

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting

January 20, 2015

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Mr. Iula, Chair, at 6:45 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes Without objection, the minutes from the meetings of May 19, 2014, June 2, 2014, June 16, 2014 and Sept 2, 2014 were approved.

Agenda Items

Temp. Res. B-2 A resolution creating for the year 2015 a Sidewalk and Drive Approach Repair or Replacement District containing such streets, alleys, or public roadways within the corporate limits of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, declaring the necessity of repairing or replacing the sidewalks and drive approaches abutting on such streets, alleys or public roadways within said corporate limits and providing the method for levying special assessments, and declaring an emergency.

Proponent testimony was offered by City Engineer Tony Demasi. Mr. Demasi stated that this is the annual resolution which creates the sidewalk and drive approach assessment district. The program permits the City to replace sidewalk and drive approaches in the City, to be assessed at a later date, and will begin March 31st.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who asked if the City will consider replacement of sidewalks a first priority where the sidewalk abuts other sidewalks at a different elevation, making wheelchair passage impossible. Mr. Demasi stated that the City has 8 criteria it uses to evaluate sidewalks. If any one of the 8 criteria exists, the sidewalk is placed on the list for replacement. The City does not prioritize one type of defect over another. Mrs. Pyke asked if a sidewalk slab posed a 4" difference from the adjacent slab,

whether it would be placed at the head of the list for replacement. Mr. Demasi stated that in the prior three years, the City has completed all sidewalk repairs requested. Mrs. Pyke asked whether the City plans to perform the same amount of work in 2015 as it has in prior years. Mr. Demasi stated that the City has no list of work to be done as yet. The City relies on resident requests to determine the scope of the program.

The Chair recognized a member of the public, Kristy Rice, who asked if the City uses inspectors to determine which sidewalks will require repair, and whether homeowners must pay for it. Mr. Demasi stated that while homeowners are responsible for the repair of sidewalks generally, this program is voluntary and includes a City-paid matching grant.

There was no opponent testimony.

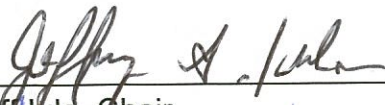
Motion by Mr. Mader to release Temp. Res. B-2 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Iula. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Non-Agenda Items


None.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chairman Iula adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.



Jeff Iula, Chair



Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council