

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting

January 6, 2020

Members: Tim Gorbach, Chair
Drew Reilly
Jeff Iula

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. B-112

Temp. Ord. B-113

Temp. Ord. B-114

Temp. Ord. B-115

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-112

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract, through competitive bidding, with Fidelity Security Insurance Company and/or its subsidiary EyeMed Vision Care for the administration of the City's self-insured employee vision care services insurance plans, for a period not to exceed one year, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Vicki Steiner, Human Resources Director, presented Temporary Ordinance B-112. The Mayor will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, through competitive bidding, with Fidelity Security Insurance Company and/or its subsidiary EyeMed Vision Care, on the basis of its final proposals dated October 21, 2016, for the professional services necessary to conduct the administration of the City's self-insured employee vision care services insurance plans, for a contract period not to exceed one year. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to pay approved invoices for work based upon the Contract, from the Self-Insurance Fund, line item Other Operations.

Mr. Reilly moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-112 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-113

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, without competitive bidding, with Amilia Enterprises, Inc. for software that coordinates recreation staff management, credit card and Automated Clearing House (ACH) Network processing and reservations for programs and facilities all from the same platform, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Sara Kline, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance B-113. The Parks and Recreation Department's current software is outdated and needs replaced. The Department formed a special internal committee who obtained and reviewed computer software

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proposals. Amilia Enterprises, Inc. offered the best software and pricing which fits the Department's needs. The Parks and Recreation Board will approve the contract with Amilia Enterprises, Inc. at its January 9, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Iula moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-113 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Reilly. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-114

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition of buildings and removal of demolition debris at 2842 Oakwood Drive, and certifying the cost thereof to the County Fiscal Officer for collection in the manner provided by law, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance B-114. The Building Official has declared the building identified as 2842 Oakwood Drive (Garage) to be dangerous buildings within the meaning of Chapter 1335 of the Codified Ordinances. The Building Official has provided a notice to all owners and interested parties concerned with the building, instructing such owners and interested parties as to the repairs required to make the buildings safe, ordering the owners to repair or demolish the buildings accordingly, and informing the owners and interested parties of their right of appeal under Section 1343.07 of Summit County Codified Ordinances. No appeals of the Building Official's orders have been received. The Director of Public Service is authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition of the Oakwood Drive (Garage), and the removal of debris therefrom. The Finance Director is authorized to make payment for same from the Capital Projects Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code §715.26, the Finance Director will be directed to certify the costs of demolition and debris removal to the Clerk of Council who shall then certify the same to the Summit County Fiscal Officer for placement thereof on the tax duplicate together with interest and penalties provided by law.

Mr. Gorbach asked if the homeowner is still in the house. Mr. Demasi stated that they were in the home. Mr. Gorbach asked if they have heard anything from the resident. Mr. Demasi stated that they have not, and the structure, a detached garage, is getting worse. There are now holes in the roof and the building is unsecured. Mr. Gorbach stated that they need to take action to preserve the neighboring properties and to maintain safety. Mr. Miller asked what the cost is to demolish the garage. Mr. Demasi stated that they have received two quotes. It will be less than \$5,000. Mr. Miller asked if the Community Development Department has had any communication with this resident relative to some financial issues. Ms. Diana Colavecchio, Community Development Director, stated that she couldn't speak to that issue. Mr. Demasi stated that they did work with the property owner, in 2017, to work with a rehab program. An application was submitted, but it was deficient, and a complete application has still not been resubmitted. Mr. Miller asked if this resident is an older, retired individual. Mr. Demasi stated that he does not know the resident's age.

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Mr. Reilly moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-114 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-115

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a second modification of Contract No. 7557 with Triad Communications, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi presented Temporary Ordinance B-115. Pursuant to the authority of Board of Control, on or about January 19, 2018, the Director of Public Service entered into Contract No. 7557, with Triad Communications to provide community relations for the Howe Avenue from Main Street to Buchholzer Boulevard. Pursuant to the authority of Section 181.06 of the Codified Ordinances, the City entered into a first modification of said contract on or about December 11, 2019. In order for the Project to proceed, the City desires to continue community relations which will benefit the Project. The Director of Public Service will hereby authorized to enter into a second modification of Contract No. 7557, with Triad Communications in an amount not to exceed \$18,500.00. The total contract price after modification as authorized herein shall not exceed \$68,000.00. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Capital Projects Fund, line item Other Operations.

Mr. Gorbach stated that, for a project as large as this one has been and for as many people that have been impacted, he hasn't heard a lot of negative things about the project. He has heard that, for the most part, it's been going as well or better than can be expected. Mr. Demasi stated that there is no doubt that it has been a burden on some of the businesses, but they have been forward with them years before the project, so they sort of forecast this downturn in their revenues. They are matching their revenues and expenses, so their bottom lines are okay. We appreciate the fact that companies like Triad have been there 24/7 to answer questions and provide any type of support that they can. Mr. Gorbach stated that with a project of this size, there is only so much that can be done to make it easy for everybody. He commended Mr. Demasi and his team and all that have been involved with it. Mr. Iula stated that his wife works for Chick-Fil-A, and it has not hurt their business at all. Mr. Reilly stated that there are a couple new businesses that have gone in the Plaza and the signage has been helpful.

Mr. Iula moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-115 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Reilly. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.