

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting
September 18, 2006

Members: Jerry James, Chair
Debbie Ritzinger
Terry Mader

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 9:05 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of July 24, 2006 were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered:

Temp. Ord. A-97
Temp. Ord. A-98
Temp. Ord. A-99
Temp. Ord. A-100

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-97

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

Mr. James read A-97 (second reading). Mr. Demasi said recent rains have caused severe erosion on Northampton Road. Kenmore Construction made the emergency repairs, in cooperation with the City of Akron.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-97 for approval.

Temp. Ord. A-98

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, to allow Mobilepro/Kite Networks access to the City's vertical infrastructure, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. James said that A-98 would be held per the request of the administration.

Temp. Ord. A-99

An ordinance proposing to cooperate and authorizing the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to proceed in the upgrading and replacement of signage on State Route 8 in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. James read A-99 (second reading). Mr. Demasi said ODOT has proposed the upgrade of signs along the expressway. Many of the signs are the City's responsibility, and this legislation allows us to cooperate with ODOT to complete the project.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-99 for approval.

Temp. Ord. A-100

An ordinance proposing to cooperate with the Ohio Department of Transportation and designating local official representatives for the improvement to the intersection of Howe Avenue and Main Street in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. James read A-100 (second reading). Mr. Demasi said that a 2003 safety study by TraffPro recommended several future and interim improvements to the entire Howe Road corridor. In April 2004 the city applied for highway safety funds for this project. The city met with ODOT in October 2004 to discuss the improvements, with the anticipation of completion in fiscal 2007. The city later asked ODOT for an expansion of the project from \$200,000 fix to \$1.2 million fix, and they agreed to pay 90% of the cost. The city is currently in the design phase. Construction is planned for 2009.

Mr. James asked if construction will take place during the evening so as not to interfere with traffic flow. Mr. Demasi said that will be discussed with the contractor when the project begins.

Mrs. Ritzinger asked to be kept apprised on the status of the project.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-100 for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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