



CITY OF PICKERINGTON

SAFETY COMMITTEE CITY HALL, 100 LOCKVILLE ROAD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA 7:15 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2026, REGULAR MEETING
3. POLICE
 - A. Chief's Report
4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS
5. PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
 - A. Parks & Recreation Director Report
 - B. Parks Board Representative Report (Mr. Kemper)
6. CHAIRMAN
 - A. Discussion regarding E-Bicycles
7. OTHER BUSINESS
8. ADJOURNMENT

SUBJECT:

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Attachments

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**SAFETY COMMITTEE
CITY HALL, 100 LOCKVILLE ROAD
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:15 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Present: Mrs. Sanders; Mrs. Hicks; Mr. Derksen; Mr. Kemper

Others Mayor Gray, Bob McCracken, Jaclyn Rohaly, Greg Butcher, Chief Cheney, Heather

Present: Moore

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Mrs. Hicks **to approve, seconded by** Mr. Kemper
Motion carried.

3. POLICE

A. Chief's Report

Chief Cheney reported that the Police Department's statistics were favorable overall, with injury accidents down. He stated that the department is fully staffed, although one officer is currently deployed.

Chief Cheney also reported on an incident involving a juvenile at a local hotel in which three officers sustained minor injuries. One officer was bitten behind the ear, breaking the skin and requiring medical treatment. The juvenile was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no community comments.

5. PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

A. Parks & Recreation Director Report

Mrs. Sanders noted that the pool season appeared to be concluding successfully, with no significant issues reported. Mr. Butcher stated that pool revenues were strong. He also confirmed that the princess party was already sold out.

B. Parks Board Representative Report (Mr. Kemper)

Mr. Kemper reported that the August monthly meeting was brief, with discussion focused on the start date for the work on the covered bridge and planning for Postage Park. Mr. Butcher stated that Postage Park is currently in the planning stages pending grant application decisions.

6. CHAIRMAN

A. Discussion regarding E bicycles

Mrs. Sanders raised concerns regarding the increased use of e-bikes, scooters, and mini-bikes on city streets, sidewalks, parks, and bike paths, particularly by children.

Chief Cheney reported that the Police Department had received approximately 11 complaints involving e-bikes, scooters, and mini-bikes since 2024. He explained the distinctions among e-bike classifications and noted that current laws permit certain e-bikes on sidewalks and roadways, subject to bicycle laws, while mini-bikes are restricted to private property. He noted that enforcement can be difficult because the classification of an e-bike is not readily identifiable without inspecting the bicycle.

Mayor Gray expressed concerns regarding children operating motorized scooters and e-bikes on State Route 256, noting instances of riders without helmets engaging in distracted and unsafe behavior. He emphasized the need for clear regulations and responsibilities should an accident occur.

The Safety Committee discussed strengthening local regulations, including helmet requirements and restrictions on e-bike use in the parks. Chief Cheney noted that Hilliard and Dublin have adopted stricter regulations, including helmet requirements and potential parental liability for violations by minors. Mr. Derksen requested that legislation be drafted for review by the Safety Committee.

Mr. McCracken suggested an education and communication campaign to inform children and parents of applicable laws and safety concerns. Chief Cheney stated that the Police Department could provide information through social media and work with the DARE Officer to incorporate e-bike and scooter safety into the DARE school lessons.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Hicks reported ongoing late-night vehicle and motorcycle activity, including racing and performing donuts at the Fox Glen and Preston Trails intersections on Diley Road, generally between approximately 1:30 and 3:00 a.m. She noted that the activity has caused repeated disturbances. Chief Cheney stated he would notify the third shift for increased awareness.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Kemper to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Derksen
Motion carried.

The Safety Committee adjourned at 7:32 P.M., September 2, 2026.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Heather Moore, City Clerk