



**Minutes of the
Public Safety Advisory Board
October 21, 2025
3:00 p.m. – Police Department
Administration Conference Room
10 NE Tudor Road, Lee’s Summit, Missouri**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Pryde.

ROLL CALL:

Council Liaison John Lovell	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	Absent
Board Member Jennifer Nussbeck	Absent
Board Member Dennis Savidge	Absent

Staff Present:

Fire Chief Mike Snider	Absent
Asst. Fire Chief Jim Eden	Absent
Asst. Fire Chief Arby Todd	Present
Chief Travis Forbes	Absent
Major Josh Patterson	Present
City Traffic Director & Engineer Michael Park	Present
Susan Barry	Present
Chief Counsel of Public Safety – Civil law	
Beth Murano	Absent

1. Public Comments

A citizen Dale Coy commended a holiday lighting service operated by off-duty members of the Lee’s Summit Fire Department, known as “*Lights and Sirens.*” The service installs, removes, and stores holiday lights for customers. The board briefly discussed the cost-effectiveness of this service compared to commercial options.

2. Board Comments

Chairman Pryde emphasized participation in the Citizens Police Academy and the Police and Fire Ride-Along Programs, noting their value in increasing public understanding of public safety operations.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the September Agenda. Ken Davis motioned; Bruce Trammel seconded. Agenda approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the September Agenda. Ken Davis motioned; Bruce Trammel seconded. Minutes approved.

5. Committee Reports

- **Animal Control:** No report
- **Miscellaneous Issues:** No report.
- **Ordinance Review:** No
- **Tow Committee:** No report.
- **Traffic Safety Committee:** No report.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business: None

8. Public Works Presentation – Citywide Trash Service Proposal

Michael Park, Director of Public Works

Single-hauler contract model

Background & Purpose

- Initiative stems from the Ignite Strategic Plan and the Comprehensive Plan.
- Focused solely on residential curbside services.
- Aims to address high costs, inconsistent service, and multiple haulers operating in neighborhoods.

Community Engagement

- Consultations conducted with 10 current haulers—most supportive of the proposal.
- A citizen survey revealed cost as the top concern.
- Multiple public meetings and a Citizens Task Force helped shape recommendations.

Key Contract Features

- **HOA Opt-Outs:** Permitted only for HOAs with a true collective contract paid via dues.

- **Base Services:** Weekly trash, recycling, yard waste, and quarterly bulky-item pickup.
- **Special Provisions:** Holiday “amnesty day,” senior discount, and “snowbird” service suspension.
- **City-Owned Containers:** All new containers will be owned by the city at the end of the contract to ease future vendor transitions.

Financial Overview

- Estimated cost: Under \$20 per month, compared to current individual rates of \$35–\$70.
- Modeled after successful regional programs and HOA rates averaging \$19.07.
- The city will own all containers at the end of the contract term.
- The contract award will be based on a “best value” assessment, not the lowest bidder.

Contract and Enforcement

- Award based on best value, not lowest price.
- No post-submission negotiations to preserve fairness and transparency.
- Vendor performance will be secured by performance bonds and liquidated damages (e.g., one month of free service for missed pickups).

Public Safety and Infrastructure Benefits

- Fewer heavy trucks on neighborhood roads (reducing pavement wear and crash risk).
- Improved cleanliness and coordination of trash collection days.
- Anticipated \$500,000–\$800,000 in annual pavement preservation value.

Public Input and Next Steps

- Council will solicit and review public feedback after receiving RFP responses.
- The proposal does not require a public vote but will undergo public hearings.

9. Fire Department Updates

Chief Snyder

- **150th Anniversary Events:** Final open house held last weekend; three attendees who completed all events will receive prizes.
- **Personnel Updates:**
 - Michael Weisenbach → Assistant Chief of Support Services
 - Steve Popper → Assistant Chief of Operations (A Shift)
 - John Hummel → Battalion Chief (C Shift)
 - Ed Delaney → Captain (Station 6, C Shift)
- **Fleet Update:** Two new, shorter-turn-radius pumpers have arrived and are undergoing driver training. Deployment is expected in the coming month.

- **Call Volume:** Down 140 from August (typical seasonal decrease). Preparations in place for expected winter collision increase.
 - **Construction Impact:** Station 7 area roadwork underway; alternate routes and response coverage in place.
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10. Police Department Updates

Chief Forbes

- **Event Management:** Oktoberfest and “No Kings” rally both concluded successfully with minimal incidents.
 - **Crime Trends:**
 - Calls for service are up ~1,000 for the month and ~9,000 YTD.
 - Traffic accidents are increasing due to construction detours.
 - **New Initiatives:**
 - Launch of a Retail Theft Unit targeting organized retail crime.
 - Action Item: Two detectives and two trainees attending specialized training in Florida.
 - Staffing: 160 officers hired; 13 vacancies remain.
 - Recruitment: Kansas City Police Academy currently closed to outside agencies.
 - Action Item: Explore alternative academies (e.g., Blue River) for training opportunities.
 - **Clarifications:**
 - No increased fines in the Ward Road enforcement zone; focus is on visibility and safety.
 - Theft reporting varies by store based on presence of loss prevention staff.
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11. Public Works Updates

- **Snow Plan:** Updated annual snow plan with expanded resources and stricter contract provisions.
 - **Lakewood Agreement:** City continues its shared snow removal arrangement with Lakewood HOA.
 - **Highway 291 Interchange:** Former Highway Patrol building demolished; hazardous materials safely mitigated.
 - **DMV Relocation:** Confirmed move to a new site near Highway 291.
 - **Sampson Road:** Officially reopened with major improvements.
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12. Public Recognition

Action Item: Public Works/Creative Services will post informational content on social media recognizing **National First Responders Day (October 28)**.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting concluded at approximately 4:08 p.m.