



**Ravenna City Council
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2023**

The public meeting was held in person in City Council Chambers.

Council present: Council President Andrew Kluge, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Tim Calfee, Matt Harper, Christina West

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman, Law Director, Frank Cimino; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Finance Director, Brian Huff; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Cliff Soudil, Larry Silenius

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Committee member, Rob Kairis.

The first item was a contract with Motorola Solutions.

Chief Wallis explained that he was informed by Motorola that the dispatch radios are reaching their end of life. He stated that the goal was to wait until the new police department was built but said that it will be difficult to get parts to replace the old radios and that it is risky using them every day. Chief Wallis informed Council that Kent and Streetsboro have also purchased the new equipment this year. He said that the quote is for \$270,000 and that there are two-line items with \$150,000 each to make a total of \$300,000 set aside for the project. Chief Wallis stated that they would pay for the radios upfront and that there is a yearly maintenance contract that is in the budget for the next four years.

Mr. Moskun asked what the average life span is for radios.

Chief Wallis stated that it is hard to say with the change of technology but shared that the radios come with a 5-year warranty. He explained that the City received end of life radios from the turnpike and that his estimate is a 10-15 year life span for the new radios.

Mr. Harper shared his support stating that it is lifesaving equipment.

- The item was moved forward.

Management Update

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Amy Michael, Chairperson
Public Health and Safety Committee**