

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
September 19, 2011**

Members: Kathy Hummel, Chair
Don Walters
Carol Klinger

Mrs. Hummel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the September 6, 2011 Finance Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-85
Temp. Ord. B-86
Temp. Ord. B-87
Temp. Ord. B-88

Discussion

Temp. Ord. B-85

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety to accept and expend a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of certain safety equipment for use by the Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

Chief Moledor stated this was a grant that the City applied for. The original grant was for \$102,750 and they are actually receiving \$87,400. This will allow for the purchase of new firefighter ensemble and gear that they wear. They regularly replace their gear every ten years. Mrs. Hummel stated this is a 80/20 split and that the City will be getting reimbursed 80% from FEMA. Mrs. Klinger stated that the budget sheet showed \$102,000 in capital projects and asked if the same amount was in income. Chief Moledor stated they had 80% on the revenue side

Mrs. Klinger moved to bring out B-85 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Walters. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-86

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Bell Equipment Company for the purchase of an automated packer truck for use by the Sanitation Division, and declaring an emergency.

Chuck Novak stated this is in the Sanitation Department capital budget for two automated packer trucks this year. The first was a used unit purchased earlier this year. For the second, he again looked at demos and found one that met the City's specs. It is a 2010 Peterbilt. The majority of trucks in the Sanitation Division are Peterbilt. They budgeted \$225,000 for a new truck and this one is being sold for \$189,000, which is a \$36,000 savings. The City will use it on a regular route—probably a trash route. Mrs. Hummel asked when the final recycle routes would be rolled out. Mr. Novak stated they are two-thirds of the way through. He will be requesting approval for Phase III in his 2012 budget. He will not need additional trucks.

Mr. Walters moved to bring out B-86 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-87

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts without competitive bidding with Commercial Fitness Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of fitness equipment for the Natatorium Recreation and Wellness Center, and declaring an emergency.

Bill Lohan stated the Natatorium is starting its 8th year. The equipment they are wanting to trade-in is the original treadmills and ellipticals. He went to the Park Board and received approval to replace them. They will be purchasing 10 treadmills and 16 ellipticals and trading in 22. Mrs. Hummel commented on doing this without competitive bidding and asked Mr. Lohan if he felt comfortable that the price was competitive. Mr. Lohan stated it is the supplier for this equipment in this area. He is getting a savings of 51% on the treadmills and 49% on the ellipticals. The trade-in will be on top of those savings. They felt it would be better to get rid of all of the old equipment at once instead of trying to sell the pieces separately.

Boy Scout Alex Rivera, 1954 Seattle Street, asked if the old equipment would be presented to the public and offered for sale. Mr. Lohan stated there are two ways they would sell equipment to the public—either by consignment or through eBay. In this case, however, they felt it would be prudent to lump it all in with the trade-in.

Mrs. Klinger moved to bring out B-87 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Walters. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-88

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a second modification of Contract No. 6347 with URS Corporation, for professional design engineering services related to improvements to State Road from Graham Road to Steels Corners Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this is the second modification needed for design work due to changes in the plan for the following reasons: (1) changes in existing condition; (2) ODOT plan comments; (3) right-of-way negotiations; (4) the need to coordinate this work with the new substation. The original requirement was to undercut two feet but ODOT has requested they undercut only one foot. This change will save hundreds of thousands of dollars in construction costs. Mrs. Hummel asked why ODOT changed the requirement from two feet to one foot. Mr. Demasi stated that according to the manual, two feet is standard but ODOT has had recent experience with implementing trial sections of less than that. ODOT feels this project is a good candidate for one foot. Mrs. Hummel asked if the City will be looking at this possible change in future projects to save money on initial engineering costs. Mr. Demasi stated they will look at it moving forward. Mrs. Klinger asked if soil borings were done. Mr. Demasi stated the City did them. Mrs. Hummel asked about the status of right-of-way acquisition. Mr. Demasi stated they anticipate all to be purchased by early next year. ODOT intends to sell the project in October.

Mr. Walters moved to bring out B-88 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed (3-0).

The Committee meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.