

SAFETY COMMITTEE

APRIL 24, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Haraz N. Ghanbari. Committee members present were Deborah Born and Jim Matuszak. Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator and Director of Public Safety, arrived at 6:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Julia Halm and her sons, six year old Liam and four year old Harrison, were present to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Greg Szczublewski, 125 Partridge Lane, was present to request that changes be made to the street parking ordinances to prohibit parking untethered trailers or boats on streets. Mr. Szczublewski said that they also made this request to the Safety Committee last year. Mr. Ghanbari said that he will check with Ms. Kabat and will follow up with Mr. Szczublewski.

GRANT APPLICATION – OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION – FIRE DIVISION

Chief Ruiz said that sometimes they are not able to come to the Committee to request permission to apply for a grant because of the deadline to submit. He said that in October they applied for a grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and six months later they were notified that they had been approved. Chief Ruiz asked permission to accept a \$15,000 grant for the purchase of fire gloves and protective hoods. He said that the new style hoods help prevent the fire fighters from being exposed to carcinogens as they take the hoods off. Chief Ruiz said that they have been approved for 100 hoods at \$90 each and 100 pairs of fire gloves at \$90 each. The City's share will be \$3,000, for a total cost of \$18,000. Mr. Matuszak asked if there is a limited amount of use on the hoods. Chief Ruiz said that it is based on the number of incidents and based on their current call volume, they should last two years. There was discussion about how grant money could be returned to a division to encourage them to apply for more grants. This will be discussed further by the Finance Committee. Chief Ruiz added that we were not successful in obtaining the grant for turnout gear, and he will be back next month with another grant application for a power cot for the new ambulance. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of accepting the \$15,000 grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation for fire gloves and protective hoods.

FIRE STATION UPDATE

Ms. Kabat gave an update on the new fire station. She reported that the base for the building pad is complete and the subgrade for the parking lot on the south side of the building is down. She said that DGL is doing a topographical survey and the concrete contractor is on site. Mr. Matuszak asked if there has been discussion with the

Collaborative about a credit on their contract since the estimate was high. Ms. Kabat said that she met with them, and we are going to wait and see how the construction management portion goes. If it goes well, they feel that they should be able to give us a credit. Mr. Matuszak asked that it be watched closely. Ms. Born asked about street trees at the new fire station. Ms. Kabat said that there will not be any street trees because the right of way is too narrow, but there will be landscape islands as required by the Planning and Zoning Code.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Haraz N. Ghanbari, Chairman
Safety Committee

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.