



## SHAKER HEIGHTS

**Safety and Public Works Committee Agenda  
City Hall Council Chambers  
Friday, March 1, 2019, 8:00 AM**

1. Approval of the February 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Documents:

[SPW020119DRAFTMINUTES.PDF](#)

2. Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan District  
Patricia Speese, Director of Public Works

Documents:

[CCWS PLAN UPDATE RATIFICATION.PDF](#)

3. 2019 – 2021 Construction Inspection Services  
Patricia Speese, Director of Public Works

Documents:

[INSPECTION SERVICES REC OF AWARD \(SPW COM\).PDF](#)

4. Request to Apply and Accept EMS Grant Funds  
Patrick Sweeney, Fire Chief

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### **Safety and Public Works Committee Minutes Friday, February 1, 2019 8 AM City Hall Council Chambers**

Members Present: Nancy Moore, Council Chair  
Tres Roeder, Council Member  
Juliana Senturia, Council Member  
Anne Williams, Council Member  
James Brady, Citizen Member  
Austin McGuan, Citizen Member  
James Brady, Citizen Member  
Jonathan Hren, Citizen Member  
David Weiss, Mayor  
Jeri Chaikin, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jeffrey DeMuth, Chief of Police  
Christian Maier, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Patrick Sweeney, Chief of Fire  
William M. Ondrey Gruber, Director of Law  
Paul Konvs, Building Commissioner

The meeting was called to order by Chair Moore at 8:00 AM.

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#### Approval of the January 4, 2019, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to accept the January 4, 2019, minutes into record. There being only minor changes, a motion was made by Council Member Anne Williams and seconded by Council Member Julianna Senturia; motion carried.

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#### Amending Building, Fire and Contractor Registration Ordinances to Improve Contractor Regulation, Fire Protection and Regulation of Hot Works

**William M. Ondrey Gruber, Director of Law**

Director William Gruber was introduced by Council Chair Moore. Director Gruber explained that as a result of the Fernway School fire last year, Mayor Weiss asked various City Department to look at the City's policies and ordinances to determine if improvements in regulation and procedure could be instituted to address concerns raised by the fire regarding the regulation of contractors, and in particular roofing

contractors, and hot work performed by roofers and other contractors. He said that the Fire Department issued its fire investigation entitled: "The Origin and Cause Fire Investigation Report." The Department's Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) conducted the investigation according to the Guidelines established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), which is the association that writes standards for the safety industry. These standards have been adopted by the State of Ohio. Director Gruber added that the fire at Fernway School originated on the roof, where roofers had been working under contract with the Shaker Heights School District. The roofing contractors were doing "hot work", which involved the use of torches in the application of asphalt roofing materials. The Fire Department's report concluded that it was accidental and likely caused by the work being done by the roofers while doing hot work. The City has had similar work done by the same contractors, i.e. the Court and Police Department Building.

Director Gruber explained that the departments looked at what could be done to prevent this type of accident from happening again. The focus of the new regulations is "Hot Work," which is any process involving flame, spark, or heat production including cutting and burning, welding, soldering, heat treating, grinding or chipping, drilling or tapping, and torch-applied roofing. 80% of contractors that obtain permits from the City do some type of hot work. However, nationally, welding, torch cutting and/or roof torches are the cause of the large majority of fires from hot work. Mr. Gruber stated that the working group determined that to ban Hot Work within the City would be impractical, and no other community or county within the State of Ohio has enacted a ban. While other cities have laws regarding hot work permits, enforcement is very spotty.

The Law Department, Fire Department and the Building and Housing Department are recommending the following:

- Requiring contractor training for Hot Work involving the use of welding, torch cutting and/or roof torches.
- Requiring Hot Work permits for these activities, as well as inspections and formal Fire Watches as directed by the Fire Chief.
- Encouraging contractor education and training regarding Hot Work when performed by plumbers, electricians, and other contractors using the method of soldering, heat treating, burners, etc. (i.e. other than for welding, cutting and roofing).

Hot Work training will also be provided for all City firefighters and Building Inspectors, and for certain other inspectors and City personnel in the Public Works and Recreation Departments who conduct maintenance work and/or oversee contractors in doing tasks that may involve Hot Work of some sort. The Board of Education will be invited to participate in such training and education. Also, the City will provide public education and information about Hot Work, including about how it is commonly used by various contractors, and what questions residents, businesses, and institutions should ask contractors about the use of Hot Work, and what training the contractor and its employees have undergone, and what safety precautions the contractor employs. Simplified online training exercises will be provided by links for contractors and homeowners for safe use of tools that can create fire hazards. We will be the first City in Ohio that requires training for Hot Work.

