

SAFETY COMMITTEE

December 1, 2025

The December 1, 2025 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kenneth Wessler, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were Julia Lemire, John Walker, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Mike MaGinn, Fire Chief; Fred Lord, Clemans Nelson Associates; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$11,807.77 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$11,807.77. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the November 3, 2025 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Safety Committee members reviewed notices from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control for Elie Wine and Spirits LLC, DBA 117 E Walker St, 117 E Walker St, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351 as a state liquor agency and for a carry out liquor license. Safety Committee members indicated that they do not request a hearing for these requests.

Mrs. Lemire indicated that with the passage of the City's ¾% income tax increase in the November 4, 2025 General Election and the City looking to add three (3) full-time firefighters, being one (1) additional full-time firefighter per shift, that she along with Mayor McColly and Chief MaGinn looked at properties owned by the City and located adjacent to the Safety Building in effort to address housing and storage for the Fire Department. Mayor McColly indicated that the former Fairhaven Community building, nka Vancrest, located at 850 Marseilles Avenue, is being looked at as a possible location for the Police Department. Chief MaGinn indicated that if the Police Department is moved to that location the Safety Building could be remodeled to accommodate the needs of the Fire Department. Chief MaGinn stated that in discussions with the public leading up to the General Election a promise was made that the Fire Department would be properly staffed. Chief MaGinn, in using the City of Kenton as an example, noted that they have twelve (12) full-time firefighters and one (1) full-time Fire Chief. Chief MaGinn indicated that he would like to add two (2) additional full-time firefighters per shift soon for a total of nine (9) full-time firefighters, and apply for a Safer Grant in 2026 for three (3) additional full-time firefighters which would add a fourth full-time firefighter to each shift. It was noted that Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor, is working to compile numbers to determine the costs associated with additional full-time firefighters.

Safety Committee members also reviewed a notice from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control indicating that all Class C and D retail permits that sell alcoholic beverages within the City will expire on February 1, 2026, and every retail permit holder must file a renewal application with the Division of Liquor Control. Safety Committee members voiced no objections and did not request any hearings on the renewal of these liquor permits.

Mayor McColly presented a request from Mrs. Brittney Walton, Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce, regarding details for the Home for the Holidays Christmas parade to be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025. Mrs. Walton is proposing the parade begin at the intersection of Church Street and North Sandusky Avenue and travel south on North Sandusky Avenue and South Sandusky Avenue and end at Johnson Street. Mrs. Walton is requesting the streets be closed at 3:00 p.m., with the line up of the parade to begin at 4:00 p.m. and the parade to step off at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to approve the details for the Home for the Holidays Christmas parade to be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025 as presented. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief MaGinn reported that the Fire Department responded to twenty-one (21) calls in November 2025 including five (5) fires, two (2) vehicle accidents, four (4) alarms, five (5) EMS assists, one (1) carbon monoxide, and four (4) good intent.

Chief MaGinn also reported that the Fire Department's annual food drive will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with representatives from the Fire Department to be located at Walmart and A & A Grocery. Donations can also be dropped off at the Fire Station leading up to December 13. The benefits from the Fire Department's food drive will be donated to the St. Paul Lutheran Church's food pantry.

Chief MaGinn further reported that the Fire Department has two (2) new volunteer members.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Walker, to enter into an executive session to discuss contract negotiations. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried. Upon completion of the executive session, the Safety Committee reconvened into regular session.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Walker, to recommend to City Council to approve the three (3) year agreement between the International Union of Police Associations (IUPA) and the City of Upper Sandusky. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Walker, to enter into an executive session to discuss executive evaluations. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried. Upon completion of the executive session the Safety Committee reconvened into regular session.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman