



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MINUTES January 16, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

Committee Members: Councilmembers Rob Wotton, Cara Christensen, and Catherine Cotton.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Brian Lynch, Police Chief; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Michael Liebetrau, Police Evidence and Records Technician; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

Chair Wotton began by thanking CM Christensen for her leadership of this committee and welcomed CM Cotton.

AGENDA APPROVAL: The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Paul Sweum, of Snoqualmie, spoke regarding public safety on the streets and behavior of drivers on Curtis.
- Heather Palmerini, of Snoqualmie, spoke regarding safety while walking and driving; adding lit crosswalks where visibility is poor and dogs off leashes.

MINUTES

1. The minutes dated January 2, 2024, were approved as presented.

AGENDA BILLS: There were no agenda bills.

DISCUSSION:

2. Committee Work Priorities for 2024. Chair Wotton opened the discussion and asked committee members for proposed work plan items. CM Christensen provided the following for police: making sure police and fire fully staffed now and, in the future; additional speed enforcement particularly in school zones; community outreach; monitor overdoses and the fentanyl crisis; monitor Echo Glen to ensure meetings continue to occur and that Snoqualmie is involved to keep our residents as safe as possible. She then provided the following for fire: ensure responsiveness to climate change and increased risks of wildland fires; monitor new builds and safety in low-income housing. CM Cotton provided the following: street safety and speed limits; staffing and incentives for hiring and retention; keeping up with other departments; Echo Glen and other things important to the community. CM Wotton added the possibility of a joint public safety meeting with the City of North Bend. CM Cotton added the possibility of teaching

an opioid class to Council. Chief Bailey added items for the fire department including accreditation, strategic plan, apparatus replacement, Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, and wildland. Discussion followed. Chief Lynch added items for the police department including an ordinance addressing abuse of the 911 system, annual report sometime in February, LEMAP study through WASPC in May which will begin the accreditation process, extension of police services contract with North Bend, adding staff positions, starting a traffic school, ensuring monthly Echo Glen meetings occur, and joint public safety committee meetings. Mayor Ross noted the importance of the accreditation process for both fire and police including the LEMAP study for police, the budgeting process, emergency operations center, and contract negotiations.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION: There were no items for future discussion.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 pm.

Minutes taken by Deana Dean, City Clerk.

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Minutes approved at the _____ Public Safety Committee Meeting