In addition, the Law Department, Fire Department and Building and Housing Department are asking the Safety and Public Works Committee to recommend the following amendments to the City's ordinances:

## **CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION – CHAPTER 547**

- Changed to a Contractor “License”
- Hot Work:
  - Defines “Hot Work” as having the same definition as in the City’s Fire Code;
  - Requires a Contractor doing Hot Work to have a City issued License.
- Clarifies that a Contractor includes subcontractors, which must also be licensed.
- Updates the insurance requirements:
  - Current: \$100,000 per person, \$300,000 per occurrence, \$50,000 property damage;
  - New: \$500,000 per person, \$1 Million per occurrence, \$50,000 property and fire damage.
- Fee – no change (\$125)
- Adds Temporary License Fee for \$100 (explained below)
- Creates an enforcement procedure including:
  - Issuance of a Notice of Denial or Revocation of License:
    - if any false statement is made by the applicant,
    - if the Contractor fails to comply with the City Codes, or
    - as part of the sentencing phase of a criminal conviction related to code enforcement.
  - The Notice will order the suspension of work in the City
  - Contractor may appeal a Notice of Violation, Denial or Revocation to the City’s Board of Building Code Appeals (i.e. the Architectural Board of Review [ABR]).
  - During appeal the Contractor may apply for a Temporary License to
    - continue to operate
  - Contractor may request to continue working to complete any pending projects
    - The City’s Building Commissioner shall grant request if the customer wants the Contractor to complete the work, and if the work can be completed safely and correctly.
    - Contractor shall obtain a Temporary License
  - Contractor may submit a new application when:
    - Suspension Period has expired
    - Contractor has corrected any violations of the ordinances, and
      - \$200 – 1<sup>st</sup> offense
      - \$300 – 2<sup>nd</sup> offense
      - \$500 – 3<sup>rd</sup> offense

## **FIRE CODE – Title 9**

- Defines Hot Work the same as under NFPA Rule 51B—but ONLY when a person is using a welding, cutting and/or roof torch
- Requires a Hot Work permit – with proof of training
- Fee for Hot Work - \$25 (same as current)

## BUILDING CODE

- Provides that no building permit shall be issued for Hot Work, until a copy of the Hot Work Permit issued by the Fire Department has been provided to Building. Any Work performed without a Hot Work permit when it is required by the Fire Code shall be considered a violation of the Building Code.

Director Gruber stated that the above is an overview and he and Commission Konvs can assist with any questions.

Chief of Fire Sweeney stated the Department would much rather prevent a fire than respond to one. There are always lessons learned when putting out a fire. The purpose of these changes is to make it safe, not difficult to do work in the City. After the fire occurred on July 10, 2018, the members of the Department started investigating other cities in the country that had specific Hot Wire regulations and other types of processes that cause this type of fire. The City always had a Hot Works permit application, where a contractor would go to the Fire Department, i.e. put a roof on. This would initiate a visit by the Fire Department to the site where the contractor would be working. Regarding the Fernway fire, the contractor obtained a Building Permit, but not a Hot Work permit from Fire. Therefore, it was evident that new regulations are needed. All of the communities in Cuyahoga County were surveyed and the State Fire Marshall was contacted. It was learned that by creating testing and enforceable permitting requirements in Shaker we are stepping out of the box. There were no good examples in Ohio. We reached out to New York, Baltimore, Chicago and Boston. We found that Boston was ahead of any City in the country due to a fire on Beacon Street eight years ago due to Hot Work. They took action to come up with regulations and they worked with the NFPA to develop them. These regulations required all contractors doing any Hot Work processes to complete an online training program developed by the NFPA (it takes one hour, 15 minutes). It has been so successful that Massachusetts instituted it at state level so that any contractor within the State must complete the training. The requirements were initiated on July 1, 2018, and are fairly new, but extremely successful. We looked at initiating the same in Shaker Heights. We do not want to “handcuff” contractors working in the community, e.g. require permits and training for a contractor to perform a water tank installation. Building and Housing Director Kyle Krewson focused on the fires across the country that caused the majority of deaths/fires. Therefore, we focused on regulating only hot work involved in welding, cutting and roof torches. Consequently, any contractor performing those processes must take the online training and demonstrate that they have completed it. Prior to the Building Permit being issued, the contractor will need a permit from the Fire Department confirming that the training took place. After this, the Building Department can release the Building Permit to complete the requested work. After the Building Permit is issued the Hot Work permit will be issued on site as the contractor is required to contact the Fire Department, which will send the Fire Prevention Officer to the building site to inspect for proper protocols and safety equipment, and then the Hot Works permit will be issued. It will hopefully be a policy that other cities will emulate. In the future these regulations will be sent to every fire bureau in Cuyahoga County along with the State Fire Marshall.

