

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting
July 28 2008

Members: Mark Ihasz, Chair
Diana Colavecchio
Mary Ellen Pyke

Mr. Ihasz called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Considered
Temp. Ord. A-91

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-91 (Community Development)

An ordinance authorizing the City of Cuyahoga Falls to supply electrical utilities to the proposed Northern Summit Smart Office and Medical Campus – Ohio Job Ready Sites Project Area, as fully described in the Northern Summit Smart Office and Medical Campus – State of Ohio, Department of Development Job Ready Sites application submitted to the State of Ohio, Department of Development, on May 15, 2008 and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Truby stated that back in April, a resolution was passed in support of this project which is the new Northern Summit Hospital. They submitted the Job Ready Sites application on May 15. On June 25, there were six projects before Summit County and this project received the highest number of points. It now gets forwarded to the Ohio Department of Development for its next review. The process requires several resolutions. Summit County is passing one regarding the extension of the sanitary sewer, Stow is passing legislation regarding water, and Cuyahoga Falls is to pass legislation for the extension of electric. The deadline for submission is August 13. They will be going to Columbus between September 15 – 19 and will know in November whether the project will receive funding.

Mr. Ihasz asked what the City's cost will be should the project not receive funding. Mrs. Truby stated the value of the total project is \$238 million. The project has Stow's portion with funding at \$6.2 million (2.6% of the project), Hudson at \$5.5 million (2.3%), and Cuyahoga Falls at \$4.4 million (1.8%). The biggest chunk of the City's portion is a pump station. These are the numbers as best they can determine.

Mrs. Klinger asked if this would extend electric outside City boundaries. Mrs. Truby stated it would. Mrs. Klinger asked if the cost for that was \$4.4 million. Mrs. Truby stated that \$1.89 million was the electric piece. They negotiated these project pieces with Hudson and Stow. Mrs. Klinger asked if there were any estimates on the potential revenue that would be coming back. Mrs. Truby stated they have not figured that out and that it would be a tough projection to make. Mrs. Klinger asked if the electric would be underground. Mr. Bye stated the project was drawn up both ways and that \$1.89 million covers the underground. He added that a pump station would be constructed and that there would be a switch gear to serve the hospital so it would never lose service.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. No. A-91.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00.