## BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS 6:45 P.M. TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025 SCHIEFFELIN HALL (CORNER OF FREMONT AND FOURTH STREET)

I. CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Dustin Escapule called the Board of Police Commissioner Regular Meeting to order on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 6:46 PM.	
II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Chairman Dustin Escapule led the Board of Police Commissioners and the general public in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.	
III. ROLL CALL	Commissioner Colin Regan Commissioner John Goodspeed Commissioner Jimmy Green Commissioner Lillian Hritz Vice Chairman Bob Randall Chairman Dustin Escapule	Present Present Present Present Present Present
Also in attendance:	Shelly Kazda, Deputy Interim City Clerk	

## **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Approval of minutes from Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Regan, **SECOND** by Commissioner Hritz, to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting for Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

DISCUSSION: None VOTE: 5 YES/0 NO MOTION: Carried

# B. MARSHAL'S REPORT: The Marshal's Report – May 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

## Crime report for June:

221 Total Calls of Service and 79 Self-Initiated Calls:

- 41Traffic stops with 4 citations, 38, warnings, and 1 criminal citation
- 3 Alarm Calls
- 1 Assault Call
- 13 Assist Calls
- 13 Check Welfare Calls
- 2 Criminal Trespass Calls
- 1 Drug Arrest
- 1 DUI Arrest

- 5 Found Properties
- 2 Motorist Assist
- 4 Accidents
- 2 Parking Violations
- 19 Public Assists
- 3 Reckless Drivers
- 4 Theft Calls

## **Reserve Hours:**

Reserve deputies worked 51 hours in June for salary savings to the city of \$1,086.

## Calls of Significance:

• David Show: He's been located, called in, stopped by our deputies for the entire month of June. He's been sleeping on the sidewalks, sleeping in the parks. Finally on the 27th of June, I contacted Good Neighbor Alliance in Sierra Vista and asked them if they would come out and talk to David and offer him assistance. They came out and spoke with David, got all of his information, and put him into the system. However, he declined any

assistance. For those that aren't aware, Good Neighbor Alliance is an outfit in Sierra Vista that specializes in homeless male adults. They will see if they can house them in an apartment or a hotel for a short period of time until they can get on their feet. Either way, David Show rejected their assistance and the next day, the 28th, he was found sleeping on the sidewalk and this time our deputies cited him for a city code violation. I haven't seen or heard from him since. But I understand that he has a friend that came and picked him up and took him to whereabouts unknown.

- Man with Gun: I was trying to get gas at the Circle K one day and was approached by a subject that said another subject just pointed a gun at him. So that was my welcome to Tombstone. I chased the subject up CSR and got him stopped up by San Pedro. He kind of admitted of what happened. He basically made a comment about the other subject's child. They got into a verbal altercation. He still had the gun and it. Sergeant Garcia arrived. We did a consent search of his vehicle and located a usable amount of cocaine and some other drug paraphernalia. He was arrested, charged with some felony counts. That case is pending grand jury and county attorney.
- Child Abuse: One of my deputies got called to Allen Street and 5th regarding a dog that was left in a car. When she got there, there was not only a dog that was left in the car, but there was also a five-month-old baby girl. She was then approached by the mother and some conversations ensued. Meanwhile, some witnesses approached my deputy and told her that they had witnessed this woman for the last hour or so, maybe a little longer, bar hopping. Some of the times she would be seen with the baby and the dog, other times she was seen without the baby or the dog. And so based on the interview and the investigation, she was arrested and charged with child endangerment, child abuse and child neglect. She was booked into jail. The next day, the baby's father came to my office and wanted to commend the deputy for the work that she did in saving the baby from possible harm and taking care of the baby as she did. The baby was transported to the hospital and DCS was involved and took the baby into custody at that time. I think that was the call of the month.

#### Other Items of Improtance:

- House checks have been put back on the menu. Deputies are checking houses daily, multiple times during their shifts, throughout the night, and they're also back on the boardwalk every shift, even the night shift. So, you should be seeing them a lot more.
- A special announcement from Dee Jackson. She wanted me to let everyone know that the phones have been transferred to SEACOM, so they are now being answered by an auto attendant. You'll need to listen to it to get to the right place. Remember, we do not have anyone in the office to dispatch, so please call 520-457-2244 or 520-803-3550. Vanessa is there Monday through Friday, 8 to 4 for records, police reports or anything else.

