



SHAKER HEIGHTS

SAFETY AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023
8:00 AM
VIA ZOOM MEETING

Members Present: Tres Roeder, Council Chairperson
Earl Williams, Council Member
Jonathan Hren, Citizen Member
Carmella Williams, Council Member
Patricia Speese, Director Public Works
Patrick Sweeney, Chief of Fire
Wayne Hudson, Chief of Police

Others Present: Mayor David E. Weiss
Jeri Chaikin, CAO
Kara Hamley O'Donnell, Principal Planner
Anna Mates, Planner
Kelly Baker, Recording Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Tres Roeder at 8:00 am.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 1, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Council Chair Roeder asked for a motion to approve the December 1, 2022 Safety and Public Works minutes. A motion was made by Council Member Earl Williams, and seconded by Council Member Carmella Williams. The motion carried.

2023 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Anna Mates, Planner

Planner Mates requested recommendation from the committee for council to authorize the grant application from the Ohio History Connection's Certified Local Government (CLG) grant program to restore urgent-priority gravestones within the Warrensville West Cemetery.

Planner Mates discussed that in 2021 the City received funds through the CLG grant to create a **Historic** Preservation Master Plan. This cemetery is a local landmark, the 2nd oldest cemetery in Cuyahoga County and owned and maintained by the City. The Master Plan was completed in March of 2022 with recommendations from the Landmark Commission and the City Planning Commission and it was adopted by council in April of 2022. In the process, 170 gravestone markers were identified as well as their current condition and their prioritization for restoration. Over 50 gravestones were identified for an urgent restoration, meaning they are a public hazard or at risk of further damage and require immediate action to be preserved.

Planner Mates stated the grant application will request funds for gravestone restoration services including resetting stones, treating biological growth, removing interfering plants and roots, **remediating** previous temporary fixes and cleaning as needed.

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The project consultants estimate the cost of the restoration of the urgent gravestones to be \$40,000. The City currently has \$15,000 in the Capital budget under 2020 Community Project Fund. The local match will also include a \$1,830 in kind match and the remaining amount will be requested through the CLG grant program in the amount of \$25,000.

Planner Mates requested that the Safety and Public Works Committee authorize the grant from the CLG grant program in the amount of \$25,000 to restore the urgent priority gravestones. The application is due March 31, 2023 and notification of the award will be given in June of 2023.

The Mayor commented this was a great project and collaboration with multi-governmental and resident participation. He stated how important it was to restore these graves dating back to 1811. Principal Planner O'Donnell stated the Public Works has been a great partner as one of the first steps was to reduce the amount of mowing.

A motion was made by Council Member Earl Williams and it was seconded by Citizen Member Hren. The motion was carried.

Chair Roeder introduced newly appointed Chief Wayne Hudson

Chief Hudson stated he comes from Omaha Nebraska. He gave a brief history of his education and experience and stated he was happy and humbled to be building on the excellent work done by former Chief DeMuth. Council Chair Roeder mentioned former Chief DeMuth's excellent service during his time with the City. Citizen Member Hren introduced himself to Chief Hudson.

Mayor Weiss stated that Chief Hudson came to the city after the city did a national search. He really stood out for his variety of experience, his outward facing approach and his focus on community policing. He stated Chief Hudson has hit the ground running.

2023 CUYAHOGA COUNTY OVI TASK FORCE CONTRACT

Wayne Hudson, Chief of Police

Chief Hudson stated the police department is recommending that the city enter into a service agreement with University Hospitals of Cleveland (UHC) to accept and appropriate grant funds to be used toward targeted traffic enforcement patrols. Funding in the amount of \$12,000 being offered by UHC who is a recipient of the OVI Task Force from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. It is also requesting that the \$12,000 be added to the crime suppression overtime appropriation for the 2023 Police Department operating budget.

Chief Hudson stated they have received this fund since 2013 and used toward overtime so they can do some special target enforcement based on the data they received. He stated on his way to his swearing in ceremony he almost got in an accident. He has received some calls about the speeding on Lee Rd and will use this money to clamp down on problem areas in the city. He asked the committee that they approve the service agreement to move on to the next step. Council Chair Roeder asked for any questions or comments and there were none. A motion was made by Citizen Member Hren and it was seconded by Council Member Carmella Williams. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 am.

Respectfully,

Tres Roeder /ms

Tres Roeder, Council Chairperson
Safety & Public Works Committee