Chair Moore stated that this has been a multiple department effort. In the interest of time, with these two offered explanations and focus on projected ordinance changes, that would be very helpful.

Director Gruber interjected that after reviewing all of the information, please do not hesitate to contact him or the Building Commissioner with ideas.

Chief Administrative Officer stated that this will be taken to Council's public work session in February and then it will be on Council's Agenda in March.

(For additional discussion, please refer to the Audio version of the meeting.)

Chair Moore indicated that we are currently looking for a recommendation of these ordinance changes to Council. A motion was made by Council Member Anne Williams and seconded by James Brady; motion was carried.

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**Request to enter into an Agreement with GPD Group for Consulting Services on  
Huntington Road (V1BX) SSO Project**

**Christian Maier, Assistant Director of Public Works**

Assistant Director of Public Works Christian Maier explained that in the fall of 2018, the City was awarded the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's Member Community Infrastructure Program (MCIP) grant to mitigate the number of activations at the sanitary sewer overflows located at Huntington / Southington (VIBX). The project is estimated at \$850,000, but NEORS D will reimburse the City for 50% of the project cost. Public Works sent out for Request for Proposal (RFP) for engineering services and general scope of the work was for pipe rehabilitation and installing a new pipe downstream of the SSO, along with constructing a new structure. An RFP was distributed to six different consultants. One of the four had thought it would be, from an engineering standpoint, better to perform a full replacement of the sanitary line from the upside at Onaway, Southington to S. Woodland. This changed the entire scope of work, but remains within the confines of the budget. We wanted to give the other consultants the opportunity to submit a new proposal with a project approach that would be similar. Therefore, the scope of work was revised. Public Works received four proposals on December 19, 2018. After reviewing the supplemental proposals and based on the criteria outlined in the RFP, i.e. technical approach, project team experience, firm's project experience, it was GPD Group that had the most understanding of what the project encompassed. Assistant Director Maier further stated that a supplemental RFP was not done before; however, it is interesting to see how the different consultants thought how they could approach the project, i.e. pros and cons. As far as Public Works was concerned it was very educational. When we reviewed the proposals, GPD stood out with the understanding of what the intent was and how to maximize the dollars that will be received in grant money form the NEORS D and to be able to stay within budget. GPD has a familiarity with working with the City and they assisted with putting the grant together. GPD also went to look at the site and they looked at a lot of the existing data, which is a tremendous help. In addition, the Public Works Department has a solid relationship with GPD as they have helped us with three different sewer projects and there is a comfort level with their team. With that being said, Public Works is recommending GPD based on their understanding of the project, proposed

project team and technical approach. We request to enter into a contract with the GPD Group for consulting services for the Huntington SSO (VA9) project in the amount of \$63,311 so that the City can proceed with this much needed improvement. NEORS D will reimburse the City for 50% of the cost which is \$31,655.50.

Chair Moore thanked Assistant Director Maier for the thorough explanation and asked why the QBS (Quality Based Selection) process puts a blindfold on Public Works as far as fees?

Assistant Director responded that the Public Works Department wants to be able to judge the proposal on technical approach, project team and firm's experience. We do not wish to use the money as a catalyst of why we want to enter into a contract. We want to enter into an agreement with a consultant that will be best suited for the particular project.

Chair Moore stated that your particular role vis-à-vis is if a contractor comes out ahead in that process is to negotiate a fee. Is that correct.