#### **Questions/Comments:**

*Commissioner Hritz:* I did get several calls about the woman on the horse and I wanted to know what was the traffic violation that she was cited for?

*Vice Chairman Randall:* A horse is a vehicle and as such, is required to obey all laws pertaining to vehicles when on a public roadway. My sergeant, used his discretion because the city code is a criminal offense. If he were to stop her and arrest her for the criminal violation, he would have had to take her into custody, even for a short period of time. The two horses would have to be tended to and just trying to save her a little grace. He cited her for failure to stop at a stop sign.

*Chairman Escapule:* The sergeant called me to come up and talk to this lady. This lady was really arrogant and disrespectful. I explained to her that what she was doing was hazardous

to the tourists. You could lose control of the horses and I watched her fall off twice between the two horses. All she needed to do was let one of those horses get away and run off and run over a little kid or an adult. It happened to us once before. It happened when somebody was leading two horses and a pannier, which is part of a pack saddle, hooked onto one of the roadblocks and the horse spooked, ran past 10th Street, turned around and came back. A guy came out of Crazy Annie and said, I'm gonna stop that horse. The horse ran over him, and ultimately he didn't make it. I could see a danger and I explained to the lady if she would like to do what she's doing, she needs to go to City Hall and apply for a business license and a permit to do what she's doing, plus get a million dollar liability insurance to cover the City of Tombstone and she has to be responsible. We can't just have somebody going up there riding two horses standing on top of them. It's dangerous.

*Commissioner Hritz:* I agree with you. I just was curious because that question was asked of me. I went directly to the city code under horses. There's nothing in there that says that. Thank you for clarifying that it was failure to stop and that horses still have to behave like a vehicle. I will pass that information along because I did not know that we have to have that permit, we might need to update that code because that code does not specify permits required unless they're getting paid. So that's why I questioned that, too. Well, does that make sense?

*Chairman Escapule:* If you're going to do a parade or exhibition or anything of that nature, and you have to have a permit to do so.

Vice Chairman Randall: And I believe that was a city code that he was.

Chairman Escapule: It is city code.

*Commissioner Hritz:* So that's more of an exhibition because she wasn't riding her horses, she was performing on them, fair enough.

Commissioner Goodspeed: This is on Allen Street, right?

Mayor Escapule: Yes.

*Commissioner Goodspeed:* So, we would have a problem with a car just driving down.

*Chairman Escapule:* Well, it wasn't the cars that we were concerned about it was the pedestrians.

*Commissioner Goodspeed:* I understand, but I'm just saying to Lily's point, I would commend the officer for making the violation of a stop sign because a person certainly might not be aware that it's a criminal offense. I think it was good on our part that we said, hey, you just blew a stop sign.

*Vice Chairman Randall:* Yes, he completed the task. He got her off the street, got her attention, and didn't have to serve her with a criminal violation.

*Chairman Escapule:* I appreciated Sergeant Garcia's decision to do that at the time because I wasn't ready to take on the horses and put them up, and he wasn't ready to find a place to put them. It all worked out fine. She took the horses back, put them in the trailer, and it was over.

*Commissioner Green:* I just wanted to commend Officer Dominique on the Friday night deal that she handled with the baby and all that. Because I was out there on the street with her and everything, and she did her due diligence. She talked to a lot of people and got the timelines and everything. She did an awesome job with it. She very thorough. I was really impressed how she handled it.

*Vice Chairman Randall:* After receiving praise from you and the husband and some other people, I did write her a commendation letter, put it in her file and gave her a copy.

*Margie Lane:* For the numbers you said would go into, you call the number.

*Vice Chairman Randall:* If you call the standard 2244 or the 2245 right now, you'll get an automated response and they'll prompt you to either hit one, two or three, depending on who you want. If you hit the one, it'll go to SEACOM and then they'll dispatch a deputy.

*Margie Lane:* What would happen if you dialed 9-1-1, would it automatically dispatch to SEACOM?

Vice Chairman Randall: Yes.

*Margie Lane:* That's all I wanted to know.

Vice Chairman Randall: 9-1-1 has not changed

Mayor closes Marshal's Report.

## V. MOTION TO ADJOURN

**MOTION** by Commissioner Regan, **SECOND** by Commissioner Hritz, to adjourn. The Board of Police Commissioners was adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Dustin Escapule, Mayor

Charissa Presti, Interim, City Clerk