

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee Meeting
October 17, 2011

Members: Don Walters, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Terry Mader

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the September 6, 2011 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Res. B-93
Temp. Res. B-94
Temp. Res. B-95

Discussion

Temp. Res. B-93

A resolution authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, through the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), for the reconstruction of Broad Boulevard between Second and Newberry Streets, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated that on 9/19/11, AMATS accepted letters of intent for new projects to add to the short-term list for 2016-2017. Some funding would be available for smaller projects. Eligible projects included those on the current transportation plan. Since this project is a long-term recommendation, the City submitted a letter of intent. A fully completed application is due by October 19 and final legislation is due by November 16. This project will improve traffic flow and would include new signalization, pavement marking, signage and street lighting. The total project is \$975,000 with the federal portion being \$780,000 and City's portion being \$195,000. Mr. Walters stated this is a few years away and asked if it would still go through the rating process. Mr. Demasi stated applications are due this week and scoring and judgment of the projects submitted will follow. This project will not rank as high as those that are further along in development. Mrs. Klinger asked why there was to be resignalization when that was already done in this area. Mr. Demasi stated it was twelve years ago but this area continues to be congested so the plan is to upgrade the signals to the most technologically-advanced units available and would also include upgrading controllers and signage to get traffic flowing quicker. Mrs. Klinger felt reopening Main Street would help with traffic flow. Mr. Demasi stated that would be coordinated with this project. This is a recommendation from AMATS to have this work done. Mrs. Klinger asked if they would look at a silent crossing. She would be in favor of that. Mr. Demasi stated they would not look at that with this project but would look at it at some later point. Mrs. Pyke stated this is great and any chance the City has to look at money from outside the City is great. She added that the City would be working with Schwebels, as well.

Mr. Ihasz recommended bringing out B-93 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Mader. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Res. B-94

A resolution authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, through the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), for the reconstruction of Howe Avenue between Main Street and Buchholzer Boulevard, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated the City submitted a letter of intent on September 19. This received high recommendations on the AMATS plan. It is on Howe Rd. from Main to Buchholzer. Applications are due October 19, and legislation in November. The purpose of this project is system preservation. The current estimate is \$4.1 million, with the federal share being \$3.28 million and the City's share being \$820,000. He is leaning toward concrete but is open to using either concrete or asphalt on this project. There will not be any widening done. It will blend with the project currently underway at Howe and Main, and will begin where the Howe and Main project ends. Potential construction would begin in 2016.

Mr. Mader moved to bring out B-94 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Ihasz. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Res. B-95

A resolution authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, through the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), for the resurfacing of Tallmadge Road between Newberry Street and Clyde Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated the City submitted a letter of intent on September 19 for the resurfacing of Tallmadge Road. They have been successful in the past with resurfacing money from AMATS. The full application will be submitted by October 19. This project involves 3" asphalt, full depth repairs as needed, and handicapped ramps. It is approximately 1.1 miles in length and was last paved in 1996. These monies are available and the project would be ready to bid in 2013. The total cost is \$425,000, with the federal share being \$340,000. Mrs. Pyke stated they have been talking about Tallmadge Road for six years so it is good to see this project come about. She asked if the area in front of 636 Tallmadge could be patched because it is particularly bad. Mr. Demasi stated the Street Department has been busy maintaining the roads as best they can. Mrs. Pyke stated the area had an overlay but now it is coming up. She added that they did a sample piece in the 1200 block of Chestnut and asked if the City would be purchasing the equipment that did that piece because it was a beautiful job. Mrs. Carr stated they are considering putting that in the budget.

Mr. Ihasz moved to bring out B-95 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Mader. Motion passed (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.