

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting

May 2, 2016

Members: Carol Klinger, Chair
Russ Iona
Mike Brillhart

Mrs. Klinger called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the March 21, 2016 and April 18, 2016 Committee meetings were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. A-35

Temp. Ord. A-36

Discussion

Temp. Ord. A-35

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Harris Systems USA, Inc., for the professional services necessary to install, maintain and operate an enterprise software system/cloud, including associated software licensing, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger directed the Finance Committee and Council to the budget sheet indicating that \$8,336 was not budgeted for this contract. There was actually \$73,000 that was budgeted in maintenance for the financial systems and all the systems that are part of this purchase. That \$73,000 has already been paid, and it went into effect April 1st. The City is now going to cloud-based computing, so there is the \$73,000 that has already been applied and adding another \$8,336. The total contract amount is \$81,000, but the budget sheet only indicates the amount of \$8,336 being budgeted. This covers the City's utility billing, the financial system, PO System, HR System, Payroll and Community Development that tracks zoning permits and code enforcement. There will also be a new work order added to the software system.

Mrs. Klinger stated that there will not be a need for maintenance any longer, because the system will be cloud-based. There will be an annual fee for that service, and that is indicated in the rest of the price. Mr. John Konich, Director of Information Services, stated that a software maintenance contract will still be paid, but, in addition, there will be a maintenance fee for being on the cloud, which hosts everything in Harris Systems' facility, taking the burden off of the City for performance and liability. They are going to upgrade the hardware every five years. Mrs. Klinger asked if this will eliminate any hardware that there is today. Mr. Konich stated that it not only eliminates the hardware, but it eliminates where it is housed, so if, by chance, there would be a flood, the data can be accessed from a remote facility in southeast Florida, as well as one in Denver. Mrs. Klinger stated there will be full redundancy. Mr. Konich stated that since the software will be stored in different parts of the country, it is protected and can be easily accessed anywhere internet service is available.

Mr. Brillhart moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-35 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed (3-0).

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Temp. Ord. A-36

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract and/or contracts without competitive bidding with Best Commercial Energy Services, Inc., for the purchase of an air conditioning system retrofit, and accessories necessary for proper operation of the HVAC system in the City Municipal Building, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger stated that presently there are two air handlers in the City Municipal Building with chillers and cooling powers and compressors. Those are being replaced with two 30-ton units that are going to be placed outside in the police courtyard and hooked into the existing control system. This is going to reduce costs. Currently, all of the piping that leads to the water-based system is completely rusted out and needs to be replaced. Rather than try to retrofit or replace what exists today, a full condenser system will be purchased. Parts of this system have a one to five-year warranty, but, overall, this is going to reduce our maintenance for the City Municipal Building.

Mr. Iona moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-36 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.