

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting**  
**February 1, 2010**

**Members:** Don Walters, Chair  
Mark Ihasz  
Terry Mader

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 10:00 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the December 21, 2009 and January 19, 2010 Committee meetings were approved as submitted.

**Legislation to be Discussed:**

Temp. Ord. A-17  
Temp. Ord. A-18  
Temp. Res. A-19  
Temp. Res. A-20  
Sub. Temp. Res. A-21 (2-1-10)  
Temp. Res. A-22  
Temp. Res. A-23  
Temp. Res. A-24

**Discussion**

Mr. Walters stated that A-17 is being held at the request of Administration.

**Temp. Ord. A-18**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for repairs as required by Project Partner: Storm Water Inspection Program, and declaring an emergency.

Russ Kring stated this is the yearly money that they set aside for Project Partner. The work that gets done is open to their two pre-qualified contractors. He felt that requests were down a little because of slow home sales but they manage to stay consistent. They get about half of the homes that are sold. Mr. Walters asked what the pass/fail rate was of the homes that are tested. Mr. Kring said approximately 40% fail. Mrs. Pyke thanked Mr. Kring for his hard work.

***Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-18.***

**Temp. Res. A-19**

A resolution creating for the year 2010 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.

Mr. Demasi stated this is the annual resolution that creates the sidewalks and drive approaches for 2010. They plan to open bids on March 30. Mr. Walters asked if a list has been compiled. Mr. Demasi stated they wait until the legislation passes and word gets into the newspaper. They usually receive requests from residents who read about it. Last year, they were able to get to all requests received. The requests

usually come from property owners or pedestrians. If they receive a lot of requests from one specific neighborhood, they will usually do that area as one big improvement. Mr. Ihasz asked if the price per linear foot would be about the same. Mr. Demasi stated they will not know the exact price until the project is done but, at this time, they are looking at the same cost. Mr. Walters asked if the City still did leveling. Mr. Demasi stated if someone wants to do that, they can but the City does not look at doing it in-house. Mrs. Carr added that they have two people in the Water Department who work with concrete. Other than that, the City does not have the skill level necessary.

***Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. A-19.***

**Temp. Res. A-20**

A resolution authorizing the application for federal funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), in the matter of Portage Trail resurfacing, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated that on December 5, 2007, a policy was passed by AMATS that allowed money to be used for resurfacing of roadways. On December 18, 2009, AMATS accepted letters of intent for projects, and applications were due today (February 1). The deadline for the required resolution is March 1. The City submitted an application for Portage Trail for approximately 3/4 mile from 4th Street to 13th Street. The current estimate is \$300,000 for construction which makes the 80% federal share to be \$240,000. Awards are based on a conditional rating. He felt this project should score well. Mr. Ihasz asked how much the engineering would cost. Mr. Demasi believed it would be around \$20,000 for this project.

***Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. A-20.***

**Sub. Temp. Res. A-21 (dated 2-1-10)**

A resolution authorizing the application for federal funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), in the matter of Howe Avenue and Main Street intersection improvements, PID 78416, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated the City obtained environmental clearance and has begun purchasing properties for the project. This project is currently funded by State monies in the amount of \$1,080,000. Total construction is estimated at \$1.59 million. They are requesting \$822,320, which is 80% of the balance.

***Committee recommended bringing out Sub. Temp. Res. A-21 (dated 2-1-10).***

**Temp. Res. A-22**

A resolution authorizing the application for federal funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), in the matter of State Road and Portage Trail roadway improvements related to the Portage Trail redevelopment of the former State Road Shopping Center, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated they applied for public improvements to State Road and Portage Trail associated with the Portage Crossings project. The current estimate is over \$1.2 million. Mr. Walters commented on the rate. Mr. Demasi stated the funding policy is not as restrictive as it used to be. Any project that enhances mobility is eligible for funding. This project may not score as high but they will see where it ends up. Mrs. Hummel stated that when this project was discussed earlier in relation to the shopping center, Council was told there would have to be traffic studies. She assumed this project would score lower because those studies have not yet been done. Mr. Demasi stated they are in the process of narrowing down a consultant for the project and should be making a final decision on that in the next few weeks. AMATS is making its decision sometime in April or May. The City could have a traffic impact study and preliminary designs completed by that time.

*Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. A-22.*

**Temp. Res. A-23**

A resolution authorizing the application for federal funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), in the matter of State Road resurfacing, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this was for resurfacing State Road from Quick Road to Seasons Road. This area is one of the worst rated. It was last paved in 1993. The cost of the project is estimated at \$1.6 million. Mrs. Colavecchio asked if there would be a gap from Steels Corners to Quick Road. Mr. Demasi stated that the State Road widening goes to Quick Road but because of the length of the turn lane, ODOT agreed to extend it. The two projects might be happening at the same time.

*Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. A-23.*

**Temp. Res. A-24**

A resolution authorizing the application for federal funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), in the matter of State Road reconstruction widening, PID 81605, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated there is \$3.716 million in federal money programmed for the project. Mr. Walters asked if this project would be more likely to succeed since the City already has some of the funds. Mr. Demasi stated they are hopeful that this project will score high.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.