

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting

January 20, 2004

Members: Mr. Flinn, Chairman; Mr. Barnhart, Vice Chair; Mr. Gorbach, Member.

Mr. Flinn called the Finance Committee to order at 6:25 p.m. All members of Committee were present. The minutes from December 29, 2003 and January 5, 2004 Finance and Appropriations Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Six pieces of Legislation this evening:

1. Temp. Ord. A-2 (*second reading*) An Ordinance Authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of certain materials for the sanitation utilities department during 2004, and declaring an emergency.

Bob Leonard indicates this ordinance is for the annual purchase of yard waste bags and green recycle bags. Specifically, this is for the annual purchase of Yard Waste Bags of approximately 140,000 - 150,000 bags at \$.26 apiece and for the green recycle bags of about 400,000 - 500,000 bags at \$.05 apiece.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-2.

2. Temp. Ord. A-3 (*second reading*) An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the maintenance of the heating and air conditioning system and the automatic control systems in various municipal buildings, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Bell indicates this is an ordinance for annual maintenance of the A/C in the city building systems. It is a renewal of the contract with the cost of \$270,000 being the worse case scenario. New equipment/maintenance shouldn't be needed in the New Natatorium since those products will have a new warranty. This contract is for 2 yrs. with an annual extension if we desire. Mrs. Pyke questions if there was a current company the city uses. Mr. Bell stated he would be bidding a new contract when this legislation is passed and there is currently no suggestion of a company.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-3

3. Sub.Temp. Ord. A-4 (*second reading*) An Ordinance creating the position of Natatorium Supervisor in the Department of Parks and Recreation, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pierson states this is a change and clarification of the supervisory position. Our experience and research indicates a facility like the new Natatorium need 9-14 Administrators. With running the Natatorium, we want to try with 9 individuals and with our good people, we feel we can make it with the 9 supervisors and good part-time employees. The job descriptions of the positions were included in the communication with council members. Mrs. Klinger states there are 50 Part time employees on the diagram and how will they report to the supervisors? Mr. Pierson states they will report to section leaders. The diagram operation has 50 people reporting, but these are current estimates and are subject to change. Mr. Arrington states this follows the original ordinance, however we are now defining the four positions and we wanted to clarify these jobs. Mr. Potts wanted to know if these jobs are open to the outside? Mr. Pierson indicates that existing staff will fulfill some and new people will be forthcoming over the next few weeks.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-4

*Committee recessed temporarily for the Public Affairs Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
At 8:10 p.m. the Finance & Appropriations Committee reconvened.*

4. Temp. Ord. A-5 (*second reading*) An Ordinance creating the position of Riverfront Centre District Manager, and declaring an emergency.

Sue Truby from Community Development explained the mall personnel, schedule, and responsibilities of the individual. This one full time job that would be offset with the revenue it generates from the Centre. The position description was provided. There will be two new full time union positions. Mr. Flinn wanted to know if there has been interest in the position and Mrs. Truby indicated that there have been inquiries and the position will be posted for a month, followed by interviews and then filling the position.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-5

5. Temp. Ord. A-6 (*second reading*) An Ordinance creating the position of CDBG/Entitlement Administrator, and declaring an emergency.

Sue Truby distributed on 1/9/04 a copy of the new position. This is not a new position, but a revised position. In 1985, it was laborer and since in October we became an entitlement city, we needed to make accommodations for federal regulations. In addition to the existing programs, this person will handle the entitlement for the entire city and report to the federal government, on budget issues of 1.5 million. Requirement is a bachelor's degree. Their salary will come out of the CDBG Grant. The previous employee was at pay grade (union)11. She was civil service. This will be tested.

Mary Ellen Pyke questions how a potential Merchants Association is started to utilize community block grant money. Would this new person be handling these issues? Mrs. Truby indicates it can be done through this new hire, Jennifer Syx, or through her.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-6

6. Temp. Ord. A-7 (*second reading*) An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City of Akron, Waste Management, and Akron Regional Landfill Incorporated to provide for the final and permanent closure of the Akron Regional Landfill at Hardy Road and related matters, and declaring an emergency.

Valerie Wax-Carr : Cuyahoga Falls and Akron have worked on this process since last summer and we feel we are ready to sign the tentative agreement. The draft agreement was presented to Akron City Council this evening along with Cuyahoga Falls City Council. Signing is scheduled by 1/27/04. Part of the monies will come from Sanitation fund and the water agreement will also generate funds. 30 days for Akron to come to the table after the draft agreement to finalize water issues.

Mr. Potts states it would be nice if we could do a signing with the Mayor's/Waste Management at the same table, but Valerie is not guaranteeing it. Signing target date is January 27, 2004 and Mr. Potts is grateful to get water to some of these areas without spending huge sums of money to extend the lines. Mr. Mader extends his profound thanks to council and the administration for supporting CORE through the process. Mr. Barnhart feels this was a huge victory for Ward 8 *and* the City of Cuyahoga Falls. Mrs. Klinger reflects on the long road and the administration needs thanked for the important role it played and the conservation issues overlooking the CVNRA. Thanks for coming to the table and both mayors for their cooperation. Mr. Mader comments on how Akron worked together with us for real results.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-7

Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.