

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee Meeting
May 16, 2011

Members: Don Walters, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Terry Mader

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the May 2, 2011 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. B-51

Discussion

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An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts without competitive bidding with Bowman Appraisal Services, Inc., for the professional services necessary to conduct appraisals of real property to be acquired for the State Road Widening Project (PID #81605), and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated in early 2008, the City began to design the improvement of State Road from Graham Road to Steels Corners. Right-of-way work is now beginning, and appraisals should be completed by May. The negotiation and closing on properties will be handled by URS. This ordinance is for the review of the appraisals. Whenever the City uses federal money, a second appraisal is required. Bowman will review the format and prepare the notes. There are 80 property owners. They will have final right-of-way certification by July 1, and ODOT will bid the project in October, 2012. Federal funding is available for 80% of this activity. Federal funds are also available for 80% of the right-of-way activity. Construction should begin in October, 2012 and take 18 to 24 months to complete. Mr. Walters commented about not doing competitive bidding. Mr. Demasi stated they did quality best selection. They solicited proposals from ODOT's website and chose the most qualified. Mr. Walters asked under what conditions the City is allowed to not take the lowest and best bid. Mr. Janis stated the contract is for professional services so it is not required to be competitively bid.

Mr. Ihasz moved to bring out B-51 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Mader. Motion passed (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.