



Ravenna City Council
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2024

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

Council present: Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Tim Calfee, Christina West, Matt Harper

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Assistant Finance Director, Tami Lorence; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Cliff Soudil, John Sferra, Mike Bogo, Jen Davis, Carmen Laudato

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael.

The first item was a purchase agreement with Phoenix Safety Outfitters.

Ms. Michael stated that the item is for fire extinguisher training and that ARPA funds will be utilized. She noted that the item exceeds the \$25,000 threshold and so it must go through Council for approval.

Mr. Kairis noted that \$600 in additional funds will need to be used to make up the difference that the appropriated ARPA funds won't cover.

- The item was moved forward.

The second item was a contract with Flock Safety.

Ms. Michael stated that \$37,500 was allocated from the ARPA funds for a 1-year contract to install Flock cameras downtown. She said that the cameras have proven successful in other communities.

Mr. Kairis noted two different prices in the quote.

Chief Wallis stated that there was an incorrect initial quote.

Ms. Michael stated that she would like to move forward with the item now and get clarity on the actual price later.

- The item was moved forward.

The third item was a contract with FAAC, Inc.

Chief Wallis stated that the item is for a MILO interactive mobile force options simulator system. He said that the \$36,943.60 is a one-time cost for the equipment, including the simulator. Chief Wallis said that he emailed the actual price to Council and stated that he is \$16,000 short in ARPA funds for the project due to a calculation error.

Ms. Michael asked if the funds will be allocated to cover the \$16,000.

Mr. Kairis said that the \$16,000 could be taken out of the downtown beautification funds.
Ms. Michael stated that there should be a long-range plan for downtown beautification.

- The item was moved forward.

The fourth item was accepting a \$10,000 grant from the State of Ohio Fire Marshal.

Ms. Michael stated that the item is to accept a \$10,000 grant that will be used for equipment in the Fire Department and that there is no match required.

- The item was moved forward.

Management Update

Mayor Seman stated that there was a new hire at the Fire Department and that they hired them for the 7th position on a shift. He said that he is from Ravenna and noted that he had worked with Ms. Michael as a paramedic in Akron.

Mayor Seman stated that the Portage County Combined General Health District will be hosting a board meeting on March 21, 2024 and said that he will be attending.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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