

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

June 17, 2019

Members: Tim Gorbach, Chair
Jerry James
Mary Ellen Pyke

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the March 4, 2019 and March 18, 2019 Finance Committee meetings were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. B-25

Temp. Ord. B-40

Temp. Ord. B-41

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-25

Adoption of Economic Development Plan; creating a Tax Increment Financing Incentive District; declaring improvements to the parcels within the incentive district to be a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation; requiring the owners of those parcels to make service payments in lieu of taxes; establishing a Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of those service payments; and specifying the public infrastructure improvements that benefit or serve parcels in the Incentive District, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach stated that there was a Public Hearing held on Temporary Ordinance B-25 just over a month ago. There were three or four residents who spoke in favor of it. There was one resident that was hoping some other things would be done instead of what is being done. Ms. Colavecchio and Mr. Demasi spoke about this at the public hearing and they're willing to answer any questions or give a summary again this evening if anyone would like one. A lot of these services were chosen by a poll that was done with the current residents that were there. The City is going to be pushing water out and some reliable gas lines for residents don't have it out in those areas, so it is a very positive plan.

Mrs. Pyke moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-25 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. James. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-40

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts according to law for the sale of a 2014 Ford SUV Police Interceptor in exchange for advanced driver training, and declaring an emergency.

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Police Captain Steve Guldeman stated that the Police Department is going to receive approximately \$8,800 in training from Drive Team. In exchange for that, Drive Team will get a 2014 Interceptor valued at approximately \$8,300. It's a good deal for the Police Department, plus officers and supervisors will receive some night training through some pursuit training.

Mr. Gorbach asked how many hours that would equate to. Captain Guldeman stated that he does not have the hours before him. The Police Department has done this training before, and what they are looking at for pricing is roughly 30 participants at about \$295 apiece, which equals about \$8,800. They get handbooks, lunch and instruction.

Mrs. Pyke asked if the Police Department always worked with Drive Team. Captain Guldeman stated that this is not the first time. Mrs. Pyke asked what an Interceptor is. Captain Guldeman stated that it is a Ford Explorer outfitted differently for police use. Mr. Brillhart stated that he called one of the largest police car dealers that buys and sells used police cars in the United States and asked what the value would be if they buy at auction. They said it would be about \$5,000, so the City is getting a very good deal.

Mr. James moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-40 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Pyke. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-41

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into a Modification of Contract No. 7597 with David Pelligra & Architects, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

This ordinance will authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into a modification of Contract No. 22 7597 with David Pelligra & Architects, Inc., on the basis of its proposal dated, June 3, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. The total contract price after modification shall not exceed \$117,300.

Mr. Tony Demasi, Engineer, stated that David Pelligra & Architects, Inc. designed the new Law Enforcement training facility. The original contract allotted time a little more authorization to have Mr. Pelligra on the project to provide continued construction administration services throughout the project, which is on schedule to be completed by the end of September. The original contract, which the Council approved last year, was for \$93,000. Through the Board of Control, they have added the 10 percent that they are allowing, \$9,300. This modification that they are asking for is an additional authorization of \$15,000. That would get them through the end of the project. Mr. Pelligra's total fees would come to \$117,300. It is less than 7 percent of the construction costs, so a very fair and reasonable cost for architectural services for a new building.

Mr. Gorbach asked if they originally had anticipated using his services in that manner, though not through the end of the project. Mr. Demasi stated that they had always anticipated it, but it is a demanding project, and trying to coordinate a contractor locally with the contractor from Utah who is coming in to construct the actual firing range takes a quite a bit of time. They have

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exhausted his authorization so far, so they need a little bit more. Mr. Gorbach stated that many of them know of Mr. Pelligra and his group and all of the work that he has done in the facility. He stated that has great confidence in him, as well as Mr. Demasi's opinion on the matter to continue with him, so he is in favor of it. Mrs. Pyke stated that she agrees with Mr. Gorbach. They both know Mr. Pelligra from outside of this venue. He is a fine man, and, for less than 7 percent of the project, Cuyahoga Falls is getting a deal.

Mrs. Pyke moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-41 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. James. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.