CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Appropriations Committee

June 15, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Klinger, Chair, at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes

Without objection, the minutes of the meeting of May 18, 2015 were approved as submitted.

Agenda Items

Temp. Ord. B-41

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract and/or contracts without competitive bidding with Best Heating and Cooling, LLC, for the replacement of three (3) boilers, mechanical room controls, and accessories necessary for proper operation of the HVAC system in the City municipal building, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair noted that the boilers in the Municipal Building date to 1996 and the control panel dates to 2005. The control panel is proprietary to the K Company, which limits the City's ability to access its own mechanical room. The City is considering Best Heating and Cooling because it proposes to install a non-proprietary system, and is the City's current maintenance provider. The new system proposed would include a 10-year warranty on parts and labor on the boilers, and a 5-year warranty on the control panel. The project will take 6 to 8 weeks to complete, once awarded.

The Chair asked Service Director Eric Czetli to discuss the rationale for waiver of competitive bidding. Mr. Czetli stated that the City desires to eliminate the proprietary nature of the current system, which limits the City's ability to obtain competitive bids on maintenance. The failure of 2 of the 3 boilers presented a good opportunity to do that. The City discussed the project with three companies. Since Best Heating and Cooling already had the maintenance contract, the administration felt that "this was a good direction to take with this."

The Chair recognized Mr. Weinhardt, who asked if the product proposed by Best Heating and Cooling is generic and will allow the City to bid out maintenance of the system in the future. Mr. Czetli stated that this is correct

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

Motion by Mr. Iula to release Temp. Ord. B-41 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. James. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Non-Agenda Items

None

Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Carol A. Klinger, Chair

Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council