

**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2025**  
**CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5 E. BUTLER ROAD**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> committee meeting**

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

Others present: 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: September 2, 2025

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

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

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

- a. Fire Chief Brian McHone- Chief McHone reported the department budget looks good. The department has responded to 4,326 calls this year and had 1378 hours of training during the month of September. October is Fire Prevention Month.
- b. Chief Administrative Judge Donna DeRado- Judge DeRado reported all court dates for next year are set. Debt setoff collection letters have gone out. She pointed out that detention fees are higher this year.
- c. Police Chief George Miller- Chief Miller reported the department has received a \$66,000 grant for body cams. Coffee with a Cop was held last week at 7 Brew and will be held at Summer Moon on a date to be determined. Polar Plunge is scheduled for February 21, 2026. The CALEA assessor is on site this week. Margo Monday is being held at the elementary schools the City has a SRO contract with. The students are reading to the police department's emotional support dog, Margo.

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

**6. New Business**

a. Ordinance Amending Chapter 6- Animals

Mauldin Police Department is regularly asked to investigate animal complaints throughout the City. Investigations include complaints of nuisance animals, mistreatment, abandonment, and other violations. Through the course of various investigations, MPD's Code Enforcement Officer has found that certain deficiencies exist within the current code that, if changed, would increase the effectiveness of investigations. These changes include adding two definitions for clarity

regarding proper sustenance and shelter for animals and updating reporting requirements to include participation in any judicial action by the complainant.

Councilman Allgood asked about the shelter section of this draft ordinance and whether shelter should be further defined as having three walls, or be some type of house for outside animals to keep them from being exposed to the elements.

Councilman Allgood asked if it would be difficult to have witnesses come to court to testify when they are already hesitant to report a problem. Chief Miller said this is mainly for barking dog and nuisance animal cases where an officer does not witness the problem first-hand.

**Motion:** Councilman Kraeling made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation to approve. Councilman Allgood seconded the motion.

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

b. Ordinance to Amend Chapter 38, Through Truck Routes

Council adopted an ordinance in 2022 restricting semi-truck traffic on Hamby Drive. The ordinance adopted specifically limited through traffic for semi-trucks and similar vehicles along Hamby Drive between Miller Road and Forester Drive. Signs were installed at the intersection of Miller Road and Hamby Drive and Forester Drive and Hampy Drive to warn drivers and it allows Mauldin Police Department to issue citations for semi-truck drivers who violate the restriction.

While this roadway is specifically mentioned in code, there are No Thru Truck signs in other parts of the community, without an accompanying ordinance. While these signs may deter many semi-truck drivers, without the accompanying ordinance, it leaves MPD in a precarious position when it comes to issuing citations.

To provide MPD with the best opportunity for enforcement, staff has drafted an ordinance that would specifically callout streets and No Thru Truck Routes. These routes include:

Owens Lane to Ashmore Bridge Road by way of Maple Drive  
Owens Lane to Ashmore Bridge Road by way of Crestwood Drive  
Whatley Circle to Ashmore Bridge Road by way of Woodland Drive

Councilman Allgood asked if there were additional roads would they be added by ordinance. Mr. Duncan answered yes.

Chairwoman King said Knollwood Drive has a No Thru Truck sign as well. It will be added to the list prior to the Council meeting.

**Motion:** Councilman Kraeling made a motion to send this item to Council. Councilman Allgood seconded the motion.

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

c. Ordinance Amending Chapter 28- Parades, Picketing and Demonstrations

In order to provide clear guidance to MPD and the public pertaining to demonstrations and protest on the Mauldin Gateway bridge, staff has prepared an ordinance for consideration. This ordinance is not intended to regulate the content of speech or expression, but is a content-neutral regulation of the time, place and manner of such activities, narrowly tailored to address public safety concerns and the free use of public spaces by the public.

The ordinance specifically prohibits affixing permanent or temporary physical structure or display on any bridge, trail, or sidewalk without permission by the City.

The ordinance also requires demonstrations to leave a minimum of five (5) feet of unobstructed width on any public trail, three (3) feet for sidewalks, and one-half of the available width of a bridge walkway for the safe passage of users.

It also requires a permit for demonstrations that will involve groups of 20 people or more.

Councilman Allgood asked if the new ordinance would affect either 5k runs or parades. Mr. Duncan said no, those are events, and have separate rules. Councilman Allgood said the ordinance section could be renamed from Parades, Picketing and Demonstrations if the rules do not apply to parades.

**Motion:** Councilman Kraeling made a motion to send this item to Council. Councilman Allgood seconded the motion.

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

**7. Public Comment-** None

**8. Committee Concerns-** None

**9. Adjournment-** Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk



