

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Finance Committee Meeting
June 16, 2003

Members: Mr. Gorbach, Chair
Mr. Schmidt
Mr. Barnhart

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. Mr. Schmidt was absent.

The minutes from the June 2, 2003 Finance Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

Temp. Ord. No. B-91
Temp. Ord. No. B-92
Temp. Ord. No. B-93
Temp. Ord. No. B-94

DISCUSSION

Temp. Ord. No. B-91

Mr. Gorbach read B-91 (second reading). This is for the annual maintenance agreement with HTE, and provides upgrades and support on the software only. The City owns the machines. The only enhancements done in the past year were continuous upgrades to the system.

Committee recommended bringing out B-91.

Temp. Ord. No. B-92

Mr. Gorbach read B-92 (second reading). Mrs. Truby stated this was to build the fifth fire station. The engineering firm hired by the City in February evaluated several sites. This property was determined to be the best. It is located at 3505 Wyoga Lake Road and is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Pocock, who run Mr. Fun's. It consists of six acres and the agreed upon price is \$725,000. They would like to close on August 1, 2003 but keep possession until February 15, 2004 to give them time to get through their busy season.

Mr. Gorbach stated the purchase of property to build the fire station is long overdue and this decision was based on a long, hard study. Mr. Barnhart stated this will be good for the City. Mrs. Pyke asked if this will affect the current location of Station No. 1. She said residents have contacted her with their concern that Station No. 1 will be relocated with the building of No. 5. Mayor Robart stated there are no plans to move No. 1. He stated that once No. 5 is up and running, they will be looking to

upgrade Station No. 3 at Portage Trail near Bolich, which was built in 1959. If funds permit, that will be the next thing up. Mr. Potts stated that Station No. 5 will also improve the coverage on the east side of Ward 8. He also stated that once the firing range goes in, it will eliminate the complaints received about the Hardy Road area.

Mrs. Hummel thanked those who were on the committee that worked on this. It was headed by former Councilman, Jim Bidwell. She is just sorry that Mr. Bidwell is not here to see it come to fruition.

Mr. Gorbach asked if the City is going to stick to the schedule. Mrs. Truby stated they may be able to shave a few months off of the design phase.

Committee recommended bringing out B-92.

Temp. Ord. No. B-93

Mr. Gorbach read B-93 (second reading). Mr. Gorbach stated while we never like to spend more money on projects, these contingencies total under three percent of the total project, and is a good number. It is for all items that need to be done and paid for. He stated he supports the legislation. Mrs. Truby stated the construction on the stage and amphitheater is going well, and the shades will be in within two weeks. The concrete has been poured to accept drainage. The interactive fountain is almost complete, and they will be performing a trial run shortly. The engraved brick deal turned out better than expected. She also mentioned she has been contacted by organizations, such as the Ohio Ballet, to use the amphitheater.

Mrs. Hummel stated the budget sheet showed the money would come from a savings from the Front Street/Hudson Drive widening. She wondered how the City could show a savings when parts were cut from that project due to high costs. Mr. Brodzinski stated they budgeted over \$1.5 million out of the capital projects and there is approximately a \$300,000 savings between what bids came in and what was budgeted to the fund. The contingencies are being split 50/50. Mrs. Hummel stated that underground utilities that were supposed to be included in the Front Street Project were cut because it would cost an additional \$2 million. For this reason, she does not agree with saying we have a savings from the Front Street Project.

Committee recommended bringing out B-93.

Temp. Ord. No. B-94

Mr. Gorbach read B-94 (second reading). Mrs. Truby stated that to construct the Front Street Project, it was necessary for the City to purchase certain properties. One of those properties was Krispy Kreme. The City obtained an appraisal for \$250,000. Pete Weldon, of Jubilee Donuts, is interested in purchasing the property. He would pay monthly rent as indicated and then the rental payments will apply to the final cost. He expects to be able to open within one week of Krispy Kreme

vacating the premises. Mrs. Truby also stated that Mr. Weldon has another store in Tallmadge. Mr. Gorbach stated he is excited about it and indicated not only is Mr. Weldon is getting a good deal, but the City is, too.

Mr. Weldon stated his family has been in the business for awhile and has been looking forward to a second location. This is a great opportunity. He feels the City is doing a lot of good things and he is excited to be involved. Mr. Barnhart stated it is always good to see a business stay open. Mr. Bauer asked if Jubilee will keep the drive through. Mr. Weldon stated they will and pointed out that his father was the first business to have a drive through in Ohio. Mr. James stated he also was glad Jubilee was coming in. Mrs. Hummel welcomed Mr. Weldon to Cuyahoga Falls and indicated she was glad to see another business going in there. She asked Mrs. Truby if the tenant would be paying property taxes. Mrs. Truby indicated they would not. Mrs. Hummel stated she realized he would be paying the taxes at the point when he purchases the property but was disappointed that the school district would not be benefiting in the meantime. She asked Mr. Weldon if he will be operating the store seven days a week. He stated they would be. They currently plan their hours to be 1:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. but eventually plan to be open 24 hours a day.

Committee recommended bringing out B-94.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.