



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
EMERGENCY MEETING
July 24, 2026
3:00 p.m. – Police Department
Administration Conference Room
10 NE Tudor Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Pryde.

ROLL CALL:

Council Liaison Shari Frazier	Absent
Chairman Jim Pryde	Present
Vice Chair, Randy Johnson	Absent
Board Member Kenneth Davis	Present
Board Member Bruce Trammell	Present
Board Member Bill Morrow	Present
Board Member Vanessa Hickman	Present
Board Member Mark Leetch	Present
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Absent
Board Member Dennis Savidge	Present

Staff Present:

Battalion Chief Craig Hill	Present
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1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of May 19, 2026, meeting.

Motion carried. The minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Public Comments

A resident addressed the Board regarding concerns with the City's current e-bike and e-motorcycle ordinance. The speaker noted that the existing ordinance is difficult to understand because it primarily lists prohibited activities rather than clearly identifying what is permitted. Questions were also raised regarding the legality of operating electric vehicles on private property, including apartment parking lots.

The Police Chief acknowledged the ordinance presents enforcement challenges due to the rapid evolution of electric mobility devices and aftermarket modifications. He explained that the Police Department's primary concern is youth safety, citing several injury crashes and one fatality involving high-speed electric bicycles and e-motorcycles. The department is working with Public Works to develop revisions for future City Council consideration.

Board members also discussed simplifying vehicle classifications, parental accountability for minors, and whether court system resources contribute to crime trends. The Police Chief advised that the department has not observed a direct relationship between municipal court operations and crime and noted the City's prosecutor continues to effectively prosecute municipal cases.

No action was taken.

4. Board Comments

No Board comments were presented.

5. Committee Reports

A. Animal Control – Bill Morrow

No report.

B. Miscellaneous Issues

Discussion continued regarding whether under-resourced court systems contribute to increasing crime.

The Police Chief explained that operational challenges are more commonly related to healthcare providers and county jail intake procedures than municipal court operations. He further noted that the City's prosecutor has been highly effective in prosecuting municipal cases.

No action was taken.

C. Ordinance Review – Jim Pryde

E-Bike and E-Motorcycle Ordinance

Board members discussed the City's current e-bike ordinance and agreed that the existing nineteen-page ordinance is difficult for residents to understand because it primarily outlines prohibited activities rather than permitted uses.

The Police Department reported increasing enforcement challenges caused by rapidly changing electric mobility devices and aftermarket speed modifications.

The Chief stated that the department's greatest concern involves juveniles operating electric bicycles and e-motorcycles capable of speeds exceeding twenty miles per hour. These vehicles have resulted in multiple injuries and one fatality.

Police staff advised they are working with the Public Works Department to simplify and revise the ordinance before presenting recommendations to the City Council.

Board members also discussed simplifying vehicle classifications into human-powered, machine-powered, and hybrid-powered categories, as well as parental accountability for minors operating these vehicles.

No action was taken.

D. Tow Committee – Jim Pryde

No report.

E. Traffic Safety – Jennifer Nussbeck

No report.

6. Old Business

No Old Business was presented.

7. New Business

Stormwater Management Sales Tax Presentation

Public Works staff presented information regarding the proposed quarter-cent Stormwater Management Sales Tax that will appear on the August 4 ballot.

The presentation reviewed the City's stormwater infrastructure, current funding levels, flooding concerns, water quality issues, aging drainage systems, and long-term maintenance needs.

Staff reported that approximately \$800,000 annually currently funds one five-person maintenance crew, resulting in extended response times for infrastructure repairs. One residential sinkhole project required approximately eighteen months to complete because of higher-priority emergencies.

If approved by voters, the sales tax would provide funding to:

- Add two stormwater maintenance crews (approximately ten employees)
- Increase funding for small capital improvement projects
- Develop partnerships with homeowners associations for detention basin maintenance
- Develop a new Stormwater Master Plan
- Expand preventative maintenance efforts

Staff also noted that Lee's Summit's current sales tax rate of 8.475 percent remains among the lowest within the Kansas City metropolitan area.

The presentation was received. No Board action was taken.

Hazardous Materials Permit – Costco Fuel Station

20 SE Oldham Parkway

Assistant Chief Jim Eden presented a hazardous materials permit application for the new Costco fuel dispensing facility.

The proposed facility includes three 40,000-gallon underground gasoline storage tanks and one 1,500-gallon underground additive tank, exceeding federal hazardous materials reporting thresholds.

Staff confirmed the project complies with the International Fire Code and Missouri Department of Natural Resources requirements. Installation and required testing have been completed, with the facility expected to open in September 2026.

Because a quorum was not present, the Board was unable to vote on forwarding the permit recommendation to the City Council.

8. Department Reports

A. Fire

Assistant Chief Jim Eden presented the monthly Fire Department report on behalf of Chief Mike Snider.

Highlights included:

- Chief Mike Snider was elected Second Vice President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.
 - Assistant Chief David York was elected Director-at-Large of the International Association of Fire Chiefs Emergency Medical Services Section.
 - The department successfully relocated into the Joint Operations Center.
 - The Emergency Operations Center was utilized during Downtown Days and departmental training exercises.
 - Operations and Communications divisions are fully staffed.
 - Two new dispatchers began employment on July 13, 2026.
 - The department supported regional FIFA World Cup operations and has submitted reimbursement requests.
 - Fireworks sales were equal to or slightly above last year.
 - Fire personnel completed 158 inspections of retail fireworks tents.
 - Thirteen fireworks-related incidents occurred, including nine debris fires and one structure fire.
 - No garage fires resulted from improper fireworks disposal.
 - June calls for service increased approximately 9.5 percent compared to June 2025.
 - No commercial structure fires were reported during June.
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B. Police

Chief Forbes presented the monthly Police Department report.

Highlights included:

- Motor vehicle thefts remain less than half of 2025 totals.
- Larceny and retail theft offenses continue to decline.
- Costco received approval for its liquor license.
- FIFA World Cup activities had minimal operational impact on the department.

- Two federal grant applications have been submitted to support staffing of the Real-Time Crime Center within the Joint Operations Center.
 - Downtown Days presented challenges involving unsupervised juveniles; however, crime and disorder levels were not higher than previous years.
 - Seven juvenile cases were referred to Juvenile Court.
 - Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce are evaluating operational changes for future Downtown Days and Oktoberfest events.
 - Police recruits continue attending the Three Rivers Police Academy, and the Kansas City Regional Police Academy has resumed operations.
 - The department continues to experience positive recruitment following implementation of the new labor agreement.
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C. Public Works

Public Works staff provided the Stormwater Management Sales Tax presentation during New Business. No additional report was presented.

9. Roundtable

Board members briefly discussed future agenda items, including continued revisions to the e-bike ordinance, the proposed stormwater sales tax, future consideration of the Costco hazardous materials permit, Real-Time Crime Center grant updates, and operational improvements for future community festivals.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.