

SAFETY COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 27, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chairman Nelson Evans. Committee members present were Nelson Evans, Jim Matuszak and Rick Rettig. Also present were City Administrator Bridgette Kabat and Law Director Karlene Henderson.

PERMISSION TO RENEW THE MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH PROPHOENIX FOR THE POLICE RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Chief Paez requested permission to renew the support agreement with ProPhoenix for the police records management system. He said that he spoke with Gary Kleinfelter, IT Manager, and he feels it is important to continue this agreement. The annual cost is \$31,662.67 and goes from March 21, 2017 until March 20, 2018. It covers the in-house records management service, the CAD system, and in-car systems. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Ms. Kabat reviewed the fire and police items in the proposed Budget Amendment. She said that additional dollars are budgeted for the new fire station along with \$100,000 for upgrades to the current fire station. There are also dollars budgeted for CAD software for the Fire Division to replace ProPhoenix with one specifically designed for fire divisions. Mr. Matuszak asked if the site of the second fire station is in Perrysburg Township. Ms. Kabat said that it currently is, but it will be annexed after the property transfer made. Mr. Matuszak asked if it will happen simultaneously when the property is transferred, and Ms. Kabat said that it is a separate process. Mr. Matuszak asked about any fees involved with that process. Ms. Kabat said that there will be a filing fee.

DISCUSSION REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Information was distributed to the Committee at last month's meeting regarding medical marijuana. The Committee discussed whether we want to allow dispensaries or grow sites to be located within the city. Chief Paez referenced a Columbus Dispatch article and spoke of the challenges of enforcement. He said that one consideration is the amount of traffic that could be generated if a dispensary were located within the city. There will be 40 dispensaries throughout the state and they estimate there will be 4,700 patients per dispensary who can get a 90 day supply. This calculates out to 52 people per day if the dispensary is open 365 days a year. Chief Paez said that there are still a lot of issues that need to be worked out. Marty Aubry, Prosecutor, also expressed concerns about dispensaries and grow sites being located within the City. He said that dispensaries and grow sites are not allowed within 500 feet of schools which seems conflicting for something medicinal. He added that science has not come up with an adequate quick test to determine the level of THC. Mr. Matuszak asked if it would be Chief Paez's recommendation to not allow a dispensary in the city. Chief Paez said that he would not recommend it. Mr. Evans said that he understands there could be some medicinal use, but he spent his career keeping drugs away from kids. Mr. Rettig said that he thinks this

is mainly a Planning and Zoning issue. Ms. Kabat said that we will probably need some legislation on the criminal side also in case someone would open a facility in an existing building. There was discussion regarding the taxation of this type of business and if there will be revenues to offset costs if dispensaries or grow sites were permitted in the city. Ms. Kabat said that no action is being requested at this time and at the State level they have to have all the rules and regulation in place by this September.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Evans, Chairman
Safety Committee

Next meeting: Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.