THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE
NORTH CAROLINA

PUBLIC SAFETY (PS) COMMITTEE MEETING
July 31, 2025 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** (May 29, 2025)

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

3. **APD Quarterly Update**
   - **Resource:** Chief Mike Lamb
   - **Description:** Presentation on the quarterly crime stats for the year to date
   - **Action:** Information Sharing

4. **Expansion of Panhandling Ordinance/ High Traffic Zones**
   - **Resource:** Deputy Chief Sean Aardema
   - **Description:** Proposal to expand the City's current public solicitation ordinance "High Traffic Zones"
   - **Action:** Vote to move forward to full Council in August/September.

5. **Technology in Public Safety**
   - **Resource**: Deputy Chief Jackie Stepp
   - **Description:** Presentation on the launch of a Technology and Intelligence Division and the expansion of the Drone Program
   - **Action:** Information Sharing

6. ADJOURNMENT

For more information on the Public Safety Committee, please visit the Committee's webpage at: https://www.ashevillenc.gov/government/city-council-committees/public-safety-committee/

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

- **Emergency Operations Plan/After Action Review**
- **Social District**
- **APD Quarterly Update**
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- **Civilian Traffic Crash Investigator Program**
- **Public Safety Bonds (project updates/status reports)**
- **Grant Requests**