SAFETY COMMITTEE

JANUARY 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairperson Barry VanHoozen. Committee members present were Barry VanHoozen, Mark Weber, and Jan Materni. Also present were Kate Sandretto, Law Director, Patrick Jones, Police Chief, Christopher Sargent, Lieutenant, Rudy Ruiz, Fire Chief, and Tom Granata, Deputy Fire Chief.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting were approved 2-0 (VanHoozen, Weber). Ms. Materni abstained.

TASER PURCHASE FOR THE POLICE DIVISION

Chief Jones is requesting that legislation be submitted to the Safety Committee to allow for the purchase of 43 Taser 7's and the necessary accessories for the Perrysburg Police Division, at a total cost of $141,452.75. The purchase price includes a Taser 7 for each sworn officer, two spare Taser 7's, a docking station, software licenses for each Taser 7 user, training items, a five year warranty on all hardware, and training and duty cartridges for five years. Chief Jones is requesting that this be approved as an emergency measure due to supply chain issues and lead times. The Committee agreed 3-0 to send this onto City Council for approval.

PRO PHOENIX AGREEMENT

Chief Jones is requesting that legislation be submitted to the Safety Committee to allow for the renewal of the ProPhoenix maintenance agreement. The agreement is necessary to maintain the Police Division's records management system, computer aided dispatch software, and the mobile terminal software. He is requesting that the three readings be waived to ensure that there is uninterrupted service. The Committee agreed 3-0 to send this onto City Council for approval.

RADIO MAINTENANCE FOR THE POLICE DIVISION

Chief Jones is requesting to allow for the renewal of the radio maintenance agreement with P&R Communications. The agreement is necessary to maintain the Police Division's radio system, which includes the dispatch console positions, radio control room hardware, and all mobile and portable radios for the Perrysburg Police Division. Mr. Weber wanted to know if Chief Jones is happy with the system. He answered that it has more than paid off and that the communication is seamless. The annual cost is slightly higher this year, as they have added some additional radios. The Committee agreed 3-0 to send this onto City Council for approval.

PURCHASE OF 2 UNMARKED VEHICLES FOR POLICE DIVISION (THESE WILL COME FROM THE FORFEITURE FUND)

Chief Jones is requesting to allow for the purchase of two unmarked vehicles for the Perrysburg Police Division, with funds from the Federal Shared Proceeds-Equipment. He is requesting to purchase two 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid vehicles at a cost of $37,959.35 each, through Montrose Ford in Akron, Ohio. These are made to look more like a consumer grade vehicle. The Committee agreed 3-0 to send this onto City Council for approval.

PURCHASE OF 4 MARKED VEHICLES FOR POLICE DIVISION (THESE WILL COME FROM THE GENERAL FUND)

Chief Jones is requesting that two pieces of legislation be submitted to the Safety Committee to allow for the purchase of four marked vehicles and the necessary up-fitting, for the Perrysburg Police Division. He is requesting to purchase four 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid vehicles at a cost of $37,876.14 each. These new vehicles would replace a 2004 Ford Van that was repurposed to the Department of Public Service, a 2012 Ford Van that was transferred to Perrysburg Municipal Court, a 2014 Chevy Tahoe, and a 2015 Chevy Tahoe. He is also requesting the necessary equipment and installation services through P&R Communications in Oregon, Ohio, to up-fit these four new vehicles. Mr. VanHoozen wanted to know how many vehicles the Police Division has total on the road. Chief Jones stated that they have a total of 23 total vehicles currently. The Committee agreed 3-0 to send both of these onto City Council for approval.

PURCHASE OF 1 VEHICLE FOR THE FIRE DIVISION

Chief Ruiz is requesting the purchase of one 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle at a cost of $37,959.35, through Montrose Ford. This new vehicle will replace a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Fire Utility vehicle, which will become a utility vehicle. The current utility vehicle is a 2003 Crown Victoria and does not handle well in snowy or icy conditions. The style will be the same as the unmarked vehicles for the Police Division, just a different color. The Committee agreed 3-0 to send this onto City Council for approval.

HOW TO MOVE FORWARD WITH DOWNTOWN D.O.R.A. POTENTIAL EXPANSION

Mr. VanHoozen reviewed that the potential expansion would be from Elm to Walnut Street and south to Fifth Street. Mr. VanHoozen believes that we need to have a more formal presentation since everyone seems to have some of the same questions about this potential expansion. There was much discussion between the Committee members, Ms. Sandretto, and Chief Jones. Ms. Materni wanted to know the reason for including the Commodore grounds potentially and Chief Jones responded that events like Music at the Market or the car shows make it difficult at times to enforce the DORA boundaries. Mr. Weber wanted to know about the potential of also extending it into Hood Park.

PROPOSED BUDGET/ARPA FUND DISCUSSION

Chief Jones stated that the idea is for the design phase to hopefully be done this year for the second floor of the Police Division. Chief Ruiz stated that on his part of the amended project, contracts are finalized, as they had not finished them at the time of the original submission.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairperson
Safety Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.