

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
November 20, 2006

Members: Tim Gorbach, Chair
Jerry James
Carol Klinger

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of November 6, 2006 were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered:

Temp. Ord. A-134
Temp. Ord. A-135
Temp. Ord. A-136
Temp. Ord. A-137
Temp. Ord. A-138
Temp. Ord. A-139
Temp. Ord. A-140
Temp. Ord. A-141

Discussion:

Temp Ord. A-134

An ordinance amending Section 707.03 of the Codified Ordinances and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach read A-134 (second reading). Mr. Brodzinski said this ordinance amends the City's admissions tax regulations, removing language which refers to events where alcohol is not served.

Mrs. Klinger asked if the tax would apply to non-profit organizations. Mrs. Hummel said she had reviewed the ordinance, and non-profits are excluded.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-134 for approval.

Temp. Ord. A-135

An ordinance increasing appropriations in the Probation Fund, line item Other Operations, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach read A-135 (second reading).

Mr. Brodzinski said this ordinance is a cleanup ordinance, allowing for the transfer of monies within the probation fund.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-135 for approval.

Temp. Ord. A-136

An ordinance establishing compensation levels for the Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Court for calendar years 2006, 2007, and 2008, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach read A-136 (second reading). Mr. Brodzinski said this ordinance would allow the judges more flexibility in assigning employees within various pay ranges. Mr. Arrington said the revised pay scale changes nothing except to clarify job descriptions.

Mrs. Klinger said she will abstain from voting on the ordinance.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-136 for approval.

Mr. Gorbach recessed the meeting at 6:32 p.m. to allow for meetings of the Public Improvements and Public Affairs committees. He reconvened the Finance Committee meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Temp. Ord. A-137

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$1,750,000 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.

Mr. Gorbach read A-137 (second reading). Mr. Brodzinski said that last year notes were issued for \$2,250,000. Mr. Arrington said Council members have received the Finance Director's certificates related to all five of the notes considered tonight.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-137 for approval.

Temp. Ord. A-138

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, in the principal amount of \$1,400,000 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.

Mr. Gorbach read A-138 (second reading).

Mr. Brodzinski said \$1.4 million was borrowed last year. The amount will be the same in 2007 and 2008.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-138 for approval.

Temp. Ord. A-139

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$1,000,000 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. Gorbach read A-139 (second reading). Mr. Brodzinski said that last year notes were issued in the amount of \$1,450,000.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-139 for approval.

Temp. Ord. A-140

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.

Mr. Gorbach read A-140 (second reading). Mr. Brodzinski said the City borrowed the same amount last year. The notes will begin to be paid down from the Natatorium fund in 2008.

Mr. Flinn referred to A-139 on line 22. He asked if the amount of \$26,600,000 was correct. Mr. Brodzinski said that was the total amount for all notes at one point in time.

Mrs. Hummel asked if the Kellybrook note would be included in the consolidated issuance. Mr. Brodzinski said the notes are issued individually but can be sometimes purchased in larger blocks. The \$26,600,000 can be excluded from the ordinances. The actual consolidation is \$23 million or so.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-140 for approval.

Temp. Ord. A-141

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$1,900,000 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.

Mr. Gorbach read A-141 (second reading).

Mr. Brodzinski said that last year, the notes were issued in the amount of \$3 million.

Mrs. Klinger asked how much the City is saving by not going out for bonds. Mr. Brodzinski estimated \$30,000 or so.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-141 for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.