Assistant Director Maier stated that we view it slightly different. When we request a proposal, the consultant provides two different packages: 1) The technical proposal; and the other is 2) A fee proposal. The fee proposal is not opened until we read the technical. When we look at the numbers after the scoring was completed, GPD Group was roughly \$30,000 less than the other proposals. That seemed to be a fairly reasonable fee and we did not believe it was necessary to negotiate lower.

Council Member Williams asked if there was a timeline on the work to be completed.

Assistant Director explained that right now it is very conceptual, but as soon as we enter into an agreement, the survey is done, we are hoping to be in construction mid to late summer if everything falls into place. There is one caveat and that is we have no control over the NEORS D reviewing the drawings. They have 30 days to review them. Based on prior experience on Fernway, they were pretty hands off, but we do not know if that will be the same case. The key is to minimize inconvenience to Huntington residents.

(For further discussion, please refer to the audio recording of the meeting.)

There being no further discussion and/or questions, Chair Moore asked if she could have a recommendation to move forward with the GPD Group Agreement. Council Member Williams moved for approval; seconded by Council Member Tres Roeder; motion carried.

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**Request to purchase Vector Trailer**  
**Christian Maier, Assistant Director of Public Works**

Chair Moore stated that this presentation is for the purchase of a Vector Trailer.

Assistant Director Maier stated that this purchase relates to the amount of sewer being done throughout the City. Throughout 2018, the Public Works Department was renting a vector trailer from Jack Doheny Companies. The vector trailer uses high pressure water jetters to clean sewer mains and laterals. The equipment is towed behind a work truck

making transportation less laborious. Public works has used this piece of equipment to augment the vactor truck and keep up with the many sewer maintenance needs of the City. The vactor trailer has been pivotal in our cleaning and inspection for work performed in the northeast quadrant and various SSO projects. The rental cost of the vactor trailer has been offset with grants received by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and from capital funds for the northeast quadrant. Jack Doheny Companies offered to sell the vactor trailer we rented throughout the year. Their cost to purchase it was \$98,500. The price of this piece of equipment, by itself, is \$70,000. What Jack Doheny Companies offered was to provide one-half of what we paid throughout the year in rental fees and apply that to the purchase of this piece of equipment. When all is said and done, the purchase price will end up being \$38,000. The reason Public Works would like to purchase this piece of equipment is because it makes more financial sense than renting it. For example when we view the amount of work that we have scheduled in 2019 relating to sewers, it will pay for itself in the long run. In addition Public Works employees are very familiar with how this piece of machinery works. That said, Public Works did not venture out to look at other vendors. Therefore, we are requesting that City Council waive the competitive bidding process, in the amount of \$38,000, to purchase this much needed piece of equipment from Jack Doheny Companies. Payment would come from existing sewer project funds. The Law Director has indicated that a purchase which is only available from one source may be exempted from competitive bidding by City Council and awarded as a sole source. Due to the fact that the city has already leased this equipment and now wishes to purchase it as a used piece of equipment that is already in the City's possession, and with which the City has had extensive experience, there is no other similar equipment in the same circumstance.

(For further committee discussion, please refer to the audio recording of this meeting.)

It is requested that the Committee recommend to Council that council authorize the purchase of the Vactor Trailer in the amount of \$38,000 form Jack Doheny Companies.

Chair Moore stated that what we are hoping for is a recommendation from the Committee to Council to authorize the purchase of the Vactor Trailer as a sole source bid in the amount of \$38,000 from Jack Doheny Companies.

A motion was made by Council Member Williams and seconded by Citizen Member Brady; motion carried.

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(Recent waterline breaks were discussed and can be heard on the audio recording of these minutes.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 AM.

The next meeting will be held on March 1, 2019, at 8:00 AM, Council Chambers. .

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Debra R. Messing, Sr. Administrative Assistant  
Safety and Public Works Committee





## SHAKER HEIGHTS

**TO:** Safety & Public Works Committee Members

**CC:** David E. Weiss, Mayor  
Jeri E. Chaikin, CAO

**FROM:** Patricia Speese, Director of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan District  
Solid Waste Management Plan Update Ratification

**DATE:** February 22, 2019

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In 1988 the State of Ohio General Assembly passed the Ohio Solid Waste Disposal Act. This law established a regional system to plan for the proper disposal of the 14 million tons of waste produced in our state each year. The goal of this law was to reduce our reliance on landfills by expanding waste reduction and recycling activities statewide.

