



# Public Safety and Justice Virtual Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 14, 2022  
6:00 PM  
Council Chambers Virtual

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence:	6:00PM
			Adjourn:	6:46PM
Senayet Negusse, Chair	X			
Jake Simpson	X			
Erin Sitterley	X			

Staff Coordinator: Troy Smithmeyer/Captain  
 Other Council Members Present: Peter Kwon  
 Other Staff Present: Evan Maxim, Mary Kate McGee, Gail Cannon, Judge Pauline Freund, Gwen Voelpel, Mary Mirante Bartolo

1. Call to Order	Chair Negusse called the meeting to order at 6:00PM
2. Public Comment	There was no public comment.
3. Review of 2/10/22 Minutes	<u>X</u> Approval  The 2/10/2022 meeting minutes were approved as written.
4. Code Compliance Program Update	<u>X</u> Presentation – Mary Kate McGee gave an update on the Code Compliance Program. In 2021, requests for Code Compliance Action increased 70% over 2020, and in the first half of 2022, there has been a 65% increase compared to last year with the bulk of the requests being residential. Code Compliance staff has been working to implement the new Code Compliance software LAMA. The City has also hired a new Admin Assistant to enter all Requests for Action into the system.  Discussion / Questions followed.
5. SeaTac Municipal Court and the Port of Seattle	<u>X</u> Presentation – Gail Cannon gave an update on the contract with Port of Seattle, which was implemented in October 2021 and handles Airport cases only. From October to December infractions from POS was minimal, as SeaTac did not have the staff hired to handle their cases. From January to May it increased significantly. The biggest challenge is most of their criminal cases have some type of mental health component. Out of Custody mental health restoration is nonexistent, and In-Custody wait time for restoration is 4 to 5 months. Defendants need to understand and participate in the court proceeding, as judgments cannot be rendered on people who are deemed incompetent. Swings in volume of parking citations also makes it difficult to predict workload. The POS is working on moving to an electronic parking ticketing system similar to SeaTac.

	Discussion / Questions followed.
6. AOC Funding regarding Blake Decision	<p><u>X</u> Discussion – Judge Freund and Gail Cannon discussed the AOC Funding regarding the Blake Decision. In February 2021, Washington State Supreme Court ruled the statute for simple possession of a controlled substance was unconstitutional. AOC funding is for all Cities to reimburse people who have been charged under the statute. Cities will front the money and AOC will reimburse the Cities.</p> <p>Discussion / Questions followed.</p>
7. APEX VR Update	<p><u>X</u> Discussion – Captain Smithmeyer gave an update on the APEX VR training. The 2<sup>nd</sup> VR backpack is now operational. A designated training area has been set up on the second floor, which is scheduled to start in the Fall for Deputy training. Currently they are still working on the mechanics of the equipment to make sure everything runs smoothly.</p> <p>Discussion / Questions followed.</p>
8. Administrative Functions/ Changes	<p><u>X</u> Discussion – Captain Smithmeyer gave an update on administrative changes. Police have been working with Code Compliance more often recently on various issues. The department purchased a Tower camera, which is a wireless CCTV that is currently set up at Angle Lake Park. The camera is a solar powered mobile unit that can be placed anywhere and is a good deterrent to crime. The Polaris office is on the next phase and should be completed in a few months. Community Engagement Officer Ghrmai will then occupy the space. A recent CSAM operation resulted in 4 arrests and 7 recovery cases in which all the victims accepted the services provided. The Motors Unit submitted a proposal to replace the Harleys with more dependable BMW's. Staff movement within the department include: Sgt Potter moved to Pct 2 and replaced with Sgt McDonald, Sgt Grat moved from Patrol to Detectives Unit and replaced by Sgt Chivington, Dep. Myklebust moved from Patrol to Detectives, Dep's Bugosh and Prettyman moved to Detectives, new Deputy's include Cruz, Toscano, Edgar and Bell. In October we will go to a City model and add 3 Patrol Sergeants and 1 Captain.</p> <p>Discussion / Questions followed.</p>
	<p><b><i>Next Meeting: August 11, 2022 at 6:00PM.</i></b></p> <p>Potential topics for next meeting: TBD</p>
Adjourn	Chair Negusse adjourned the meeting at 6:46PM