

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
WED, AUGUST 6, 2008**

This meeting of the Health & Safety Committee of Kent City Council was called to order at 8:05 p.m. on Wed., August 6, 2008, by Wayne Wilson, in the absence of Mr. Kuhar, Chair and Mr. Amrhein, Vice Chair.

PRESENT: MR. DeLEONE, MR. HAWKSLEY, MS. SHAFFER, MR. TURNER, MS. WALLACH, AND MR. WILSON

ALSO PRESENT: J. FENDER, MAYOR; D. RULLER, CITY MANAGER; J. SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; W. LILLICH, SAFETY DIRECTOR; AND L. COPLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

ABSENT: MR. AMRHEIN, MR. KUHAR, AND MR. FERRARA

Chair Wilson said the first item on the agenda dealt with the replacement sidearms for the Kent Police Department. **Dave Ruller, City Manager**, asked **William Lillich, Safety Director**, to provide further information at this time.

Mr. Lillich said their current sidearms are seventeen years old, and have been discontinued by the manufacturer. He said because of that, it is hard to get the necessary parts. He said they have contacted various vendors, and did a lot of research and analysis. He said they got a good price, with a \$200 trade in for their current sidearms. He said this is a very critical issue for law enforcement. Mr. Lillich said they are liquidating the City's assets, which is typically done during the summer with an auction. He said they have no desire to auction off their sidearms, and need an affirmative motion to trade in these sidearms, with that motion reflected in the minutes. He said the most important issue is they are controlling the destiny of those sidearms.

Mr. Hawksley asked who would really want those guns, and Mr. Lillich said that it would be collectors. Mr. Hawksley said they would not end up on the street, and Mr. Lillich said he cannot say that, but they would be handled through legitimate purchases from a licensed vendor.

There was no audience comment at this time.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SIDEARMS.

Motion made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Hawksley, and carried by a voice vote of 5-0-1, with Mr. Wilson abstaining.

Mr. Wilson said the next item on their agenda, the Road Closure for the Wine and Art Festival, was pulled from the agenda.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, Mr. Wilson adjourned this meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Linda M. Copley, Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

- 1) **TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SIDEARMS**