

SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 6, 2026

The April 6, 2026 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Safety Committee members present were Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, and Scott Moore.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Jared Lucas, Police Chief; Stephanie Hessey, Human Resource Officer; Dave Yeater; Drew Rall; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$14,437.96 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$14,437.96. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

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At this time Mr. Dave Yeater, Wyandot Classics and Cruisers, addressed the Safety Committee and indicated that the car club would like to hold their annual Autumn Cruise in the downtown area on Saturday, September 26, 2026, with this year being the 25th anniversary. Mr. Yeater stated that there were just under eight hundred (800) cars that participated in the event in 2025 and to date donations from the proceeds from the events have totaled approximately \$500,000.00.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, to approve the Wyandot Classics and Cruisers annual Autumn Cruise to be held in the downtown area on Saturday, September 26, 2026. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mr. Drew Rall addressed the Safety Committee on behalf of the St. Pete's Festival requesting the closure of West Finley Street, west of North Eighth Street, for this year's festival to be held on Sunday, May 31, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and to allow the parade to also take place that day and to step off at 1:00 p.m. from the high school athletic complex and travel southbound on North Eighth Street and end at St. Paul's Church parking.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to allow the St. Pete's Festival and approve the closure of West Finley Street and allow the parade to take place on Sunday, May 31, 2026. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

It was reported that Mrs. Anne Denman, representing the Elks Lodge, who addressed the Safety Committee at the March 2, 2026 Safety Committee meeting has subsequently contacted the City and indicated that the date she provided for the 5K event was wrong and they would instead like to hold the event on Saturday, June 27, 2026. Safety Committee members voiced no objections to this request.

A job posting for the full-time Fire Chief position was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to proceed with a posting for a full-time Fire Chief thru the end of April. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

A civil service examination for full-time Firefighters was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to request the Civil Service Commission proceed with an examination for full-time Firefighters. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Lemire indicated that a survey was recently mailed to the paid-on-call Firefighters, previously known as the volunteer Firefighters.

Chief Lucas shared a letter of resignation from Police Officer Justin Dick, effective April 11, 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, to accept the resignation of Police Officer Justin Dick, effective April 11, 2026. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Chief Lucas reported that police cruiser #1, which was damaged following a deer being hit during a snow storm in January and repaired by Fox's Autobody, is currently waiting on decals to be applied so it can be placed back in service.

Chief Lucas also reported that he is looking at the replacement of two (2) police cruisers this year. Chief Lucas indicated that one (1) of those cruisers could be a Ford F-150, which he has found at a car dealership in Bucyrus, Ohio as they currently have a newer used F-150 on their lot outfitted for police use. This vehicle could be used if the Police Department ever had to pick up or transport items such as bicycles. Chief Lucas will consult with Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor, regarding these purchases.

Chief Lucas reported that the stop bars and lines at the US 23/US 30 and State Route 199/North Warpole Street interchange ramp intersections, as part of the 3-way stop controls that were recently implemented by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), will be painted soon. Mrs. Lemire indicated that it is her understanding that the painting of these stop bars and lines is dependent on the upcoming weather conditions.

Mayor McColly reported that he will be attending two (2) ODOT meetings this week. One (1) being held tomorrow, Tuesday, April 7, 2026 and one (1) being held on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Mayor McColly indicated that quotes have been obtained for push-button cross walks at the intersection of West Wyandot Avenue and Hazel Street and are expected to cost between \$11,000.00 and \$12,300.00.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Aaron Korte, Chairperson