

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee

April 19, 2021

Members: Mary Nichols Rhodes
Frank Stams
Jeff Iula

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the February 1, 2021 Public Improvements Committee were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-16

Temp. Ord. B-17

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-16

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the Mud Brook Greenway Trail Phase I, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance B-16 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the Mud Brook Greenway Trail Phase I in the City of Cuyahoga Falls. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Capital Projects Fund, line item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Demasi stated that this project is one that they have been talking about for some time. This is construction of the first phase of the Mud Brook Trail. This first phase will construct a multi-use trail among Mud Brook from East Bath Road to Wyoga Lake Road. The trail will be a combination of eight-foot-wide chip-and-seal pavement. There will be a boardwalk and bridges crossing Mud Brook. Bids for this project were open last week and Vizmeg Landscape was the lowest and best bid. The bid was for 1.1 million. The budget sheet shows \$825,824, which was in the budget with \$625,000 coming in from ODNR. They do not anticipate spending more than what they have budgeted this year. They will work with Finance to budget for the remaining funds for this project in 2022, but they certainly think they can move forward with the project with the funding that is in place right now. They anticipate the project beginning in May of 2021 and completion in the summer of 2022.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes asked how long the trail is. Mr. Demasi stated that he does not have that readily available, but it is from East Bath Road to basically the nursing home at the end of Pleasant Meadow and, from there, it actually goes to pavement. It is about a mile long.

Mr. Brillhart stated that this project has been long planned and really critical to meet the needs of the residents. There has been a lot of hours put into this from Mayor Walters, Anthony Zumbo,

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Tony Demasi, Diana Colavecchio, and the staff. The residents around there are looking forward to this.

Mr. Iula moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-16 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-17

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the removal of rust and loose paint and to repaint the steel framework at Substations 3 and 7, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Michael Dougherty, Electric Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance B-17 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the removal of rust and loose paint and to repaint the steel framework at Substations 3 and 7. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Electric Fund, line item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Dougherty stated that Substation 3 is located between Pierce Avenue and Victor Avenue right where Wilson Street dead ends into Pierce Avenue. Substation 7 is over by the Water Treatment Plant and Kennedy Park. Those two substations have seen some wear and tear, so this will get the mainframe of the substation back in good shape to last a number of years to come. It is similar to the project done last year with Substation 6 and 8.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that it has already gone out to bid and the cost will be \$215,000. They will start as soon as weather is ready for paint.

Mr. Iula moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-17 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.