



CITY OF EASTHAMPTON

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Committee Minutes

Committee: Public Safety
Location: 50 Payson Ave - Conference Room 1
Date: Feb 3rd 2026

1. Call to Order: Chair Newton called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Members Present: Councilor Newton, Councilor Schmidt, Councilor Markee

Members Absent:

Guests: Police Chief Alexander, Deputy Chief Scribner, Greg Badach

2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Councilor Schmidt moved to amend some minor language details, Councilor Newton seconded, PASSED 3-0
Councilor Schmidt moved to approve the mins, Councilor Newton seconded, PASSED 3-0

Mayor's Communication

3. Public Speak: Gregor Badach spoke about the need for more lighting on Cottage St. (and downtown) He also spoke about a intersection he saw as dangerous - at Loudville and Torrey

4. New Business

5. Old/ Continuing Business:

- a. Quarterly review of Public Safety departments with Police Chief Alexander
 - Chief Alexander is working to bring the complement staff back up to 30 members; after some retirements and a military deployment.
 - Chief Alexander addressed the ordinance requiring residents to clear sidewalks in front of homes/businesses; said officers attempt to contact owners before issuing tickets; he

also stressed residents can contact police anonymously through non emergency telephone line

- A discussion arose regarding a discrepancy on Code 17 that appears on parking tickets but is not in the City's Ordinance book.
- Chief Alexander reiterated that the EPD does not work with ICE and is not notified when they conduct operations within the City. He maintained that the EPD has a duty to intervene and deescalate should ICE (break the law)
- Chief Alexander spoke about Co-Responder and mental health services
 - b. Review of Traffic Rules & Orders to add, amend, or remove language that is absent, outdated, inconsistent, etc.
- The Committee agreed to review Articles 1-4 (8 pages) before the next Public Safety meeting and compare notes.
 - c. Traffic & pedestrian safety on West St.
- Discussion about speeding on West St, Chief Alexander noted they have increased enforcement in the area and are applying for grant funding to permanently mount a sign where it drops from 35mph to 25mph.
 - d. Roadway, infrastructure, and pedestrian safety items.
- DPW director Greg Nuttleman responded to an email Councilor Markee had sent about a concern of his about an area of flooding on sidewalks. DPW director Nuttleman gave a brief update about some paving that will be done in that area in the near future and will look at that particular area of the sidewalk in the spring (per email)

Action Items:

Other Notes or Documentation:

Adjournment: Councilor Schmidt moved, Councilor Markee seconded. PASSED 3-0 (7:25pm)

Committee Clerk: Councilor Nathan Markee