

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting
February 19, 2008

Members: Debbie Ritzinger, Chair
Mark Ihasz
Terry Mader

Mrs. Ritzinger called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Res. A-19
Temp. Res. A-20
Temp. Res. A-21
Temp. Res. A-22
Temp. Res. A-23
Temp. Res. A-24
Temp. Ord. A-25
Temp. Ord. A-26
Temp. Ord. A-27
Temp. Ord. A-28

Discussion:

Temp. Res. A-19

A resolution authorizing the application for federal funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), in the matter of Wyoga Lake Road resurfacing, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated that on December 5, 2007, new policies were put into place to allow federal application to resurface roadways. The program was limited to roadways having a pavement condition rating of 80 or less. 80% of the project would be paid with federal money and 20% locally, with an \$800,000 cap on the federal money. AMATS was accepting letters of intent. This legislation deals with Wyoga Lake Road from Steels Corners to Graham. Our application was accepted. This area was last paved in 1987. The rating is 54, which is one of the worst.

Mrs. Colavecchio asked if this project was to be done in 2012. Mr. Demasi stated it was. Mrs. Colavecchio asked whether it could be coupled with sewer replacement. Mr. Demasi indicated the area is County sewer but added that it was possible to coordinate it with the County.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. No. A-19.

Temp. Res. A-20

A resolution authorizing the application for federal funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), in the matter of Front Street resurfacing, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated that on January 11, 2008, they submitted a letter of intent for Front Street from Second to Hillcrest. That area of road has a rating of 55 and was last paved in 1951.

Mrs. Pyke asked, without the funding, when the City would be able to resurface Front Street. Mr. Demasi stated it would be close to two to three years before it would become a project they would consider and added that if the work was done in-house, the cost would be 100% to the City.

Mrs. Klinger asked what the estimated cost of all of these projects would be. Mr. Demasi stated that Wyoga Lake would be \$30,000, Front Street - \$10,000, Graham Road - \$75,000, and Portage Trail - \$30,000.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. No. A-20.

Temp. Res. A-21

A resolution authorizing the application for federal funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), in the matter of Graham Road resurfacing, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated they submitted a letter of intent on January 11, 2008 for Graham Road from State Road to S.R. 8. There are three different ratings: State Road to Wyoga Lake – 67; Wyoga Lake to Hudson Drive – 73; and Hudson Drive to S.R. 8 – 72. It was last paved in 1993. Stow had legislation last week. They will be applying for a similar project on Graham Road. We are hoping at least one of us is successful. They are looking at 2012-2013. Mrs. Klinger pointed out a typo in the title line of the resolution. Mr. Arrington stated he would correct that.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. No. A-21.

Temp. Res. A-22

A resolution authorizing the application for federal funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), in the matter of Portage Trail resurfacing, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this was for a final letter of intent for new resurfacing of Portage Trail from State Road to North Hampton. It was last paved in 1999 and has a rating of 60. Mrs. Ritzinger asked if there was another way to choose projects other than by rating. Mr. Demasi stated it was a detailed score. A committee will go through the scoring system and evaluate and award until the money is gone. Things the committee will look at is how much money a community has received since the transportation system has been around, the amount of traffic on the road, and the pavement condition.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. No. A-22.

Temp. Res. A-23

A resolution authorizing the application for federal funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), in the matter of State Road Reconstruction Phase I, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated they submitted a letter of intent on January 11, 2008. It would be completed in 2012-2013. State Road is on a regional plan. This was a resubmission for additional funds. Estimates are done well in advance so this was an opportunity to reapply for a project without jeopardizing it. The project has already reached \$2.88 million. We are asking for an additional \$4.96 for a total of \$6.7 million. If it is successful, there is a chance the project will be bumped even though it is budgeted for 2010.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. No. A-23.

Temp. Res. A-24

A resolution authorizing the application for federal funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), in the matter of Portage Trail reconstruction, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated this project was on the regional plan. They are looking to widen a 1/2 mile stretch of Portage Trail to four lanes from State Road to Valley. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$4.1 million. We are asking for \$2,960,000. Mrs. Klinger asked how much the City has estimated for preliminary engineering work. Mr. Demasi stated on this project is it \$400,000 and State Road is \$500,000.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. No. A-24.

Temp. Ord. A-25

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Stow, Ohio, to share the cost of engineering and construction for resurfacing Graham Road from State Road to the bridge over State Route 8 expressway, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Carr stated since we are submitting this project with Stow, they are a co-applicant for us and we would also be a co-applicant on their application. We had something similar a couple years ago when we applied for Issue 2 monies. Last year, Stow applied for Issue 1 but was turned down.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. No. A-25.

Temp. Ord. A-26

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

Mr. Demasi stated they have received the Statement of Qualifications for design engineering as discussed earlier. They have selected URS as the design consultant. Mrs. Colavecchio asked why we were doing the application if we are budgeting this project. Mr. Demasi stated that sometimes when you get a project designed and completed, there is always an opportunity to get it to fill in a slot where another community pulled a project.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. No. A-26.

Temp. Ord. A-27

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the repair of Old Town Loop, from Holloway Court to Broad Boulevard, Holloway Court, from 2nd Street to Old Town Loop and of Deepwood Drive, from Deepridge Circle to Laurel Valley Drive, in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated there are two areas to this concrete project. The first area is Holloway Court. They will put 8" concrete and replace handicap ramps. Bids will be opened on February 26 and they hope to have it completed by May 22. He estimates it will take four to five weeks. They will be using special concrete. The second area is Towpath Village. The subdivision was put in in 1974 and has 6" concrete that will be replaced with 8". They will be opening those bids on March 25.

Mrs. Hummel asked how much the Deepwood Drive portion was. Mr. Demasi stated it was estimated at \$147,000.

Mr. Walters asked about concrete vs. asphalt. Mr. Demasi indicated a properly designed asphalt project would last as long as concrete. Their philosophy is if a road is currently concrete, they replace it in-kind. If it's asphalt, they take off the top 1-1/2" layer and put 1-1/2" back on. Concrete is more sensitive to salts but if it is properly constructed, it should last 30 – 50 years.

Mrs. Colavecchio asked if the City was using the on-line bidding system. Mr. Demasi stated they did not use it here but they have had discussions regarding which projects could go through the on-line bidding process.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. No. A-27.

Temp. Ord. A-28

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts according to law, for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Mitigation Project on 6th and 7th Streets, between Silver Lake Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Carr stated that the rain garden has been three years in the making and they are finally at the construction stage. Post cards were sent to the homeowners letting them know they will begin to see some activity. They will have the house down in March. Donations have been coming in as well. April 25 is when they are hoping to dedicate the rain garden.

Mr. Demasi added that the project is out to bid and expects to open the bids on March 4, do the demolition around March 17 and have the project completed by April 24. Demolition of the house should take approximately two days. Engineering was \$136,000.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. No. A-28.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.