

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Affairs Committee

January 20, 2015

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pallotta, Chair, at 6:51 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes Approval of the minutes was deferred.

Agenda Items

The Chair announced that proponent testimony would be dispensed with for Temp. Ords. B-3 through B-8. Department heads and the Assistant Service Director would be available to answer any questions.

Temp. Ord. B-3 An ordinance authorizing the Directors of Safety and Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase or lease of various vehicles for use by the City, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Klinger, who asked if any of the vehicles being purchased are net additions to the fleet, or simply replacements of existing vehicles. The Chair recognized Garage Superintendent Donald Williams, who stated that all of the vehicles are replacements.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp. Ord. B-3 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Ord. B-4 An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of annual requirements of certain materials, supplies and services for use by the Garage Division during 2015, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who asked if the City is locked into fuel prices, or whether the City is benefitting from recent fuel price market reductions. Mr. Williams stated that his price changes weekly based upon market conditions. The City's most recent price is \$1.68/gal for gasoline and \$2.32/gal. for diesel.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp. Ord. B-4 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Ord. B-5

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of annual requirements of certain services, materials and supplies for use by the Division of Sanitation during 2015, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair recognized Mr. Weinhardt, who asked how worn out trash and recycle bins are replaced. The Chair recognized Streets and Sanitation Superintendent Chuck Novak, who stated the City will, on request, deliver a new bin to residents who need them. The worn out bin must be returned.

The Chair recognized Mr. DeRemer, who asked (inaudible). Mr. Novak stated that the City took requests until the supply of bins was exhausted in October. The same number of bins will be purchased this year.

The Chair asked how residents in condominium associations can receive recycle bins. Mr. Novak stated that if the residents are City sanitation customers, they can be provided with bins.

The Chair recognized Mr. Mader, who asked whether the green fiber recycling bags provided will be replaced after being used by a resident. Mr. Novak

stated that the company providing those bags will deliver new bags whenever bags are used.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp. Ord. B-5 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Ord. B-6

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of annual requirements of certain materials and supplies for use by the Street Department during 2015, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair asked the Assistant Service Director Theresa Hazlett to explain where the projected expenditure of \$637,520 appears in the budget. Ms. Hazlett stated (inaudible).

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp. Ord. B-6 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Ord. B-7

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of the City's requirements of certain services, materials and supplies for use by the Water and Sewer Division during 2015, and declaring an emergency.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp. Ord. B-7 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Ord. B-8

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of the City's requirements for certain materials, supplies, and equipment for use by the Electric Division during 2015, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair asked Ms. Hazlett to explain the capital outlay amount of \$220,000. Ms. Hazlett stated (inaudible). Electric Superintendent Michael Dougherty stated that the items listed are capitalized because they cost over \$5,000.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who asked if the estimated amounts are based upon historical data. Mr. Dougherty stated that they are.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp. Ord. B-8 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Res. B-9

A resolution authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for and accept a grant from the Summit Reworks, and declaring an emergency.

Proponent testimony was offered by Street & Sanitation Superintendent Chuck Novak. Mr. Novak stated that Summit Reworks is the county's solid waste authority. The authority is authorized to collect a \$5.00/ton tipping fee at local landfills. \$1.00 of this amount is set aside for grants to Summit County agencies, based upon population, to be used for recycling. The grant has been a part of the Department's operations for many years.

The Chair recognized Mr. Weinhardt, who asked if the grant amount fluctuates from year to year. Mr. Novak stated it is based upon tonnage deposited in landfills.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp. Res. B-9 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Ord. B-10

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the replacement or adjustment of concrete sidewalks, drive approaches and curbs at various locations in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Proponent testimony was offered by City Engineer Tony Demasi, who stated that the ordinance authorizes the City's annual program to construct concrete sidewalks, drive approaches and curbs. Bids will be opened March 31, 2015 and work typically begins at the end of the school year in June.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp. Ord. B-10 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Non-Agenda Items

None.

Adjournment

Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.



Victor Pallotta, Chair



Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council