



# SHAKER HEIGHTS

SAFETY AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MARCH 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  
Sarah Schiavoni, Citizen Member  
Kim Harris, Citizen Member

Others Present: Jeri Chaikin, CAO  
Rick Mastnardo, Police Commander  
Kelly Baker, Recording Assistant  
Megan Sakacs, Recording Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Tres Roeder at 8:02 am.

## **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

Council Chair Roeder asked for a motion to approve the February 2, 2023 Safety and Public Works minutes. A motion was made by Council Member Earl Williams, and seconded by Council Member Jonathan Hren. The motion carried.

## **SHAKER HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT- Rescue Vehicle 6719- Glass Replacement** **Commander Rick Mastnardo, Presenter**

Commander Mastnardo stated The Shaker Heights Police Department is seeking the City's authorization for replacement of the glass for the LENCO Bearcat that was acquired in 2004. This rescue vehicle assists officers in their rescue efforts during critical incidents. Currently, this vehicle is utilized by the Eastside Departments Group Enforcement, when necessary, as well as by our Police Departments Officers.

Commander Mastnardo mentioned the ballistic glass on the rescue vehicle has delaminated due to the age of the vehicle. Delamination of the glass, reduces the reliability of its ballistic protection and requires replacement. LENCO Armored Vehicle (LAV) provided a detailed quote in the amount of \$11,041.95. This price quote includes the removal and replacement of all the vehicle glass, labor, and the warranty.

The Police Department is seeking authorization to pay LAV for the replacement glass the amount of \$11,041.95 through the use of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. It is further recommended that with this Committee's support this item be forwarded to the Finance Committee and City Council with a recommendation for approval.

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Council Chair Roeder opened the floor up for questions. Citizen Member Hren asked if the quote included the cost of transport of the vehicle for the job to be completed. Commander Mastnardo confirmed that the job would be completed either at the City's Garage or at The Public Works Dept and the quote included the disposal of the old glass and replacement of the new glass, labor, and warranty. Citizen Member Jonathan Hren, asked if this is a fair cost for this type of project. Commander Mastnardo confirmed that this is a fair cost for this type of project.

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

### **ADOPTION OF UPDATED CUYAHOGA COUNTY ALL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN**

#### **Patrick Sweeney, Chief of Fire**

Chief Sweeney stated the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, requires local communities to develop a hazard mitigation plan with specific goals and objectives for the mitigation of a natural disaster. Cuyahoga County has developed and adopted an All Natural hazards Mitigation Plan, which has previously been approved by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. Adoption of this plan by the City of Shaker Heights is necessary to expedite eligibility for Federal Disaster mitigation funding should a disaster occur in our community.

Mitigation efforts that Shaker Heights currently uses to minimize the impact of these hazards include the use of the County's Ready Notify System to provide emergency communications to residents. The City of Shaker Heights also utilize the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to assist the fire department during times of high call volumes due to storms.

Chief Sweeney explained that the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all communities that desire to apply for federal mitigation programs to have an all-natural hazard mitigation plan in place. It also requires communities to review and revise the plan at least every 5 years in order to continue eligibility to apply for federal mitigation programs. The original resolution to adapt the All Natural hazards Mitigation Plan was passed by Council on March 29, 2004, and is Ordinance No. 04-24. This plan has continually been updated by the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management and adopted by Council.

Chief Sweeney recommended that The Safety and Public Works Committee re-adopt the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. This will result in expedited eligibility for federal disaster mitigation funding should a natural disaster such as with Covid-19, blackouts, and other winter storms that have occurred within the Shaker Heights boundaries. Chief Sweeney requested that the Safety and Public Work Committee recommend the same to The Shaker Heights City Council.

Tres Roeder opened floor up for questions. Council Chairperson Roeder asked if the command structure plan has helped the city with some clarity during disasters. Chief Sweeney confirmed it "Absolutely does" the county as well as the EMA help with this. Citizen Member, Jonathan Hren, asked if funding would be denied if the city didn't adopt the mitigation plan. Chief Sweeney reiterated again that funding is comes from FEMA, but a plan needs to be in place in

order to receive funds. Citizen Member Kim Harris asked if all surrounding cities have also adopted this plan. Chief Sweeney confirmed other surrounding cities adopted this plan in order to receive funding, and if they didn't partner with FEMA they would have to develop a plan on their own.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 am.

Respectfully,



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Tres Roeder, Council Chairperson  
Safety & Public Works Committee