

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting

October 18, 2004

Chairman: Ken Barnhart; Vice Chair: Doug Flinn; Member: Debbie Ritzinger

Mr. Barnhart brought the Community Development Committee Meeting to order at 10:16 p.m. All members were present. The meeting minutes of July 19, 2004 were approved as submitted.

Scheduled legislation (second reading):

A-151	An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract and/or contracts for professional services for the preparation of a master plan for the State Road corridor, and declaring an emergency.
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Sue indicates we became an Entitlement City last year and presented a master plan for State Road. The charrettes brought out the State Road deficiencies. In 2002, 7 million dollars was put in at State Road including landscaping, lighting, and other upgrades. The bus shelters were also upgraded. We have figured this study will be five months at the cost of \$75,000. Some developers have approached us about State Road. Basile Baumann Prost and Associates are experts and will give us blueprints into our next steps for this area.

Mr. Gorbach feels that if we can put some kind of package in front of people, we can drive the private end to invest in the area. Mr. Potts asks why we don't go all the way down State Road? Sue would like to see this specific area be addressed during the first year and then during phased 2, bring in more of State Road. Taking this all the way down State Road really looks at different retail/commercial impact. There is money for those areas, but we are addressing this area first.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-151.

A-152	An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract and/or contracts for professional services for public improvements in the area of the intersection of Fourth Street and Chestnut Boulevard, and declaring an emergency.
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Mrs. Truby indicates this is from the consolidated plan. This is an infrastructure project that is ready to go. We have met with the business owners and they are very involved. This will be for public improvements of the area such as lighting, paving, landscaping, etc. Alternative concept designs will be made and then have a design review committee meeting. The property owners will be involved with the final design that we will send out for bid. The design phase will be 90 days long at approximately \$40000 for the designs. GGC Engineers were chosen for the design/layout.

Mary Ellen is tickled about the future of this area. She is over pleased with the potential for this area and looks forward to the days where this area can be a hub of basic commercial for the residents. She recalls her childhood and her fond memories of shopping at this intersection. Carol thanks Fred and Sue for the entitlement money. Without this fundamental step, we would not have the capabilities to pursue this.

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Held legislation: None.

Other business: None.

The Community Development Committee Meeting was adjourned at 10:45p.m.