

CIRCLEVILLE SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 10/7/2025

Circleville Safety Committee convened in City Council Chambers, 127 South Court St., Circleville, OH 43113 on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. Members present: Chair Jeff Hallinin, Tom Klitzka, Katie Logan Hedges, and Clerk Melissa Burns. Invited guests present: Mayor Michelle Blanton, Law Director Kendra Kinney, Safety Director Paul Pride, Chief of Police Kenny Fisher and Captain Barrett. Other Council members present: President Barry Keller, Tom Klitzka, John Moats.

Hallinin called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Klitzka motioned to approve the meeting minutes from July 15, 2025. Seconded by Hedges. Motion carried.

New Business:

a) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC., A SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER AND STATE BID CONTRACTOR, TO PURCHASE TEN (10) IN-CAR POLICE CRUISER VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEMS, TWENTY-SEVEN (27) BODY WORN CAMERAS, TWENTY-SIX (26) TASER 10 ENERGY WEAPONS, ONE (1), DRONE, TWO (2) OUTPOST CAMERAS, ONE (1) IINTERVIEW ROOM SYSTEM, ONE (1) FUSUS CORE ELITE AND ALL REQUIRED LICENSES FOR CIRCLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ALL AFOREMENTIONED EQUIPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

DISCUSSION: Chief Fisher explained that they are currently up for renewal of their taser and body camera contract with Axon, though emphasizing they also utilize two additional products with Axon. Fisher explained that they prefer to combine and have all products under one, ten-year contract instead of having multiple separate, five-year contracts. Fisher highlighted this would be more cost-efficient long term. Captain Barrett gave a presentation regarding the proposed Axon technology and related costs and interest rates among five-year contracts versus ten-year contracts. Hedges asked that though this is better/upgraded equipment, they are essentially just replacing equipment the PD already has, apart from the drone, outpost cameras, and the VR headsets that they would be receiving at no additional cost, and Fisher confirmed that is correct. Fisher noted multiple tasers they've had to send back this year due to safety malfunctions. Furthermore, Kinney highlighted that these services would also be utilized in Municipal Court to prosecute cases involving the Circleville Police Department by providing physical evidence to demonstrate what occurred in real time, therefore benefiting not only the Police Department but in prosecuting those cases efficiently.

MOTION-ROLL CALL-VOTE:

Hedges motioned to forward the Ordinance to the Finance Committee Meeting on this day, October 7, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Klitzka. Motion carried.

Other Business: None

Klitzka motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Seconded by Hedges. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Sarah Kolesar, Assistant Clerk.