

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
March 16, 2009

Members: Don Walters, Chair
Debbie Ritzinger
Carol Klinger

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the March 2, 2009 committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Mr. Walters stated there would be a presentation regarding Habitat for Humanity at the end of the meeting.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Ord. B-21

Discussion:

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An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts according to law for the maintenance of the public safety regional dispatch system equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brodzinski stated this was for the maintenance of the new dispatch console equipment, which was budgeted at \$65,000. The estimated cost is \$60,269. It is the annual maintenance agreement for hardware items. Mr. Walters recommended anyone who has not yet visited Station 5 to do so. It is quite impressive. Mrs. Klinger asked how much this was in relation to the total cost of the equipment. Mr. Brodzinski stated it was under ten percent and thought it may be around eight percent. He stated that the equipment was previously under warranty so this is the first year for maintenance costs. Mrs. Klinger suggested that perhaps some language be inserted to cap how much the cost can go up in the future. Mr. Brodzinski indicated John Konich was looking into tying it into a three-year contract. He added that this was with the original equipment manufacturer and not a third party.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-21 for approval.

Rochelle Fisher, the Executive Director at Habitat for Humanity, gave a presentation regarding her organization. She wanted to make City leaders aware of how the City could use some of the economic stimulus money it will be receiving to build Habitat for Humanity projects within the City. She gave a brief history of the organization and of the many projects it has done in Summit County. Mrs. Hummel felt that the City should consider this when the five-year plan is discussed.

Bill Rhines, 1868 Windsor Street, asked what the criteria was to be considered for a Habitat loan. Ms. Fisher stated that applicants complete an application. The organization then performs a credit check and background check. Anyone who is a registered sex offender, has committed a drug offense or has a drug conviction will be declined. They also look at an applicant's debt-to-income ratio, which they like to see around 39%.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.