Public Safety Committee November 16, 2026 Agenda

Meeting Details

- November 16, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.
- Virtual
- City of Asheville's YouTube Channel
- The Public Safety Committee provides policy recommendations to Council that advise on public safety policy direction in areas of police, fire, and emergency management services, review matters relating to intergovernmental relations, provide guidance on disaster preparedness and recovery, and support the development of and updates to the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).

Board Members

Council Member Bo Hess (Chair), Vice Mayor Antanette Mosley, Council Member Sheneika Smith

Agenda Items

Welcome and Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- Draft September 24, 2026 Minutes

Rescue Mission / Patton / Avery Area Update

- **Resource**: Evan Coward, Patrol Captain; Emily Ball, Homeless Strategies Division Manager; Hillary Jones, AFD-REST Manager; Brian Combs, Founding Pastor of the Haywood Street Congregation.
- **Description:** Overview of homelessness response activities in this area.
- **Action:** Information Sharing
- **Materials:** Presentation

Code Enforcement Update

1. Regulatory Guidance on Mold Enforcement
    - **Resource:** Mark Matheny, Development Services Director; Chris O'Brien, Compliance Coordinator.
    - **Description:** Overview of the City's Code Enforcement program and response as it pertains to mitigating conditions that lead to mold development and regulatory response to mold
    - **Action:** Information Sharing
    - **Materials:** Presentation [Slides 2 & 3]
2. Noise Ordinance / Hellbender
    - **Resource**: Mark Matheny, Development Services Director; Chris O'Brien, Compliance Coordinator.
    - **Description:** Update on the compliance activities associated with the performances at the new Hellbender venue.
    - **Action:** Information Sharing
    - **Materials:** Presentation [Slides 4 & 5]
3. Bear Cart Program
    - **Resource:** Jes Foster, Solid Waste Division Manager; Chris O'Brien, Compliance Coordinator.
    - **Description:** Review of the City's bear-resistant trash cart program and enforcement activities related to bear feeding activities.
    - **Action:** Information Sharing
    - **Materials:** Presentation [Slides 6 & 7]

Public Comment

- 30-minute time limit, 3 minutes per person

Adjournment

Additional Information

For questions about the Public Safety Committee, please email Stephanie Gilliam at sgilliam@ashevillenc.gov.

For more information about the Public Safety Committee (PSC), please visit the PSC webpage.

Future Agenda Items (note: this is for planning purposes and subject to change):

- Emergency Alert Systems