

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Appropriations Committee

March 2, 2015

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Klinger, Chair, at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present.
Approval of the Minutes	Without objection, the minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2014 and January 20, 2015 were approved.
Agenda Items	
Temp. Ord. B-23	<p>An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract with Physio-Control, Inc. for the purchase of heart monitors and related essential accessories and equipment, and declaring an emergency.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the title of the ordinance conflicts with the purview, and stated that the Law Director has agreed to provide a correction at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Chair stated that the ordinance permits the replacement of obsolete Life Pack 12 heart monitors with Life Pack 15 monitors. Replacements will be made on the squads, but not on the engines, as they will have automatic defibrillators ("AEDs"). The Chair recognized the Fire Chief, Paul Moledor, who stated that this is correct, and added that the defibrillators on the engines are more sophisticated than those seen in office buildings. The Chair asked if other fire departments are moving to AEDs on their engines. Chief Moledor stated that many fire departments do not have any advanced life support ("ALS") on their engines. The City has chosen to have ALS engines. The Chair asked about the expected life span of this equipment. Chief Moledor stated that he did not have this information. However, the previous Life Pack 12s were made from 1999 to 2010, and replacement parts will be available though January 2016. Service on</p>

these units will not be discontinued until December 2016. The Chair asked the Chief to discuss the timeline for acquisition and training. Chief Moledor stated that in-service training will be required. The Chair asked the Chief to discuss the compression device that will also be purchase as part of this contract, which will be installed on a shift commander's vehicle. Chief Moledor stated that this is a mechanical device that makes it possible to conduct CPR compression in a moving vehicle much more effectively than by a person. Many fire departments are moving to these devices. The City will purchase one to see how it performs before committing to deploy them further. The Chair asked the Chief to discuss the trade-in value of the Life Pack 12s. The Chief stated that the trade-in is included in the price. Exact figures are not available. The Chair noted that this purchase is being made off of the State bid, that it is included in the City's five-year Capital Plan, was discussed in the budget hearings, and is within the budget parameters.

The Chair recognized Mr. Weinhardt, who asked the Chief to discuss the training required to operate this equipment. The Chief stated that the company provides the training. Every member of the department will be trained. Mr. Weinhardt asked whether the training is included in the price. Chief Moledor stated that the training is included.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who asked whether the monitors use Wi-Fi communications. Chief Moledor stated that the new units will use the same Sprint modems as the old units. Mrs. Pyke asked whether patients monitored with these units will be transported to their hospital of choice or to Western Reserve. The Chief stated they will be transported to their hospital of choice. Mrs. Pyke asked if the current units were affected by the recent AT&T outage. Chief Moledor stated that they were not affected.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Iula to release Temp. Ord. B-23 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. James. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Non-Agenda Items

None

Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.



Carol A. Klinger, Chair



Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council