



Public Safety and Justice Virtual Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 31, 2023
5:00 PM
Council Chambers Virtual

Members:	Present:	Excused:	Unexcused:	Commence:	5:07PM
				Adjourn:	5:24PM
Senayet Negusse, Chair	X				
Jake Simpson			X		
Erin Sitterley			X		
Peter Kwon (Alternate)	X				

Staff Coordinator: Troy Smithmeyer, Captain
Other Staff Present: Cindy Corsilles, Ha Dao

1. Call to Order	Chair Senayet Negusse called the meeting to order at 5:07PM
2. Public Comment	<p>There was one public comment.</p> <p>1. Kevin Bannon provided public comment. Mr. Bannon expressed his approval that SeaTac is following the recommendations of the MRSC by incorporating the Blake Fix into the SeaTac Municipal Code. Mr. Banning feels that the damages and effects of drug abuse to not only the abusers, but the public as well, may only be stopped by legal intervention. He did ask that Sec. 401 and 4121B are added back to the proposed amendment, and that police be directed to use SMC 8.05.380 when arrested violators and their cases are referred to municipal court.</p>
3. Review of 5/04/23 Minutes	<p><u>X</u> Approval</p> <p>The 5/04/2023 meeting minutes were approved as written.</p>
4. Ordinance Amendment	<p><u>X</u> Presentation</p> <p>Cindy Corsilles gave a presentation of the new law on drug possession “Blake Fix”. On May 16, 2023, the “Blake Fix” SB 5536 was passed by the WA State Legislature and signed by Governor Jay Inslee with the provisions relating to use and possession of drugs taking effect on July 1, 2023. Part I of the law states that drug possession and use of controlled substances are now gross misdemeanors and prosecutable in municipal courts which is typically punishable by a maximum of 364 days and \$5,000 fine. Part II of the law states referral or diversion is no longer required, however law enforcement and prosecutors are encouraged to refer or divert such cases for assessment, treatment or related services. And Part III will be a new section added to RCW 69.50, which states cities are preempted from regulating drug paraphernalia.</p> <p>Discussion / Questions followed.</p>

	The Committee recommended the item be moved to the Consent Agenda.
	<i>Next Meeting: July 6, 2023 at 6:00PM.</i> Potential topics for next meeting: 2023 Statistics PSRFA Contract Amendment 2023 Business Watch Program
Adjourn	Chair Senayet Negusse adjourned the meeting at 5:24PM