

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting
November 7, 2011

Members: Jerry James, Chair
Vince Rubino
Mary Ellen Pyke

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 7:57 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the June 20, 2011 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Ord. B-113

Discussion:

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An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts without competitive bidding with Superior Environmental Corporation for the professional services necessary to conduct a Phase II environmental assessment of certain real property as necessary for preparation and submission of a grant application to the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Truby stated the Development Department is applying to CORF for a project in the downtown area at Broad, Main and Tallmadge. The project would be for the reopening of Main Street, demolition of the unused building at Schwebels, and also moving the docks. The Phase II report will take 4 to 6 weeks to complete and the application is due in January, 2012. They are asking Council to pass this legislation this evening to get the process going. All funding is coming out of CDBG funds. The three parcels mentioned in Section 1 of the legislation belong to Schwebels. Mrs. Pyke asked for a copy of the preliminary plans as far as the broadening of Tallmadge. Mrs. Truby indicated they were only at the application phase. The project has not been presented or approved or reviewed by anyone. She added they have been successful in acquiring these funds in the past. Mrs. Pyke asked if it would be limited to the Schwebel property and wondered about the environmental impact. Mr. Guerra stated that Phase II will involve test borings for ground water and also soil testing. Tests will be on the property between Main and Newberry and also between Newberry and Tallmadge at the triangle. They have already tested the asbestos in the buildings. Mrs. Pyke stated she is excited about this project. The docks have always been a bone of contention with her. Mayor Robert stated they have been encouraging Schwebels to allow the City to put Main Street back through. The congestion in that area is a dangerous situation. However, they did not want to push Schwebels too hard as they are a good part of the City's job market. This project will be similar to Americhem but more grandiose. It is an exciting project. Mrs. Pyke added she was glad this was coming out tonight because people were asking her about Main Street opening up. The residents on Newberry will be thrilled.

Mrs. Pyke moved to approve bringing B-113 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation for a vote this evening, second by Mr. Rubino. Motion passed (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.