SAFETY COMMITTEE

November 2, 2026

The November 2, 2026 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Aaron Korte, Chairperson. Safety Committee members present were Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, and Scott Moore.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Jared Lucas, Police Chief; Mike MaGinn, Fire Chief; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; Amanda Watson; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling $29,053.80 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the approval and payment of bills totaling $29,053.80. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the October 5, 2026 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Mrs. Amanda Watson addressed the Safety Committee and inquired about staffing at the Police and Fire Departments and if the previously discussed meetings with Police Department personnel have taken place. Mayor McColly indicated that meetings with the Police Officers and the Police Dispatchers were held with their attorneys and City representatives from Clemans Nelson Associates in attendance, and both meetings were positive. Mr. Korte stated that the results of the most recent civil service examination have been certified by the Civil Service Commission and interviews will be scheduled soon. Mr. Korte also noted that the Safety Committee will be addressing the hiring of a full-time Fire Chief later in this meeting and the Safety Committee will soon be proceeding with interviews for full-time firefighters.

Mrs. Lemire commented that the Halloween parade, which took place on Thursday, October 29, 2026, was excellent with many participants and nice weather, and Mrs. Lemire thanked the City departments for having the necessary safety protocols in place for blocking streets. Chief Lucas indicated that next year he will work with the American Legion to keep parade vehicles off of North Sandusky Avenue during the parade lineup. Mr. Korte thanked Chief MaGinn for opening the bays of the Fire Department to the community for the Halloween costume judging following the parade.

Safety Committee members acknowledged receipt of a notice from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, stating that all Class C and D retail permits that sell alcoholic beverages in the City will expire on February 1, 2027 and the City has the right to object to the renewal of a retail permit and request a hearing. Chief Lucas indicated that there haven't been any issues with any of the retail permits.

It was noted that bid openings took place on Monday, October 26, 2026 for the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS) equipment and the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System.

Chief Lucas presented bid information for the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS) equipment noting that Vasu Communications, Inc., 2432 Ridgeland Drive, Avon, Ohio 44011, was the only bidder with the total purchase price indicated in the bid documents being $159,664.85. Safety Committee members agreed to further review this bid including the break-down of the equipment costs, programming and configuration costs, and installation costs.

Chief Lucas also presented the following bid information for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System:

ID Networks, Inc. - $83,680.00
7720 Jefferson Road
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

Kologik Software, Inc. (a Coreforce company) 575 Morosgo Drive NE Suite 1000E Atlanta, GA 30324	-	$127,403.26
Motorola Solutions 500 West Monroe Street Chicago, IL 60661	-	220,278.00

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend to City Council to accept the total bid of $83,680.00 from ID Networks, Inc., 7720 Jefferson Road, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004, for the purchase of a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System for the Police Department. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

The hiring of a full-time Fire Chief was addressed. It was noted that following the conditional job offer made by the Safety Committee at their September 28, 2026 special Safety Committee meeting, the background check and physical exam have been completed and passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, to hire Richard Scott Lerman as full-time Fire Chief effective December 1, 2026. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mr. Korte stated that he would like to hold meetings two times during the month and possibly during the daytime or over the lunch hour. Mr. Moore indicated that daytime meetings were not good for him. This matter will be discussed again at the December 7, 2026 Safety Committee meeting.

Chief MaGinn reported on the following:

- During the month of October the Fire Department responded to thirty-one (31) calls including:
    - Seven (7) vehicle accidents.
    - Three (3) alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional
    - Three (3) dispatched and cancelled en route.
    - Two (2) EMS assists.
    - Two (2) false alarms.
    - One (1) gas leak.
    - One (1) cooking fire.
    - The average manpower response for these calls was two (2) firefighters.

Chief Lucas reported on the following:

- The civil service examination for Police Officer applicants was held on Saturday, October 17, 2026 with eight (8) applicants having taken the examination.
- Trick-or-Treat was held on Saturday, October 31, 2026 with no issues. The Police Department handed out over 1,500 bags of candy to children.
- The Police Department and Fire Department participated in the annual Career Showcase held at the Wyandot County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 with students from Carey, Mohawk, and Upper Sandusky Schools participating.
- The Police Department will be participating in an upcoming Reality Store with 8th grade students from the Upper Sandusky Middle School.
- The Police Department will also be participating in an upcoming school pep rally.
- The total service calls for the Police Department in October was 295.

Mr. Moore shared that two Open Door volunteers are getting married and their recent proposal took place with the assistance of the Police Department.

Mayor McColly reported that preliminary discussions are taking place on repurposing the community room at the Safety Building for additional sleeping quarters for Fire Department personnel.

Mayor McColly also reported that American Structure Point has been working on a capital needs assessment report for the Fairhaven building. Mayor McColly noted that the City has partnered with Civil Environmental Consultants (CEC) on the Brownfield Project for the Fairhaven Building. Mayor McColly indicated that the demolition of the building is tentatively scheduled for late winter/early spring 2027.

Mr. Korte inquired about increased railroad traffic to the Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) facility located west of the City in Salem Township. It was noted that the railroad traffic for LDC will be coming from and going to the west.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk Aaron Korte, Chairperson