

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & Appropriations Committee Meeting

September 15, 2014

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Klinger, Chair, at 6:58 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes

Without objection, the minutes of the July 21, 2014 committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Agenda Items

Temp. Ord. A-84

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, to extend Cochran Road, from approximately 500-ft. west to 800-ft. west of Cavalier Trail, and declaring an emergency.

Proponent testimony was offered by City Engineer Tony Demasi. Mr. Demasi started that the administration proposes to extend Cochran Road west of Cavalier Trail to provide access to the new SGS Tool facility. The new road will be 300 feet long and 25 feet wide, connecting Cochran Road with Cavalier Trail. The design was completed in July and bids were opened August 19, 2014. There were four bids. Construction will begin in mid-October and completion is expected in May, 2015.

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

Motion by Mr. James to amend Temp. Ord. A-84 by substitution with Sub. Temp. Ord. A-84 dated 9/15/14. Seconded by Mr. Iula.

Motion adopted by acclamation. The amendment was approved.

Motion by Mr. James to release Sub. Temp. Ord. A-84 (9/15/14) with a favorable recommendation.

Seconded by Mr. Iula. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp Ord. A-85

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract and/or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Perrin Asphalt & Concrete Company for emergency pavement repairs to a portion of Graham Road, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair stated that the Council has been given a budget worksheet showing that the money for the contract will come from the Miscellaneous portion of the Water Fund, essentially exhausting that line item for the year. If there are any other needed projects during the year, money will need to be appropriated from the Fund Balance.

The Chair recognized the Finance Director, who agreed and stated that if other emergency projects become necessary this year, money will need to be taken from other capital outlay accounts, or be appropriated

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

Motion by Mr. Iula to amend Temp. Ord. A-85 by substitution with Sub. Temp. Ord. A-85 dated 9/15/14. Seconded by Mr. James.

Motion adopted by acclamation. The amendment was approved.

Motion by Mr. Iula to release Sub. Temp. Ord. A-84 (9/15/14) with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. James. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Ord. A-86

An ordinance providing for supplemental and/or amended appropriations of money for current operating expenses and capital expenditures of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and authorizing the transfer of

appropriations within and for the various funds hereinafter set forth, and declaring an emergency.

Proponent Testimony was offered by Finance Director Brian Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman stated that the legislation has a net zero impact on the General Fund. It increases income tax transfers due to increased income tax collections. It increases Community Development Block Grant due to additional funds available as result of the program's change of fiscal year from a start date in July to a start date in January. It appropriates funds from unappropriated balances for the planned purchase of land related to the Menard's development. In the General Fund, salaries for Police are reduced. The Police Dept. experienced salary savings due to turnover and inability to fill vacant positions. Other salary accounts are increased due to pay increases previously granted. The Municipal Income Tax Fund is increased due to increased collections in 2013 and 2014. In this fund there is a decrease in a \$210,000 transfer to the Capital Projects Fund related to Portage Crossing. The administration found no ordinance authority for this transfer, so it was cancelled. The percentage-based transfer called for by ordinance remains. The CDBG Fund is increased because of Federal approval of the change in Fiscal Year to a January 1st program year. About half of one year's program funds will be made available. These funds will assist in the purchase of the Menard's property. Also in this fund, there is a transfer from Other Operations to Capital Outlay to fund the Cochran Road project. \$241,000 will be newly appropriated to the Capital Projects Fund from a trust fund, to be used on the Menard's development.

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

Motion by Mr. James to release Temp. Ord. A-86 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Iula. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Non-Agenda Items

None.

Adjournment

Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.



Carol A. Klinger, Chair



Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council