



## Public Safety/Emergency Management (PSEM) Minutes

December 2, 2021  
4:00-4:50pm via Zoom

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Bangs, and Mahoney

**Those Present:** Police Chief Ken Thomas, Mayor Matt Pina, City Manager Michael Mathias, Councilmember JC Harris; Councilmember Buxton; Dan Brewer, Chief Operations Officer, Councilmember Nutting; City Attorney Tim George, Assistant City Attorney Matthew Hutchins; Assistant Chief Mark Couey; Emergency Manager Shannon Kirchberg; Kathy Berrens Police Office Administrator; Gene Achziger, Ashley Parker, Bruce Blair, Yoshiko Grace

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### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. Councilmembers Bangs, Mahoney present, Martinelli absent

### 2. Consideration of Nov 4, 2021 PSEM minutes

- a. Motion made to approve minutes by Councilmember Mahoney, seconded by Bangs, motion passed

### 3. Pacific Highway Discussion Chief Thomas

- Overview of regional meeting Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, South King jurisdictions including Renton, Kent, Federal Way, SeaTac, and then King Co Metro, Sound Transit, WSP, Homeland Security, ATF, FBI, Drug Enforcement
  1. To create a unified operation, Kent Asst Police Chief to head, Asst Chief Couey to head up federal agencies and major investigations side
- Chief Thomas went over the combined approach details
  1. Two DMPD Detectives have been reassigned to a Pacific Highway project team to get desired results.
  2. Two Behavioral Health hires will help the team. Interviews are next week. Port of Seattle has volunteered to help get the homeless and drug addicted help

3. Code Enforcement will be engaged in problem areas for improvement along Pacific Highway
  4. Police will provide high disability to deter and to get business owners a chance to get to know us
  5. Investigations on gang and drug and guns by Federal agents
  6. Community Role is increased communication, block watch programs will help to provide information
- Chief Thomas commented "the New Reform Laws will have an impact on our traditional tactics. But this will not be our excuse, will not slow us down."
  - Michael Mathias and Matt Mahoney both thanked the Chief for his leadership to reduce violence on Pacific Highway.

#### 4. Adjourn

Councilmember Mahoney moved to adjourn and Councilmember Bangs seconded the motion, motion passed. 4:31pm