

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting

February 2, 2015

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Mr. Iula, Chair, at 6:30p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes Approval of the minutes was deferred.

Agenda Items

Temp. Ord. B-13 An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the replacement of a waterline in 2nd Street, from Broad Boulevard to May Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Proponent testimony was offered by City Engineer Tony Demasi. Mr. Demasi stated that this project will replace 3,200 feet of 6" cast iron water main with 8" ductile iron water main, in Second Street from Broad Blvd. to just south of May Ave. The existing water main was constructed in the 1920's and 1930's. There have been several recent breaks on this main. Design of the project began in early 2014. The project was submitted for OPWC funding in July 2014 but did not qualify, and the project was budgeted with City funds for 2015. Bids were opened last week. There were 8 bids. The project will begin in March 2015 and will last for 3 to 4 months.

The Chair asked if the replacement line will be installed on the east or west side of the street. Mr. Demasi stated it will be installed on the east side, to avoid the old water line and trolley tracks.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who asked if the contract will require the contractor to not cease work on the job. Mr. Demasi stated that a contractor may cease work for a legitimate reason, but is under a duty to proceed with the work. Mrs. Pyke noted that during the water main replacement on Chestnut Blvd.,

the contractor ceased work for no apparent reason and went to work on another job. Mrs. Pyke asked if the contract for this project will prevent such an occurrence. Mr. Demasi stated there is no special language in the contract referencing this. Mrs. Pyke asked if the same contractor may be awarded this contract. Mr. Demasi stated it may be the same contractor. Mrs. Pyke asked whether there is anything the City can do to prevent the same thing happening on this contract. Service Director Eric Czetli stated this project will be "watched closer" than the Chestnut Blvd. project. Mrs. Pyke asked whether shallow portions of the current water main, which are prone to freezing during the winter, will be installed at a depth to prevent freezing, and whether affected homeowners will be required to replace their service connections to match the new depth. Mr. Demasi stated that the City will replace the service connection from the main to the valve box. The residents will be advised to replace their service connections if they are not copper. It is up to the residents. Mrs. Pyke asked if there will be financial assistance for homeowners who cannot afford this work. Community Development Director Diane Sheridan stated that financial assistance would be available through CDBG. Mrs. Pyke asked if there are special construction considerations due to the street being a brick street. Mr. Demasi stated the backfill will be a concrete-based material, not sand or aggregate. The City has not had a problem with trench settling using this material in brick streets.

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


Motion by Mr. Mader to release Temp. Ord. B-13 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Iula. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Non-Agenda Items

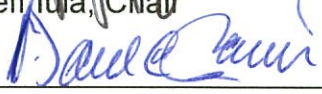
None.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chairman Iula adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.



Jeff Iula, Chair



Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council