

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting
September 10, 2007

Members: Jerry James, Chair
Debbie Ritzinger
Terry Mader

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Ord. B-117
Temp. Ord. B-118
Temp. Ord. B-120

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-117

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract with Kenmore Construction, Inc., to perform emergency repairs to the Gorge Park Sanitary Sewer, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated that one of the two sanitary sewers is in need of repairs. It is approximately 65 years old and its downstream abutment needs to be replaced. The Ohio EPA and the MetroPark are aware and are in support. The repair will be difficult because of its location. They will access it from Highbridge by utilizing the easement between 17th and 18th Streets. Mr. Christopher added that this is a budgeted project and also that the EPA is aware of the problems for the past 18 months.

Mrs. Pyke asked about the location of the sewer to Highbridge and also asked about the utilization of the easement. Mr. Demasi stated the sewer was closer to the river than it was to Highbridge. They will be replacing a 100 foot section of pipe. They don't have a schedule yet but it should take approximately 30 to 45 days to complete. He stated the contractor would be moving through the embankment and the hillside and that some of the landscaping which exists in the easement will need to be removed. They will bypass the existing line with a siphon, replace the section of pipe and then remove the siphon. Mrs. Pyke asked whether the residents would be notified. Mr. Demasi stated they would. He added that any equipment would be stored near the river with the exception of perhaps a trailer or other vehicle parked on Highbridge. He added it was possible they may have to close Highbridge during portions of the project.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-117 for approval.

Temp. Ord. B-118

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract with Kenmore Construction, Inc., to perform emergency repairs to a storm sewer outfall located near Hudson Drive and State Route 8 expressway, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated there was severe erosion on Hudson Drive near the church and that it's close to the southbound lanes of Route 8. The existing pipe is 24" corrugated metal that was installed in the early 1970s. They anticipate one lane of closure on the expressway and on Hudson. The project should last a few weeks.

Mrs. Hummel stated that the budget sheet indicated the \$200,000 was budgeted yet the explanation says the severe erosion was due to recent rains. Mr. Brodzinski stated each year they budget this type of repairs under miscellaneous budget. Mrs. Hummel asked what percentage of the \$200,000 was the total storm water budget for the year. Mr. Brodzinski stated it was 25% to 30%. He added that this project would not impact other projects that were slated to be completed.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-118 for approval.

Temp. Ord. B-120

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to pay Cementech, Inc., for emergency repairs to waterlines on 9th Street, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated that during the 9th Street project, the existing water line experienced numerous breaks. It is 80 years old and made of cast iron. In order to keep the concrete program moving forward, they decided to replace the water line. They contacted the Water Department prior to the project beginning and they had no reports of any issues with that line. A problem wasn't noticed until the work started. The repairs were done in July. He added that they have contacted the contractor to remind them to remove their equipment from the site.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-120 for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.