

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee

February 20, 2018

Members: Jerry James, Chair
Paul Colavecchio
Jeff Iula

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the November 20, 2017 and December 18, 2017 Public Affairs Committee meetings were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-11

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-11

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the Woodward Creek Culvert under the Creekside Trail Improvement Project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, stated that Woodward Creek experienced severe flooding back on May 12th, 2014. That storm produced 4 inches of rain in about 45 minutes, which, by the charts, was about a thousand-year storm. In November of that year, the City received a study from a commission report that gave the details about Woodward Creek from the headwaters near Woodridge High School down to Northampton Road. The report provided a summary of existing conditions and provided recommendations for improvements to Woodward Creek. Some of those improvements included upgrading culvert pipes underneath roadways. In 2015, design began on three of those culverts to increase capacity, with the idea of replacing one in 2016, one in 2017 and one in 2018. This is the third of those three projects. This year, they will be adding an additional culvert underneath Creekside Trail where Woodward Creek crosses. The existing culvert there is five feet in diameter, and they will add an additional five-foot diameter right next to it. Bids were opened on February 6, and they received 12 bids.

Mr. James asked if they have decided on the bids. Mr. Demasi stated that they have. All the bids were posted as on the City website. The bidder that will be awarded this project, pending Council approval of this ordinance, will be Fioritto Construction. Mr. James asked if the street be closed during the installation of pipe. Mr. Demasi stated that the project will require full closure. Because this is a school bus route, the project will not begin until May 29th. The last day of school is May 24th. The project will be completed by August 1st. Mr. Iona asked if this will be the third and final phase of that project. Mr. Demasi stated that that is correct. Chart Road and Sandalwood Lane are completed, and, now, Creekside will be done. Mr. Iona asked if there has been some improvement. He is getting less complaints. Mr. Demasi stated that there has been improvement.

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Mickey Loftus, Boy Scout Troop 155, Northminster Church, stated that to prevent Woodridge School from flooding again, the City can put a natural barrier around it that doesn't need to be maintained. If they put a small area of wetland around it, it will absorb it. Mr. Demasi stated that those are great observations, and he would love to speak with him about those after the meeting.

Mr. Colavecchio moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-11 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.