

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Community Development Committee Meeting
April 7, 2003

Members: Mr. Bauer, Chair
Mr. James
Mr. Potts

Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. All members of Committee were present.

The minutes of the October 7, 2002 Community Affairs Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

Temp. Ord. No. B-61

DISCUSSION

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Mr. Bell stated this allows us to enter into a contract with a consultant to develop an outside plan and then a conversion of data into a GIS data base. It is a data base you can project maps onto surfaces. It is necessary in order to meet GASB (Government Accounting Standards Board) 34 requirements. It is not a one-year program--it will be long term. Eventually all of this data will be viewed by each City department. The \$30,000 is the budget for this year's portion only. Mrs. Carr pointed out that this was Phase II. We started last year in preparation for GASB 34 but the dollar amount was greater this year than last so they needed to come to Council. She stated that last year we used McCoy and Associates. They are out for proposals for qualifications now. The reason for this is because more and more people are getting into this area and they wanted to see what was out there. This system will allow the City to enter all of its infrastructure and the dollar amount connected to it. They have to do it for GASB 34. Mr. Brodzinski stated that each year the City does a CAFR and, effective for next year's CAFR, GASB 34 changes the way information gets reported. One major requirement is placing a value on items we never had to before (such as streets, sidewalks, tree lawns, etc.). These now need to be reported to help the financial standings of the City. GIS is a means for us to get financial data. Mrs. Carr added that the City has actually saved money because the County has already done the maps. Mr. Bell stated that anyone can look at the information but that it would be a minimum of seven years before the total system is up and running. Mrs. Hummel stated one reason we are doing this is because the County's GIS system does not have specific information for each municipality. She asked

about the cost for the project. Mr. Bell indicated the consultant will give us direction on how the City puts it in so that it would be most economical. He also stated the cost depends on what you are going to do. Mrs. Klinger asked if this was a discovery phase. Mr. Bell stated it was a little. Mrs. Klinger asked if the consultant would put together the project plan. Mr. Bell answered yes, primarily with the City's input. He also indicated that the City is required to provide the County with its information also. Mr. Gorbach asked if the seven years took into account the information the County has already put in. Mr. Bell indicated that took approximately three years off the total time.

Committee recommended bringing out B-61

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.