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District (CCSWD) was formed in 1989 to implement a Solid Waste Management Plan for Cuyahoga County. The County's first Solid Waste Plan was prepared and ratified by local governments in 1994. It was updated in 2000, 2006, 2012 and now again in 2019.

The CCSWD was charged with the implementation the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan and to serve the community through programs designed to promote and increase recycling; thereby reducing solid waste being sent to landfills. The District is funded by a per ton "generation fee" of \$1.50 per ton of solid waste. We pay this fee to the CCSWD for trash sent to the landfill but we do not pay this fee for any recycled or composted (i.e. brush, leaves, etc.) waste.

The District has taken the lead in providing additional services, enabling communities to benefit in their regionalization of recycling services.

Throughout the years, the City of Shaker Heights has taken advantage of the services made available by the Solid Waste District. With their assistance we have more than doubled our recycling efforts in the past 15 years.

This plan update will become effective in 2019 through 2033 with required updates every five years during this time period; there is no additional cost associated with this update until 2023 when the generation fee will increase by \$.50 a ton which will bring the fee to \$2.00 per ton and will have a roughly \$4,500 yearly impact on our budget. For comparison purpose, the average statewide fee is \$4.50 per ton.

The plan update includes the continuance of all the existing programs and services offered by CCSWD along with the following:

**Enhancing some of the existing programs:**

- **Grants-** Currently the City of Shaker Heights participates in the Community Recycling Awareness Grant. The district will continue to offer this annual grant and will look to review adding more money to the grant program and more money to the larger cities within that program.
- **Education/Outreach-** The district will continue to use its new website as a key means of providing information to the public. The district will continue its program to conduct outreach to its 1.2 million residents to help them understand how to recycle more and how to recycle better. Along with resident education the district will continue to work to educate children, educators and schools. This will include providing various tools and resources for educators including lesson plans, creative ideas and activities.
- **Litter Collection Program** - Currently the City of Shaker Heights participates in the Litter Collection Program offered through the district. The district will expand its litter collection program provided through Court Community Service from one (1) full time litter collection crew to two (2) full-time litter collection crews. This program currently serves 55 participating communities.

**Household Hazardous Waste** - Currently the City of Shaker Heights participates in the HHW Program offered by the district. The district plans to review the performance of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program and this will include the possibility of allowing small business drop-off directly to their facility. Currently the district does not allow for small business drop-off so with the number of small business located in Shaker Heights this could be beneficial to those small business owners. The district will also work to educate residents about ways to minimize the creation of HHW through an education campaign using social media and community outreach.

**Potential New Initiatives:**

- **Municipal Yard Waste** - The district would evaluate the feasibility of a municipal yard waste contracting consortium. The district would evaluate whether there is interest in establishing a municipal yard waste contracting consortium to help communities manage leaves and brush as well as obtain longer contracts and stable pricing. The district would facilitate the development of the consortium and handle the bid in the same way it developed the recycling consortium.
- **Multi-family recycling** - The district will continue to offer technical assistance to property owners and managers to help establish recycling in apartment buildings. Part of this assistance will be the development of a Multi-Family Housing Recycling Guide that offers instructions, best practices and case studies for multi-family housing recycling programs. The district will also look into the possibility of partnering with a local paper recycler to provide site recycling drop-offs for paper and cardboard. These

could be placed in communities with a high percent of multi-family housing and the containers would be placed at municipal locations.

- **Scrap Tires-** Currently the City of Shaker Heights participates in the scrap tire round up thru the district. The district will continue with the round up and if the program is phased out, the district will develop a municipal scrap tire disposal consortium among communities, if needed, for those communities that will still collect tires from residents. Also, the district will conduct a study to assess the need for a scrap tire transfer station to provide local drop-off options for scrap tires.

Should the local communities not ratify the Plan, the Director of the Ohio EPA is required by state statute to prepare a plan for Cuyahoga County and order the Solid Waste District to implement the state's plan.

Based upon the benefit provided to the residents of Shaker Heights by the CCSWD to encourage proper recycling, manage materials banned from landfills, safely dispose of household hazardous waste and promote cost-effective solid waste and recycling services in the county, we recommend that the Solid Waste Management Plan Update be ratified by the City of Shaker Heights.



