



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MINUTES November 6, 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:

Brian Lynch, Interim Police Chief; Jacob Fouts, Fire Captain; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Michael Liebetrau, Police Evidence and Records Technician; and Andy Latham, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL: The agenda was approved as amended. Ladder Truck Discussion was removed for discussion at a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Kathy Everts, Snoqualmie, commented on unsafe driving between Mt Si High School and Snoqualmie Elementary School and concern for the children particularly at the end of the school day and in the evening.

MINUTES

1. Meeting minutes dated October 16, 2023, were approved as presented.

AGENDA BILLS

2. **AB23-129:** 2024 Northeast King County Regional Public Safety Communication Agency (NORCOM) Budget Approval. Chair Christensen introduced this item. Discussion followed. This item is approved to move forward at the November 13, 2023, City Council meeting on the consent agenda.

DISCUSSION

3. Issaquah Municipal Court Rate Increase Discussion. Interim Chief Lynch introduced this item noting fees will be increasing for court services. He provided an overview of how ticket and criminal fees are calculated, where revenues are disbursed, and costs the city is required to pay. Discussion followed.
4. Police Staffing Update. Chief Lynch noted the department has one vacancy with an entry level officer candidate just passed background and is in the next phase which is medical and psychological testing. There is an officer graduating next Tuesday from the Academy and one that is at the end of field training, soon to be solo. He noted the School Resource Officer is doing a excellent job and building relationships with school administration and the students.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 pm.

Minutes taken by Deana Dean, City Clerk.

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

Minutes approved at the _____ Public Safety Committee Meeting