

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee Meeting
November 18, 2013

Members: Carrie Snyder, Chair
Mary Nichols-Rhodes
Mary Ellen Pyke

Mrs. Snyder called the meeting to order at 8:49 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the July 15, 2013 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Res. B-84
Temp. Res. B-85
Temp. Res. B-86
Temp. Res. B-87
Temp. Res. B-88
Temp. Res. B-89

Discussion

Temp. Res. B-84

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 Second Street between Crawford School Way and Broad Boulevard, and declaring an emergency.

On October 17, AMATS accepted letters of intent for projects for FY 2018-19. Some funding would be available for small projects such as this one. Eligible projects are currently on AMATS' plan. A fully completed application is due next Monday, and signed legislation is due December 20. The purpose of this project is to resurface Second Street, which was last paved in 1999. The estimated cost is \$375,000. The City will get 80% back from the government so the City's share will be \$75,000. Mrs. Snyder asked where this project would be on a current street list. Mr. Demasi stated it could be on the list now but \$375,000 is nearly one-third of the entire paving budget which would mean it would have to be broken up into phases. They are hoping to do this in 2016. If the City does not get this money, the project would probably begin in 2016 and stretch into 2017.

Mrs. Pyke moved to bring out Temp. Res. B-84 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Res. B-85

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 Front and Second Streets between Chestnut Boulevard and Cuyahoga River, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated the City submitted a Letter of Intent on October 17. In 2013, the City hired GPD Associates to prepare plans. Applications are due next Monday for construction year 2019. The federal share is \$4.7 million and the City's share is \$940,000. Mrs. Pyke asked where the plans could be found. Mr. Demasi stated the Plans are in Community Development so residents can call that Department. They

will try to also put them online. Mrs. Truby stated they got estimates to do the entire plan but they are applying for funding on different phases. Part is river and park related and parts are street related. They would not get funding for the entire project. Mrs. Pyke stated it was exciting to see all the people walking downtown. This plan is exciting. She asked what the chances were of the money coming through. Mr. Demasi stated they will be competing against big projects so it depends on how many get submitted and their size. This is a good project and should score well. Mrs. Klinger asked when the City would hear back on these grants. Mr. Demasi stated the final application is submitted next Monday, and the committee meets in December to review the projects submitted. The full committee meets in January so the City will not know until late January or early February next year.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to bring out Temp. Res. B-85 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Pyke. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Res. B-86

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 construction of the Wyoga Lake Road Multi-Purpose Trail Phase One, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this is for a new multi-purpose trail from Graham Road to Steels Corners Road. The first phase is Graham to Remington. The City submitted a Letter of Intent for this project. The current estimate for the first phase in 2019 is \$875,000. The federal share would be \$700,000 and the City's share \$175,000. He added that it's possible the City could be ready in 2017. Mrs. Snyder asked how many times the City has applied for trailways. Mr. Demasi indicated this is the first time through AMATS. This would not score as high as the Tow Path but that is completed, or the Freedom Trails in Kent, but those are almost completed as well.

Mrs. Pyke moved to bring out Temp. Res. B-86 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Res. B-87

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 Steels Corners Road between State Road and Wyndham Ridge Drive, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this is to resurface Steels Corners using 3" asphalt full depth and also upgrading with handicap ramps. This road has not been paved since the City acquired it in 1986, so it has held up remarkably well. It is now in need of repairs. The estimate is \$375,000 with the City's share being \$75,000. It is for the 2016 construction year. Ms. Nichols-Rhodes asked if anything would be happening with the bridge. Mr. Demasi stated that Wyndham Ridge is in Stow. The City talked to Stow who will pass legislation allowing Cuyahoga Falls to go into Stow to pave part of their road. The bridge, if the City doesn't pave it, will be the only section not paved. However, the County Engineer said they would submit legislation for the City to pave it. He is not aware of any plans to widen or do anything else to the bridge.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to bring out Temp. Res. B-87 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Pyke. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Res. B-88

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 Front Street between Broad Boulevard and Second Street, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated that Front Street is a collector street, which is due to be resurfaced. It has been ten years since it was last resurfaced. It overlaps the other ordinance in case the City does not get the Gorge Terrace part, at least it can get resurfacing money to resurface it. The estimate is \$350,000 with the City's share being \$70,000. Mrs. Pyke asked when the money was expected to come through for this. That area is desperately in need of repair. Mr. Demasi stated it would take one to two years to develop plans and then they need to review the plans with ODOT. They will continue to patch it as best as they can. He will look into doing strip repairs.

Mrs. Pyke moved to bring out Temp. Res. B-88 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Res. B-89

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), to conduct a feasibility study of implementing two-way traffic on Front and Second Streets between Broad Boulevard and State Route 8, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated that one of the recommendations in AMATS' long-term plan is funding of a study to reconfigure Front Street. The City agreed to look at it to see if it was cost eligible. The application is due November 25. Both are one way streets. This study will look at alternatives to each section. It will include traffic volume and movement counts. Preliminary cost for construction is \$250,000 with the City's share at \$50,000. Mrs. Klinger asked if the study could be done in 2014-15. Mr. Demasi stated they are looking to put together a capital budget for five years. They may slot funding in 2014. They will not know if they will get the federal share until February so they may put \$50,000 in as an expense and \$200,000 as revenue.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to bring out Temp. Res. B-89 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Pyke. Motion passed (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.