

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting

February 18, 2014

- Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Mr. Iula, Chair, at 6:38 p.m. A quorum was present.
- Approval of the Minutes Without objection, the minutes of the December 6, 2014 Committee meeting were approved.
- Agenda Items
- Temp. Ord. A-5 An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for concrete and masonry repairs to the City-owned parking garages located at 2035 Old Town Loop (the "Blue" Parking Deck), 2052 Front Street (the "Red Parking Deck), and 2318 Second Street (the "Green" Parking Deck), and declaring an emergency.
- Proponent testimony was offered by the City Engineer Tony Demasi. The ordinance will allow the City to contract for annual routine maintenance to the City's three parking decks. This year's repairs will include horizontal full depth repair, structural T repairs, and waterproofing in the Blue Deck, and in the Green deck, spall repairs to the stairways and walkway leading to the mall. The project has been bid. Eleven bids were opened on February 11th. Work typically begins in April and is complete in September.
- The Chair asked the age of the parking decks. Mr. Demasi stated the decks are 30-35 years old. The Chair asked if maintenance such as this is required every year. Mr. Demasi acknowledged this is the case.
- The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who asked if the Green deck is where the students park. Mr. Demasi answered affirmatively. Mrs. Pyke asked if the work on the Green Deck would be delayed until the high

school is in summer recess. Mr. Demasi stated that portions of the deck would be blocked off to allow for student parking during the work. There is enough room to work around the students. Mrs. Pyke asked if the steps on the south side of the Green Deck are included in these repairs. Mr. Demasi stated that these steps will be looked at during the project. Mrs. Pyke asked if existing lighting no longer in use had been capped off. Mr. Demasi stated that if there are capped off fixtures that have fallen into disrepair, they will be addressed.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Mader to release Temp. Ord. A-5 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mrs. Snyder. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Res. A-6

A resolution consenting to the inspection of municipal bridges within the city of Cuyahoga Falls by the State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Proponent testimony was offered by the City Engineer Tony Demasi. Mr. Demasi stated that the State requires every municipally-owned on the National Bridge Inventory that is longer than 10 feet be inspected every year. There are seven such bridges in Cuyahoga Falls. The City conducts these inspections using its Engineering staff, and has found these bridges to be in compliance with federal and local standards. However, ODOT has received a grant to hire a consulting engineer to perform this work on behalf of municipalities in Ohio, at no cost to the municipality. This resolution will allow the consulting engineer to perform the bridge inspection work on behalf of the City, for a period of three years. Even though the City's staff is fully capable of doing this work, there is a degree of subjectivity in the inspection of a bridge such that a second look by the consulting engineer will be useful to the City. Also, the consulting engineer will use "snooper" bucket

trucks that will permit access to parts of the bridge not usually accessible in an inspection. The City's personnel will have the opportunity to shadow the consulting engineer and gain valuable experience.

The Chair asked when the project will begin. Mr. Demasi stated that ODOT is in the consultant selection phase, and inspections will begin sometime in the summer.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

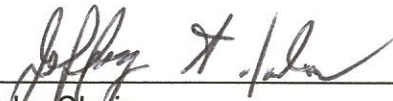
Motion by Mr. Mader to release Temp. Res. A-6 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mrs. Snyder. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Non-Agenda Items


None.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chairman Lula adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



Jeff Lula, Chair



Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council