

PUBLIC SAFETY & COURT COUNCIL COMMITTEE
June 17, 2026
DRAFT MINUTES

Council present:

Victoria Johnson, Chair
Phil Anderson
Chris Fletcher

Council Absent:

Staff present:

Tommy Ludwig, City Manager
Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager
Eric Oscarson, Deputy City Manager
Lisandra Leal, Assistant City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Victoria Johnson called the meeting to order. **Time: 9:00 a.m.**

2. CITIZEN APPEARANCES

- None.

3. GENERAL

A. Minutes from the April 8, 2026 Public Safety & Court Committee meeting. (Staff Contact: Amanda Campos, City Secretary)

Motion made by Phil Anderson and seconded by Chris Fletcher to approve.

Motion passed 3-0.

4. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council on prehospital whole blood program in the Fire/EMS Department. (Staff Contact: Casey Davis, Fire Chief)

Casey Davis, Fire Chief, and Dr. Dennis Haslam, Chief Medical Officer provided an overview of the proposed prehospital whole blood program, which would allow blood to be administered in the field to patients experiencing significant blood loss. The program would provide an opportunity to administer lifesaving blood earlier in the emergency response process.

The committee discussed the medical benefits of administering whole blood in the field, the program's protocols and training requirements, blood storage and

rotation, blood types, anticipated usage, and liability considerations. Staff advised that the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council would provide one complete set of whole blood storage and transport equipment, implementation resources including protocol templates and standard operating procedure examples, access to American Association of Blood Banks whole blood program guidance and materials to assist with program development and compliance. Additionally, participating agencies would be reimbursed for the cost of whole blood products through August 29, 2027.

The Committee was in support of moving forward with presenting the item to the full council.

B. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council on an opioid settlement funding allocation request. (Staff Contact: Wes Routson, Captain)

Wes Routson, Captain presented information regarding the City's opioid settlement funds and the Police Department's request to use the funds for opioid-related prevention, detection, and disposal efforts.

Staff explained that the requested purchases are primarily one-time expenditures and that the funding must be used for eligible opioid-related purposes. The Police Department currently has one narcotics analyzer and requested an additional analyzer to allow one unit to remain at the Police Department while another is available for field use. Staff also discussed the proposed handheld X-ray system and its use in identifying concealed narcotics and contraband.

The Committee discussed the proposed use of available settlement funds and the Police Department's proposed purchases, including medication disposal box liners, a handheld X-ray imaging system, a narcotics analyzer, and Narcan. They also discussed the potential use of opioid settlement funds for related Fire Department needs. The Committee was in support of moving forward with presenting the item to the full council.

C. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide recommendations to the city council on Ebikes and electric vehicles in city parks and on city owned property. (Staff Contact: Wes Routson, Captain)

Brandon Glass, Lieutenant presented an overview of the increased use of e-bikes and e-motorcycles throughout the City and the concerns and complaints received regarding their use in neighborhoods, parks, and on trails.

Staff discussed the City's existing ordinances regulating the use of bicycles, motorcycles, and other equipment in parks and on trails, as well as the differences between e-bikes and e-motorcycles, including the three classifications of e-bikes under state law, applicable speed and motor requirements, and restrictions

concerning the operation of Class 3 e-bikes by juveniles. The Committee also discussed the challenges officers face in identifying the type and classification of an electric bike and enforcing applicable laws.

Staff continued to discuss enforcement challenges, including delayed calls for service and the need to balance enforcement with other police priorities. Staff noted that these calls are not considered priority police responses and that education will be an important component of addressing the issue.

The committee recommended adding language specifically addressing e-motorcycles to the City's park ordinance and continuing to educate Police Department staff, parents, juveniles, and other residents regarding applicable laws and appropriate use of e-bikes and e-motorcycles. The Committee expressed support for the recommendations and recommended bringing the matter forward to the full City Council.

Council Member Johnson stepped at 10:07 a.m.

Council Member Johnson returned at 10:09 a.m.

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: 10:10a.m.

Lisandra Leal
Assistant City Secretary