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**TO: Safety and Public Works Committee Members**

**CC: David E. Weiss, Mayor  
Jeri E. Chaikin, CAO**

**FROM: Patricia Speese, Director of Public Works**

**SUBJECT: 2019 - 2021 Construction Inspection Services**

**DATE: February 22, 2019**

On January 7, 2019, the City of Shaker Heights sent Request for Proposals (RFP) to six (6) consulting firms for construction inspection services. The general scope of work included providing full time construction inspection for road resurfacing, waterline replacement, sewer improvements and other projects as requested by the City. This would be a one year contract with the option to renew in 2020 and 2021. These inspection services would not include projects that are receiving Federal Funding due to their special requirements.

Public Works received three proposals for Construction Inspection Services on January 25. The number of hours is an estimate based on our experience with related projects but can change based on conditions in the field. The responding firms and their proposed costs are as follows:

Firm	Hourly Rate (straight time)	2019	Hourly Rate (straight time)	2020	Hourly Rate (straight time)	2021
Solar	\$50.00/Hour	\$73,625.00	\$52.00/Hour	\$76,525.00	\$54.00	\$79,425.00
QCI	\$58.71/Hour	\$86,275.00	\$60.47/Hour	\$89,032.50	\$61.70/Hour	\$90,837.50
Michael Baker	\$73.00/Hour	\$102,675.00	\$75.00/Hour	\$105,400.00		

The proposed fee is based on the anticipated number of hours on various projects in 2019 as listed in the table below.

2019 Construction Projects		
Project	Est. Schedule	Est. Construction Cost
2019 Street Resurfacing	April to October	\$1,750,000
Fernway VA9 SSO Modification	June	\$250,000
Huntington Waterline Replacement	April to July	\$1,220,000
Huntington V1BX SSO	August to October	\$800,000
Avalon & Strathavon Waterline Replacement	July to October	\$1,270,000

The cost for these services is included in the various capital improvement projects appropriation. Please note the City will be reimbursed for construction inspection services by Cleveland Water Department on the Huntington, Avalon and Strathavon waterline replacement projects. Additionally, fifty percent of the construction inspection services on the Huntington

and Fernway SSO projects are reimbursable through the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District MCIP grants.

The Inspector will be on site for all aspects of the project and is responsible for the following:

- Documentation of work performed, verification that construction work is in compliance with specifications;
- Provides electronic daily project reports including tests performed, public complaints, contractor's equipment on site, manpower and work zone safety;
- The Inspector shall maintain a log of all quantities for pay items, to determine potential overruns and review Contractor's pay requests;
- Maintain list of non-performed work to be completed after pre-final inspection;
- Attend all meetings pertaining to the project such Pre-Construction meeting, 50% completion meeting, etc.

On February 21, 2019 Public Works interviewed the team from Solar Testing Laboratories, Inc. Based on their interview, understanding of the City's expectations and their fee proposal, we are requesting approval to enter into a contract with Solar Testing Laboratories, Inc for 2019 Construction Inspection Services at an estimated cost of \$73,625.00 or \$50.00 per hour with the option to renew in 2020 and 2021.



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**To:** Members of Safety and Public Works  
**From:** Patrick Sweeney, Chief of Fire  
**C:** David E. Weiss, Mayor  
Jeri E. Chaikin, CAO  
**Date:** March 1, 2019  
**RE:** 2019-2020 Ohio Department of Public Safety-Division of EMS Grant

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The Shaker Heights Fire Department is requesting approval to apply for the 2019-2020 State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services Grant. Additionally, The Fire Department is requesting approval to accept any funds that would hopefully be awarded by this grant application.

This grant is administered by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services, and is to improve and enhance EMS and trauma patient care in Ohio through the provision of grant funding for equipment, training, and research. The funding source for the grant program is fines levied in the State of Ohio for seat belt violations.

The Shaker Heights Fire Department has been awarded grant funds from this same program in past year applications which has been used to purchase EMS equipment (cardiac EKG leads, immobilization equipment, diabetic monitoring devices, etc.) for all ALS squads and training programs as stipulated in the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) EMS Grant rules. This grant has been supported by the city in the past and has assisted the Fire Department in securing equipment and training aids.

The Fire Department recommends that The Safety and Public Works Committee allow the Fire Department to apply for and accept any awarded funds from the 2019-2020 Ohio Department of Public Safety-Division of EMS Grant.