

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2026
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5 E. BUTLER ROAD
1st committee meeting

Committee Members present: Carol King (Chair), Frank Allgood, and Jason Kraeling
Others present: Fire Chief Brian McHone, Police Chief George Miller, 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: December 1, 2025

Motion: Councilman Allgood made a motion to approve 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 had 494 calls in the month of January.

b. Chief Administrative Judge Donna DeRado

Judge DeRado said the department's budget is on track.

c. Police Chief George Miller

Chief Miller reported training continues for the department's new drones. They have been used on two calls.

5. Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. MOU - Statewide Court Management System (CMS)

Mauldin Municipal Court has been operating within the judicial side of the Lawtrak software system in conjunction with the Mauldin Police Department on the law enforcement side. Mauldin Court has been operating within the Lawtrak system since approximately 2002. With the recent sale of Lawtrak, their unknown future capabilities and decline in support services, we started exploring other potential options with upgraded function and abilities.

After researching several different third-party software systems, both independent and ones with a compatible law enforcement side, we feel converting over to the SCJB unified Statewide software system (CMS) is most beneficial and efficient for the following reasons: cost, cloud based hosting service, automatic SLED and SCDMV reporting functions, live access to SC Court Administration uploaded forms, connected jury management software system, set off debt module, public index case search function (including past cases converted over), internal case transfers and sealed sentence access to magistrate and circuit courts, upgraded counter credit card payment service and new online payment system through sc.gov.

CMS annual support fee is \$3500 (due July 1 each year) and a one-time data conversion cost not to exceed \$5,000 (payable 30 days after conversion is complete). The annual support fee also includes 24/7 technical support.

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

Councilman Allgood asked if the software we are currently using has a yearly fee as well. Judge DeRado said there is a fee every year.

Councilman Allgood asked about the data conversion fee. Judge DeRado said it needs to be done for records retention purposes.

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

b. Hidden Lake Preserve HOA No Parking on Certain Streets

Last fall, residents from Hidden Lake Preserve presented a request to the City to designate certain streets as No Parking. Hidden Lake Preserve is a subdivision located off Ashmore Bridge Road and Standing Springs Road. The HOA is requesting portions of Butterfly Lake Court, Flying Squirrel Way, Beaverlodge Way and Starlight Drive to be designated as no parking. The HOA is requesting only one side of the roadway as no parking.

Recently the HOA Board voted to support these parking restrictions and they were presented to the community during their annual meeting last summer.

The request of the HOA is for City Council to designate a portion of certain streets as no parking at any time and every day and would then be subject to enforcement actions by Mauldin Police Department.

Mauldin City Code in Section 38-84 provides City Council with the ability to make parking unlawful at any time upon any of the streets so designated.

Chief Miller noted this is a neighborhood issue that can be enforced by the HOA. Chairwoman King agreed this could be enforced by the neighborhood itself.

Councilman Allgood asked if there were rules and regulations for the signage that would be needed. Mr. Duncan answered public works would handle this.

Councilman Allgood also asked if just the board voted or the neighborhood voted for these designations. Mr. Duncan said this issue was voted on at a board meeting. Councilman Allgood said he would encourage a full neighborhood vote. He then asked if we could find out when the overnight parking section was added.

Councilman Kraeling said if we are going to make this a precedent, he wants to make sure it is done right and makes sense.

Chairwoman King said it would be interesting to know how the HOA communicated this to the neighborhood. She would like the issues to be communicated within the neighborhood first before the City gets involved.

Mr. Duncan said the neighborhood could put up signage and enforce this themselves. The HOA has the same power as the police department where this matter is concerned.

The committee took no action on the request.

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairwoman King adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk