



## SHAKER HEIGHTS

### Safety and Public Works Committee Agenda Via Zoom Thursday, March 2, 2023 , 8:00 am

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1. SPW February 2, 2023 Minutes

Documents:

[SPW MINUTES -02.02.23 DRAFT3.PDF](#)

2. SHPD Rescue Vehicle 6719 - Glass Replacement  
Presented by: Chief Wayne Hudson

Documents:

[SPW.ARMORED VEHICLE GLASS REPLACEMENT 20230221 VF.PDF](#)

3. Adoption of Updated Cuyahoga County All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan  
Presented by: Chief Patrick Sweeney

Documents:

[COUNTY MITIGATION PLAN MEMO \(SPW\) - 3-3-23.PDF](#)

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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,

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Tres Roeder, Council Chairperson  
Safety & Public Works Committee



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## Memorandum

To: Members of Safety & Public Works Committee  
From: Wayne D. Hudson, Chief of Police *W.D.H.*  
cc: Mayor David E. Weiss  
Chief Administrative Officer Jeri E. Chaikin  
Director of Law William Gruber  
Director of Finance John Potts  
Date: February 21, 2023  
Re: SHPD Rescue Vehicle 6719 – Glass Replacement

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The Shaker Heights Police Department is seeking the City's authorization to replace the glass for our LENCO Bearcat that was acquired in 2004. The rescue vehicle assists officers in expanding their capabilities in their rescue efforts during critical incidents. Currently, the Eastside Departments Group Enforcement (EDGE) utilizes the rescue vehicle, when necessary, as well as our Department's officers.

Over time, the ballistic glass for the rescue vehicle has delaminated due to age. The delamination of glass reduces the reliability of its ballistic protection and requires replacement. LENCO Armored Vehicles (LAV) has provided a detailed quote for the replacement of all glass panes in the vehicle. The quote includes removal of the defective glass and installation of the new. LAV is a sole source provider directly from the factory. The total replacement cost is \$11,041.95.

The Police Department is seeking authorization to pay LAV \$11,041.95 through use of the Law Enforcement Trust Funds (Fund 701). Additionally, we are requesting these funds be appropriated to be encumbered to pay for the replacement glass.

It is recommended that the Safety and Public Works Committee approve the use of these funds through Fund 701 for replacement glass for the LENCO Bearcat as soon as possible, and accept and appropriate the funds in the amount of \$11,041.95. 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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## Memorandum

To: Members of Safety & Public Works

From: Patrick F. Sweeney, Chief of Fire

Cc: David E. Weiss, Mayor  
Jeri E. Chaikin, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: March 3, 2023

Re: Adoption of Updated Cuyahoga County All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

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The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that local communities develop a hazard mitigation plan with specific goals and objectives for the mitigation of natural disasters. Cuyahoga County has developed and adopted an All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan which has been previously 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 natural disaster occur in our community.

Hazard mitigation is any sustainable action taken to reduce or eliminate damage from future disasters. As part of the Hazard Mitigation planning process, communities in Cuyahoga County completed a Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (HIRA). The intent of the HIRA is to identify, as much as practicable, the vulnerabilities of the community, measure the probability of those hazards occurring, and identify mitigation measures to minimize the impact on the community. The results of the risk assessment provide a framework for a better understanding of potential impacts on the community and a foundation on which to develop and prioritize mitigation actions.

Examples of hazard vulnerabilities include the potential for Severe Storms and Health Related Emergencies. Mitigation efforts that Shaker Heights 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 utilizes the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to assist the fire department during times of high call volumes due to storms. Additionally, a partnership with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health Department to use the Shaker Heights Fire Department as a point of distribution for emergency medications aids in minimizing the impact of health-related emergencies on the well-being of the residents and emergency workers in Shaker Heights.

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. It also requires communities to review and revise the plan at least every five (5) years to reflect changes in development, progress in local

mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities, in order to continue eligibility to apply for federal mitigation programs.

The all-natural hazard mitigation plan must meet the criteria established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for disasters that are declared after November 1, 2004. Additionally, the local government must have an approved mitigation plan. A collaborative initiative with the Cuyahoga County Government, through the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management and communities within Cuyahoga County, has developed a mitigation plan which is entitled the "Countywide All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for Cuyahoga County". However, to utilize this mitigation plan, the City of Shaker Heights must enact legislation adopting the "Countywide All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for Cuyahoga County."

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 subsequently adopted by Council.

The Fire Department recommends 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 occur within the Shaker Heights boundaries. It is also requested that Safety and Public Works recommend the same to The Shaker Heights City Council.