

**SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 13, 2018**

The Safety, Health, and Service Committee met Monday, August 13, 2018 at 7:12pm in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre.

In attendance were Safety, Health, and Service Committee Members:  
Chair, Mr. Kelly Ricklic  
Mr. Dan Lanzer  
Alternate, Dean Holland

Guests were:

President of Council Sam Hitchcock, Councilperson Aimee May, Service Director Ron McAbier, Mr. Dan Lanzer, Mr. John Zucal, Mrs. Cheryl Ramos, Council Clerk Julie Courtright, Fire Chief Parrish

Committee Chair Mr. Ricklic reported that the Safety, Health, and Service Committee met Monday, August 13, 2018 at 7:12 PM in Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre to discuss the following items:

To discuss Proposed Resolution 24-2018, and any other matter that should come before Committee.

Chairman Ricklic stated that this is the SAFER Grant. This Resolution is to accept that grant.

Chairman Ricklic had the following comment:

I want to commend everybody who was a part of (the application process) for the SAFER Grant. It was a hard fought effort and done very quickly. Resolution 24-2018 is to accept the money. 25% the first two years and 35% the final year of the SAFER Grant.

Mr. Lanzer had the following comment:

As long as the Administration is on board financially I'm in favor of it.

Chief Parrish made the following statement:

I'm just thankful that we have this opportunity to hire additional people.

Safety Director Popham had the following comment:

This is not a new grant that just started. They've been taking these types of applications for the SAFER Grant for many years. There are many, many departments that would do anything to be awarded the grant. The purpose of the grant is for the adequate staffing, which means we will then be NFPA 17-10 Compliant. Anything shy of 6 and we would not be compliant with NFPA. This will be for the betterment of the Citizens of New Philadelphia.

Law Director Fete asked if this had to be reapplied for every year or if it was a one time shot. Chief Parrish said it's a one time shot.

Councilman Zucal had the following comment:

I see the SAFER Grant as part of the bigger picture where we're going with fire safety services here locally. I believe the Citizens of New Philadelphia will save money over the long term as the strategic plan continues to unfold itself. I think it's an honor for us as City Council and Administration.

Mrs. Ramos had the following questions:

I emailed you about the wording of this resolution. It made it sound like we were getting over a million dollars almost a million and a half.

**Chairman Ricklic had the following comment:**

**We have another resolution here to take that all out. It has no dollar figure and just says “see attached”. I believe that’s the way I would like as the Chair that documentation is more important than what’s in the heading to back up the grant.**

**Mrs. Ramos has another question:**

**Emergency Services Consulting International recommended three firefighters, one per shift, at \$11,000 per year including the planned overtime cost savings. This obligates us to 6. What’s the difference between the three and the six?**

**Chairman Ricklic had the following comment:**

**What I want to do is give them the six to make some effort. This three year grant gives us time to structure ourselves.**

**Chief Parrish had the following comment:**

**If we would have applied for the SAFER Grant for three firefighters we would not have gotten it because we’ve done that before. What Mike Tucker was talking about in the ESCI study was in our current budget hiring three additional people. There’s no standard but it’s best practices.**

**Chairman Ricklic had the following comment:**

**This is 180 days to comply with the grant. As Chair of the Committee I’d like to get this approved on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. We can discuss this some more on Council floor. I would like the opportunity to allow administration to seek the best that’s out there for our firefighters to hire six or if any other are needed. I don’t want to put them in a bind on the three readings if we don’t have to.**

**MR. MAURER MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 24-2018 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA AND PASS AS AN EMERGENCY**

**MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION**

**3 YEAS**

**RESOLUTION 24-2018 WILL BE ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA WITH RECOMMENDED PASSAGE UPON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING.**

**With no other matters to come before Committee Mr. Lanzer Motioned to Adjourn.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kelly Ricklic, Committee Chairman, Safety, Health, and Service**