



Council Minutes
October 10, 2023
City Hall Council Chambers

The Council of the City of Shaker Heights met in a special meeting at 7:04 p.m., Mayor David E. Weiss presiding.

Council Members Present: Mrs. Moore
Mr. Roeder
Ms. Carmella Williams
Mr. Earl Williams
Mr. Claytor (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
Mr. Malone

Council Members Absent: Ms. Anne Williams

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Video of this meeting may be found [here](#) through August 18 2022.

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The Mayor invited members of the audience and those participating via Zoom the opportunity to “raise their hand” to provide public comment.

No comments were offered.

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Ordinance No. 23-90, by Mr. Roeder, authorizing a contract with Tim Lally Chevrolet, Inc., without formal competitive bidding, for the purchase of three 2023 Chevy Tahoe police cruisers for the Police Department, in the total amount of \$135,639.86, and declaring an emergency.

Police Lieutenant Timothy Grafton stated that this item requests authorization of a contract with Tim Lally Chevrolet without competitive bidding pursuant to Shaker Heights Codified Ordinance 141.03. Unfortunately the state bid contract for the 2023 vehicles expired on September 30, 2023 before we could finalize the purchase of three Chevrolet Tahoes, which are still there waiting for us to complete the transaction. Tim Lally holds the 2024 state bid contract for the same vehicle but there is a substantial increase in pricing so we would like to get the 2023 vehicles waiting for us. This item is requested as an emergency with a suspension of the rules.

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Council member Mr. Roeder stated that this item was reviewed and unanimously supported by the Safety and Public Works Committee.

Chief Administrative Officer Jeri E. Chaikin stated that this item was not reviewed by the Finance Committee because they are holding the vehicles. A special meeting was added tonight for Council approval so we could keep our promise to purchase the vehicles.

Mayor Weiss clarified that the three vehicles we are purchasing will be under the 2023 contract pricing although we are now in October.

Council member Mrs. Moore asked about the additional three vehicles needed.

Lieutenant Grafton stated that the other vehicles will probably not be Chevrolet Tahoes. They are exploring different types of vehicles moving toward hybrid. They will be available on the state contract after the first of the year. When the vehicles become available they will be the next order requested.

Council member Mrs. Moore applauded their decision because anything more sustainable is going in the right direction.

Council member Mr. Earl Williams asked about different fuels used for these vehicles.

Lieutenant Grafton stated that there are various types of hybrid vehicles. Those specifically designed for police usage at this time are described as hybrid, but have gasoline engines but are supported by a battery function. Whenever they are idling like at a stop light the engine system turns over to the battery system. Police vehicles have a tremendous number of idle hours in their lifetime, so they will not be burning power through the engine via a combustibile but will be running through the battery, which extends the life of the engine and extends the value of the vehicle at trade in.

Council member Mr. Claytor asked about the difference in cost or performance for the hybrid vehicles.

Lieutenant Grafton stated that the performance is relatively the same. The purchase cost is comparable to what they are currently paying, but they will realize a substantial cost savings because they won't burn as much gas.

It was moved by Mr. Roeder, and seconded by Ms. Carmella Williams, that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance No. 23-90 be placed upon its final enactment.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder, Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Claytor Mr. Malone,
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Nays:	None
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Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Roeder, and seconded by Ms. Carmella Williams, that Ordinance No. 23-90 be enacted as read.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Mrs. Moore, Mr. Roeder, Ms. Carmella Williams, Mr. Earl Williams, Mr. Clayton
	Nays:	None

Ordinance Enacted

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At 7:13 p.m. a Council work session was held.

Mayor David E. Weiss, Finance Director John Potts, Principal Planner Kara O'Donnell, Economic Development Director Laura Englehart, Public Works Director Patricia Speese, Recreation Director Alexandria Nichols, and Chief Administrative Officer Jeri E. Chaikin gave a presentation on Transformational and Major Capital Projects.

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There being no further business before Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

DAVID E. WEISS, Mayor

WILLIAM M. ONDREY GRUBER,
Clerk of Council Pro Tem