

SAFETY COMMITTEE

June 1, 2026

The June 1, 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; Stephanie Hessey, Human Resources Officer; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$64,465.07 was presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$64,465.07. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the May 4, 2026 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the May 6, 2026 (9:00 a.m.) special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

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The minutes of the May 21, 2026 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the May 29, 2026 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Chief MaGinn inquired about the wage status of the paid-on-call (fka: volunteer) firefighters. Mrs. Lemire indicated that she has received information from Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor, but that was the end of the conversation. Safety Committee members agreed this matter would be discussed again at the July 6, 2026 Safety Committee meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the Joe Bayliff's Route 30 Harley Davidson's "Route 30 Rodeo" event to take place beginning Thursday, August 20, 2026 and ending on Sunday, August 23, 2026 at the Wyandot County Fairgrounds. It was noted that camping at the fairgrounds as part of the event will be permitted. It was also noted that many visitors are expected to attend the event and visit the community, and similar events have been held recently in Bellville and Chillicothe. Chief Lucas will contact those communities and inquire about the events.

Safety Committee members inquired about the status of the 3-way stop to be installed at the intersection of North Eighth Street and West Walker Street. Mayor McColly indicated that Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, will be consulted regarding the placement of stop signs at this intersection and improvements to the school crossing at the intersection of West Wyandot Avenue and Hazel Street.

Chief MaGinn inquired as to if any consideration has been given to widening East Wyandot Avenue to allow space for walkers, bicyclists, wheelchairs, etc. Mayor McColly indicated that projects to resurface the roadway in this area have been awarded but no plans have been made to widen the roadway.

Mayor McColly reported on a suggestion received from a concerned resident to reduce the downtown lanes of traffic to single lanes in each direction due to hazards with long vehicles being parked in the angle parking spaces and partially obstructing the right hand lanes of traffic. Safety Committee members expressed concerns about losing parking spaces in order to create turn lanes at the intersections and traffic backing up due to vehicles turning at the main intersection at Wyandot Avenue and Sandusky Avenue. Parking in the downtown area was discussed along with the possibility of designating parking for long vehicles on the side streets.

The addition, installation, and improvements to sidewalks to Here U Belong (the HUB), 535 North Hazel Street, which would provide safer walk routes for children who go to this location after school was discussed.

Mayor McColly inquired with Chief Lucas about the possibility of setting up cones prior to the Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce's First Thursday event to take place later this week. Chief Lucas indicated that the Police Department will set the cones for this event.

It was reported that the Police Officer Civil Service Examination will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, with seven (7) applications having been received for the position.

It was also reported that the Firefighter Civil Service Examination will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, and so far twelve (12) applications have been received with the application deadline being Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

It was further reported that tentative plans are being made for an assessment process by the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association for a full-time Fire Chief which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2026, pending the second reading and adoption of Ordinance no. 72-14 addressing the procedure and criteria to fill a vacancy in this position.

Chief Lucas reported on the following:

- The Police Department's pick-up truck has been delivered. Additional keys for the truck will be made for the Police Department personnel on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 by Reineke Motors at a cost of \$65.00 each.
- The Police Department's new Ford Explorer is scheduled to hit the production line on Monday, June 22, 2026.
- A repeater unit will be installed at the Police Department next week.
- Later this week, the Police Department and the Fire Department will be escorting high school track athletes who qualified and will be participating in the State track meet through the City on their way to the meet.
- The Police Department has been monitoring North Hazel Street for speeding motorists following a complaint received from a resident.

Chief MaGinn reported on the following:

- During the month of May the Fire Department responded to twenty-seven (27) calls as follows:
 - o Five (5) fire calls.
 - o Six (6) false alarms.
 - o Eight (8) accidents.
 - o Six (6) EMS assists.
 - o One (1) odor complaint.
 - o One (1) good intent.
- Engine 110 is currently out of service as it is in need of repairs.
- The Fire Department participated in the Memorial Day parade and the St. Pete's Festival parade.
- Firefighters Scott Young and Robert Orr participated in the Babysitting Clinic held recently at Wyandot Memorial Hospital.
- The Fire Department will not be having their annual 4th of July Chicken Barbeque on Saturday, July 4, 2026 this year, instead they will be looking at another date for this event to take place later this year.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter regarding discipline. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried. Upon completion of the executive session, the Safety Committee reconvened into regular session.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, to authorize the Mayor to implement a performance improvement plan for the Police Chief Lucas and take disciplinary action as he sees appropriate. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

A job posting for a part-time police dispatcher position was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve a job posting for a part-time police dispatcher position. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Aaron Korte, Chairperson