

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
February 20, 2007

Members: Tim Gorbach, Chair
Jerry James
Carol Klinger

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of February 5, 2007 were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered:

Temp. Ord. B-27
Temp. Ord. B-28
Temp. Ord. B-29
Temp. Ord. B-30
Temp. Ord. B-31

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-27

An ordinance amending Sections 921.02, 921.09, and 941.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach said that B-27 would be held per the request of the administration, and may be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting on March 5. He asked if any audience members would like to address the ordinance.

Janet Roberts, a landlord in Cuyahoga Falls, said she would like a copy of the ordinance. Mr. Arrington said the law department can provide a copy.

Fatima Rida, vice president of the Landlord Council, said it is her understanding that the ordinance would make landlords responsible for any unpaid utility bills incurred by tenants. She strongly objects to this proposal.

Temp. Ord. B-28

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into a contract or contracts to purchase financial software, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach read B-28 (second reading). Mr. Brodzinski said this ordinance allows for the purchase of new financial software to integrate with other software from Sungard HTE that

has been installed as part of the eGovernment Project. Information Services has advised that the City will have to upgrade its current "green screen" financial system within the next 3-4 years. By changing software vendors now, the City stands to save \$189,000 over a 10-year period. Total estimated cost is \$197,585.

Mr. Konich said the transition to HTE will streamline the City's software and provide a better interface with all departments. The new system will take a while to convert and should go live on January 1, 2008.

Mrs. Klinger asked about the raw software cost. Mr. Konich said it's \$92,000. Mrs. Klinger asked about the police ticketing software. Mr. Konich said they will meet with the courts to discuss the details.

Mr. Gorbach asked if additional hardware would be necessary. Mr. Konich said no.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-28 for approval.

Temp. Ord. B-29

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Director of Public Safety, to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of four (4) helmet-mounted thermal imagers for the Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach read B-29 (second reading). Fire Chief Snyder said this ordinance allows for the purchase of four helmet mounted thermal imagers. Technology has vastly improved since the first imagers were purchased 10 years ago. The new imagers weigh about one pound and cost \$8,552 each. The department is down to six functioning units and would like to have ten. The imagers allow firefighters to find the seat of the fire in 60 seconds or less, which increases safety for both firefighters and citizens. Mr. Gorbach noted that imagers also mitigate property damage.

Mrs. Klinger said she was an advocate of the original imagers purchased a few years ago and supports this ordinance 100%.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-29 for approval.

Temp. Ord. B-30

An ordinance providing for the transfer of funds from the monies received from CDBG to the Water Fund and increasing appropriations within the CDBG HUD Entitlement Fund for the year 2007, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach read B-30 (second reading). Mr. Brodzinski said the water work performed on the Chestnut Crossing project was budgeted with CDBG funds but was paid by the Water department. This ordinance allows for the transfer of monies from the CDBG fund back to the Water department fund.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-30 for approval.

Temp. Ord. B-31

An ordinance authorizing the sale of a portion of land located at 1809 State Road, Summit County Parcel 0202788, for the purpose of economic development and upon such terms and conditions as negotiated by the Community Improvement Corporation acting as the City's agent, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach read B-31 (second reading). He noted that A-154 also spoke to this issue but was held in committee. Mrs. Truby said this ordinance allows for the sale of the .17-acre parcel just south of the former Wendy's which the City has owned for the last 30 years. The CIC approved the sale of the parcel to Arthur Treachers for \$80,000 over 10 years. The CIC will hold the mortgage.

Mrs. Hummel asked what the parcel will be used for. Mrs. Truby said it will be used as a parking lot and drive-thru area.

Mrs. Pyke asked if empty lot to the east could be used for future expansion of the City's substation. Mrs. Truby said yes.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-31 for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

