

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting
January 17, 2006

Members: Jerry James, Chair
Debbie Ritzinger
Terry Mader

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Considered:

Temp. Ord. B-146

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the rebuild of Hollywood Avenue underground distribution system, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. James read B-146 (second reading). Mr. Bye said the contract has not been awarded yet. Four bidders: Fishel in Columbus; Thompson Electric, Vaughn Electric and Precision Boring.

Mrs. Pyke asked if sidewalks and aprons will be disturbed. Mr. Bye said it was designed and bid to directional bore underneath the existing. The majority except for some areas in Ross Park will be directional.

Mr. Walters said he understands there is no conduit whatsoever now, the wires are just laid in the ground. Mr. Bye said it's direct buried in separate neutral cables. The neutral is wrapped on the outside, but there's no covering over it. The soil is therefore eroding it. This project includes Hollywood from Hudson to Charles. Start date is 60-120 days after award of contract.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-146 for approval.

Temp. Ord. A-3

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, with a firm or firms, to provide professional services for the improvement of Chart Road from State Road to Northampton Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. James read A-3 (second reading). Mrs. Carr said Chart Road has been discussed for many year. The last meeting was held five years ago with residents of the area, but there was little consensus as to how to improve it. Since the Kellybrook Antoinette sewers will be improved this year, the timing is right for the Chart Road project. The current plan will increase safety while maintaining the rural character of the area.

Mr. Demasi said this ordinance will allow for the hiring of an engineering firm to design the required widening of Chart Road from Northampton to State Road. The widening would bring the lanes to 11' widths and to add bike lanes on each side of the road. It will correct the vertical and horizontal site distance problems on the roadway. The current ditches will remain. The project is approved for Issue 2 funding, with final determination at the end of the month. Construction would begin July 1, 2006. The consultant will design all of Chart Road, but the first section from Keyser to State Road this year. The remaining section (Northampton to Keyser Pkwy) will be completed later.

Allen Mavrides with DLZ explained the proposal, referring to the illustration provided to Council.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-3 for approval.

Temp. Ord. A-4

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, with a firm or firms, to provide professional services for the improvement of Williams Street from Tallmadge Road to Taylor Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. James read A-4 (second reading). Mr. Demasi said this ordinance will allow for the hiring of an engineering firm to design the reconstruction of Williams Street from Prospect Avenue to Taylor Avenue. Reconstruction will include: the replacement of utilities including water, sanitary and storm; installing and/or replacing sidewalks; and the replacement of pavement. The intersection of Williams and Sill will be excluded since it has already been done. This is an Issue 2 project, and approval has been received.

Mrs. Pyke asked if the legislation should read "to Tallmadge Road" since it stops at Prospect. Mr. Arrington said the administration may include a substitute ordinance to clarify the project. Mrs. Pyke thanked the administration and Council for working to complete this reconstruction.

Mr. Demasi anticipates that most of the construction should be completed this year.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-4 for approval.

Temp. Ord. A-5

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, with a firm or firms, to provide professional services for the remediation of a landslide on Sackett Avenue near Babb Run Park, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. James read A-5 (second reading). Mr. Demasi said the ordinance allows for the hiring of an engineering firm to perform subsurface investigation and survey, landslide analysis, and prepare construction documents for the stabilization of Sackett Avenue near Babb Run Park. This area has a long history of unstable slopes. The city's engineering department has been monitoring the situation.

Mr. Barnhart asked if the sidewalks would be replaced. Mr. Demasi said they would.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-5 for approval

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

