



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 1, 2025

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, Cara Christensen, and Catherine Cotton were present.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Gary Horejsi, Interim Police Chief; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Robert Thrall, Legal Assistant; Dan Moate, Police Sergeant; Melinda Black, Police Administrative Coordinator; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; and Andrew Jongekryg, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL – The agenda was approved as amended, hearing item #3 before item #2.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.

MINUTES – The minutes dated November 17, 2025, were approved as presented.

AGENDA BILLS – OUT OF ORDER

3. **AB25-122:** Resolution Adopting New Indigent Defense Standards. Introduction by Interim Police Chief Gary Horejsi. Committee questions followed. Additional information provided by Administrative Coordinator Black and City Attorney Burke. This item is approved to move forward at the December 8, 2025, City Council meeting on the non-consent agenda.
2. **AB25-123:** Indigent Defense Contract with Valley Defenders PLLC. Introduction by Interim Chief Horejsi. Committee questions and comments followed. Additional information provided by City Attorney Burke and Finance Director Bouta. This item is approved to move forward at the December 8, 2025, City Council meeting on the non-consent agenda.

DISCUSSION

4. Behavioral Health Specialist Discussion. Presentation by Interim Chief Horejsi and covered crisis intervention training requirements, crisis intervention calls for service for 2023-2025, estimated position costs, and funding strategies. Committee questions and comments followed. Additional information provided by Finance Director Bouta.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm.

Minutes prepared 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.