

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

March 4, 2019

Members: Tim Gorbach, Chair
Jerry James
Mary Ellen Pyke

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. B-15
Temp. Ord. B-16

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-15

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a cooperative procurement agreement with National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance Company, a Delaware Corporation d/b/a OMNIA Partners Public Sector, waiving competitive bidding for the purchase of products, services, materials and supplies purchased through cooperative purchase agreements administered by National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance Company, a Delaware Corporation d/b/a OMNIA Partners Public Sector, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Bryan Hoffman, Finance Director, stated that this ordinance allows the City to enter into a contract with a cooperative purchasing consortium, similar to other ones done in the city, to purchase sanitation waste carts and recycle carts. Historically, the City has purchased these from a similar cooperative purchasing group out of the Houston-Galveston area that no longer has that contract. This group out of Delaware does have a similar contract at the same price the City purchased those carts in the past.

Mr. Gorbach stated that, based on the language in the ordinance, he thought the City was entering into a cooperative for future purchases. He asked if this ordinance is specific to just these carts, or is this an agreement to purchase future items the City can procure through this company. Mr. Hoffman stated that this ordinance is not specific to just those carts. If they were to have a contract with some other commodity needed in the city, they would have access to those, as well. Mr. Gorbach stated that that is why the carts are not specifically mentioned in this legislation. The City is going to purchase carts, but can also purchase other products. Mr. Hoffman stated that was correct.

Mr. Anthony Zumbo, Service Director, stated that some other areas that the City could possibly buy something for is Parks and Recreation, Water Utilities, Buildings and Grounds and some safety items. They want to stay with these specific carts, because they find them to be high quality, lasting 10 to 12 years. Mr. Gorbach asked about the duration of the contract. Mr. Hoffman stated

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that it's until termination of either party. Mr. Gorbach stated that there was no cost involved in the contract.

Mrs. Pyke moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-15 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. James. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-16

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Law to execute a modification of contract with Roetzel & Andress, LPS for legal services related to Johnson Controls, Inc., making necessary appropriations for the same, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Russell Balthis, Law Director, stated that he has nothing to add from the Executive Session held last week. The City is increasing appropriations by \$80,000.

Mrs. Pyke moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-16 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. James. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.