

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
November 19, 2007

Members: Tim Gorbach, Chair
Jerry James
Carol Klinger

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

Legislation Considered

Temp. Ord. B-147
Temp. Ord. B-148
Temp. Ord. B-149
Temp. Ord. B-154
Temp. Ord. B-155
Temp. Ord. B-156
Temp. Ord. B-157
Temp. Ord. B-158

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-147

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract extension with Waste Management for the disposal of municipal recycle materials, and declaring an emergency.

Chuck Novak stated the City had a two-year contract which expires at the end of the year. The contract is subject to a one-year extension and they would like to exercise that option. The rate will remain the same for another year. They will be going out for competitive bids next year.

Mr. Gorbach asked how long the City has been using Waste Management. Mr. Novak wasn't sure of the exact amount of time but stated it has been for quite awhile. Mr. Gorbach asked if the current rate was a good one to decide to extend the contract vs. going out for bids. Mr. Novak confirmed that it was and that extending the contract would be their best option. Mrs. Carr added that the length of the contract with Waste Management has been seven years, and for at least the past five years, the material has been going straight to Oakwood.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-147 for approval.

Temp. Ord. B-148

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract extension with Countywide Recycling and Waste Disposal Facility for disposal of municipal waste, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak stated this situation was similar to that of B-147. They are looking at a one-year extension of the current contract with Countywide Recycling, which is a division of Republic Waste. They take the municipal waste to the Akron station.

Mr. Walters stated this was the one where they had some underground fires and asked if the City had an alternative if the EPA does not renew the permit. Mr. Novak stated waste could go to a different landfill. He said that the issues that the EPA have is for a part that is not active any more. He spoke with Countywide at length and they strongly feel they will have the permit. Until a decision is rendered, things will remain the

same. If not, the City could just take its accounts and work something out with Waste Management but it would still go to the Akron station. He could not say what the rate would be if they went to Waste Management. Mrs. Carr added if it changed, the City would have to discuss that with them. Everything would be more expensive. There may be other options next year. Twinsburg has opened a transfer station so there is some competition which will help the City in its bidding process.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-148 for approval.

Temp Ord. B-149

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into a contract extension with James G. Zupka, CPA, Inc. for professional auditing services, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brodzinski stated the City just completed a three-year contract with Zupka. They've used them for a couple three-year terms. Zupka is familiar with the staff and with City operations, and the City has a good working relationship with them. He would like to enter into a new contract with Zupka.

Mr. Gorbach stated Council has seen this same ordinance for several years in a row. If it's working for the City, it's working for Council.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-149 for approval.

Mr. Gorbach stated they would discuss Temp. Ord. Nos. B-154 through B-158 jointly.

Temp. Ord. B-154

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$1,400,000 notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of constructing a public festival site to be known as Falls River Square, including an amphitheatre, pavilion, outdoor ice skating area and water fountain and related improvements, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-155

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$1,250,000 notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of improving Front Street from State Route 8 to Oakpark Boulevard, Hudson Drive from Front Street to State Route 8, and Bailey Road in and around its intersection with Front Street, by widening the pavement and constructing or reconstructing curbs, sidewalks, and driveway approaches, and installing traffic signalization, sanitary and storm sewers and water lines, where necessary, together with all necessary appurtenances and related improvements thereto, and acquiring real estate and interests in real estate therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-156

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, in the principal amount of \$19,900,000 for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of constructing a community recreation center and acquiring real estate and interests in real estate therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-157

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, in the principal amount of \$900,000 for the purpose of paying costs of constructing sanitary sewer lines in Kellybrook Drive and Antoinette Drive and of constructing sanitary sewer lines in Monroe Falls Avenue as part of the Second Street and Vincent Street combined sewer separation project, together with, in each case, all appurtenances relating thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-158

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$500,000 notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of improving State Road from the south corporation line to Portage Trail, including by constructing or installing concrete curbs, catch basins, storm sewers where required, roadway asphalt, concrete driveway aprons and concrete sidewalks, traffic signalization and control, and signage where required, together with necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brodzinski stated none of these ordinances are for new projects. If the City goes to bonds, these ordinances would be merged into one bond. Until then, they rollover the notes but for a lesser amount. Since we are not paying them in full, we roll them over. They will be paying down \$2 million: \$1.5 out of capital projects and \$500,000 out of sewer. Mr. Gorbach reiterated the City is paying down \$2 million in total and reissuing the balance in notes.

Mr. Nelsch, North Haven Blvd., asked what the capital interest rates were. Mr. Brodzinski stated they are close to being the same, and that they will shake out to around 3.8 or 3.75.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-154, B-155, B-156, B-157 and B-158 for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.