**PUBLIC SAFETY (PS) COMMITTEE MEETING**
**March 26, 2026, 11:00 a.m.**
Virtual Meeting
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).*

**CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Council Bo Hess (Chair), Vice Mayor Antanette Mosley, Council Member Sheneika Smith

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. **Approval of Minutes**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (3 Minutes Each)

3. **Abandoned Property Update**
   - **Resource:** Mark Matheny, Chris O'Brien
   - **Description:** Review of proposed new Abandoned Building Ordinance wording and discussion about Ordinance wording and a potential Abandoned Building Program
   - **Action:** Recommendation from the committee that the new Abandoned Building Ordinance wording be accepted/approved and go to full council, which is currently on the Council Agenda for April 14th.
4. **APD Items**
   - **US ISS Contract, Community Project Funding (CPF) Award, SmartConnect Sole Source, HACA MOU (15 Minutes)**
     - **Resource:** Elise Lewis
     - **Description:** Review and consideration of several Asheville Police Department items, including contracts, funding, and partnership agreements.
     - **Action:** Vote and move forward to City Council
   - **Community Safety and Violence Reduction Efforts**

- **Resource:** Interim Chief Stepp
- **Description:** Review of YTD violent crimes as compared to 2025, and discussion about APD and law enforcement and community partner efforts to address recent incidents
- **Action:** Informational

- **South Buncombe Schools Complex Traffic Congestion**
  - **Resource:** Deputy Chief Sean Aardema
  - **Description:** Discussion about traffic concerns and NCDOT recommendations for congestion mitigation, traffic operations report
  - **Action:** Informational

5. **Amendment to Graffiti Definition**
   - **Resource:** Amy Deyton, Jes Foster, Dylan Wingler, Jannice Ashley
   - **Description:** Revision to Chapter 10 of the Asheville Code of Ordinances to Amend Article VI, Regulation of Graffiti
   - **Action:** Vote and move forward to City Council

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

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