

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

February 5, 2018

Members: Tim Gorbach, Chair
Jerry James
Mary Ellen Pyke

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the January 16, 2018 Finance Committee meeting were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. A-7

Temp. Ord. A-8

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-7

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Director of Public Safety, to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, with ms consultants for architectural design services for the demolition and replacement of Fire Station, and declaring an emergency.

Fire Chief Paul Moledor stated that this building has been on the books to be replaced for quite a while. The first process was a feasibility study performed about three years ago. Now, it is coming to fruition where there is an architect chosen to do the work to start looking at it getting it replaced. Mr. Gorbach stated that this item was budgeted last year for a total of \$400,000 to be spent in 2018. In the Capital Plan, monies are in the budget for construction in 2019 and then, if need be, into 2020. Chief Moledor stated that that was correct. The plan is to complete the architectural design of the building now. When budget hearings are held this fall, they will have a good idea of what it is going to cost to construct the station to then build that into the 2019-2020 budget.

Mrs. Pyke asked how they came up with the architectural design firm. Chief Moledor stated that they put out for requests for qualifications. There received 10 or 11 of them. A committee reviewed the qualifications to see who had the most experience and would do the best job, and that who was chosen. Mrs. Pyke stated that she looked them up on the internet and they seemed to have a lot of qualifications. Mr. Colavecchio asked if the new fire station will be in the footprint of the old one. Chief Moledor stated that was their plan. Mr. Colavecchio asked what will happen to the firefighters during this time of displacement. Chief Moledor stated that their tentative plan now is to move them to Station 5. There will be a double company at Station 5, very similar to when there was a double company at Station 3. The response districts will then be adjusted appropriately. Mrs. Pyke asked if there had been any consideration to moving the station before putting more money into the current location. Chief Moledor stated that they did look at moving stations. They must be positioned in the best spot to have the best public safety. There is not a good location other than where Station 3 is currently. They looked at moving it farther south on Portage Trail, but that would create coverage issues on the north end. They also looked to move

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it to State Road, but that also would create more areas to not be covered than they would prefer. That is why it was decided to stay in the current location.

Mr. Brillhart asked how much larger the new station be, and if will there be more equipment in there. Chief Moledor stated that the architects are going to help arrange how to do that. Station 3 is in the center of the city; that being so, they need to plan for future growth. The plan is to try to have it made for six firefighters there, and maybe adding one more bay, a small conference room and some additional things to bring it up to proper standards. They not sure exactly what that will look like until they meet with the architect.

Mrs. Pyke moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-7 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. James. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. A-8

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition and removal of demolition debris from dangerous buildings located at 1555 10th Street 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, City Engineer, stated that this ordinance allows the City to demolish the garage and home at 1555-10th Street. The structure was condemned by the Summit County Chief Building Official on November 3, 2017, due to a very large hole in the roof. The home is currently vacant. Following demolition, the cost will be certified to the Finance Department for collections.

Mrs. Pyke asked if the City was going to continue to monitor this property and take care of it after it's been taken down. Mr. Demasi stated that the City is not taking ownership of the property, so, moving forward, if there are continued housing violations, the Housing Division will continue to assess those and abate them accordingly. Mrs. Pyke asked if the pine trees located against the house will be removed. Mr. Demasi stated that that is not part of the demolition. The home can be demolished without down the trees. Removing the trees would add considerable cost to the demolition. Mrs. Pyke asked if the property owner is deceased. Mr. Demasi stated that he passed away in April of 2017.

Mr. James moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-8 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Pyke. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.