are affordable and to remove the overtime offset if needed. The committee was in favor of recommending the single-contract approach with Funding Option #2.

**5. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR REPORTS**

- None.

**6. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Committee may convene in Executive Session in the City Council Workroom in City Hall to conduct a closed meeting to discuss any item listed on this Agenda.

**Pending or contemplated litigation or to seek the advice of the City Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code**

- No executive session is needed.

**7. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chair Victoria Johnson adjourned the meeting.

**Time: 2:57 p.m.**

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Monica Solko  
Deputy City Secretary