

**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting**

Committee Members present were Carol King (Chair), Frank Allgood, and Jason Kraeling

Others present were Police Chief George Miller, Fire Chief Brian McHone, Judicial Director/ Chief Municipal Judge Donna DeRado, City Administrator Seth Duncan, and Assistant City Administrator Greg Saxton.

**1. Call to Order-** Chairwoman King

**2. Public Comment-** None

**3. Reading and Approval of Minutes**

a. Public Safety Committee Meeting: August 4, 2025

**Motion:** Councilman Kraeling made a motion to accept the minutes with Councilman Allgood seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (3-0).

**4. Reports or Communications from City Officers**

a. Fire Chief Brian McHone

Chief McHone reported total calls through this evening are 3768. 1128 hours of training were completed in the month of August. October will be Fire Prevention Month for the department.

b. Judicial Director/ Chief Municipal Judge Donna DeRado

Judge DeRado reported \$421,696.92 was collected in fines for 2024-2025. The City was able to keep \$169,775 of that money. The rest is submitted to the State.

Court debt collection letters will be sent out this month. If the amounts owed are not paid, the Department of Revenue will receive the information and withdraw the delinquent amount from the taxpayers' State income tax refund.

c. Police Chief George Miller

Chief Miller reported the Explorers will be present at the September council meeting for recognition of the awards they received at their last competition.

Chief Miller said the department passed the online CALEA assessment. The assessors will be on-site in October.

National Night Out will be held September 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

**5. Unfinished Business-** There is no unfinished business.

**6. New Business**

a. School Resource Officer Grant and Agreement with Green Charter

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, the City of Mauldin was informed that it had officially received the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 School Resource Officer Program Grant in an amount of \$775,457. The grant covers School Resource Officers (SROs) at a number of area schools within the Greenville County School District system and SC Public Charter school system. While the City had received this grant in previous years for area GCSD schools, this is the first time it has been received for SC Public Charter Schools – Green Charter Simpsonville and Green Charter High. The grant is funding 100 percent of the cost of expanding SRO coverage to the Green Charter schools in Mauldin including personnel expenses, equipment, and capital.

As part of the grant award, the City is required to enter into an Agreement with Green Charter.

**Motion:** Councilman Kraeling made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation of approval with Councilman Allgood seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (3-0).

b. Mutual Aid Agreement with Clemson University Police Department

Mauldin Police Department has been supporting Clemson University Police Department (CUPD) with event security, especially for home football games, for approximately 18 years. This cooperative relationship has built a long-lasting rapport between Clemson, MPD and multiple other agencies that participate in similar activities.

This year, CUPD is requesting to codify this relationship into a Mutual Aid Agreement with participating jurisdictions to specifically outline duties, responsibilities, compensation terms, and more. CUPD will still be paying for officer time while engaged in activities with Clemson PD.

Additionally, with this Agreement, the Mauldin PD will be able to call upon the services of CUPD to aid with event security for our new stadium, and other activities.

**Motion:** Councilman Kraeling made a motion to send this item to Council with Councilman Allgood seconding.

This agreement will remain in effect until terminated.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (3-0).

c. Part-Time Administrative Judge Appointment

The City of Mauldin has several appointed part-time Administrative Judges who rotate on a weekend basis covering bond hearings, signing of warrants and executing surety bonds posted. These judges are paid on a set per-diem daily rate allotted for in our department budget and get paid for the days they are scheduled.

A part-time administrative judge position became vacant with the full-time hiring of Judge White, and a replacement is needed to fill that role for Judicial. The job was posted and S.C. Certified Municipal Judge Jonathan Smith applied and was interviewed for the position. Judge Smith currently holds positions with the City of Simpsonville and Travelers Rest in the same capacity. After interviewing, it is our belief he would be an asset to the Judicial department in that role. Judge Smith currently lives in Greenville County and is in good standing with SC Court Administration and SC Bar.

**Motion:** Councilman Kraeling made a motion to send this item to Council with Councilman Allgood seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (3-0).

**7. Public Comment-** None

**8. Committee Concerns-** None

**9. Adjournment-** Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk