

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting

April 19, 2004

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

Mr. Flinn called the Finance Committee to order at 6:22 p.m. All members of Committee were present. The minutes from April 5, 2004 Finance and Appropriations Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation this evening (second readings):

A-69	An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to execute a modification of the contract for professional services for the acquisition of right-of-way for the Front Street improvements and associated improvements, and declaring an emergency.
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Valerie indicates the contract had a cap and this will finish out the project. The city discovered that the property owners did not always own their signs resulting in higher costs. We had to renegotiate and this ties up the loose ends.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-69

A-70	An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts with an engineering firm or firms to provide professional engineering services for sanitary sewer overflow elimination, and declaring an emergency.
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Valerie states the city has dumped overflow into the Cuyahoga River and this is obviously not acceptable. SSO will need addressed by the EPA rules and many communities are working to rid them of the SSO. Temporarily ours have dumped into the river and we need to address it. There was a report done in the 1990's that has been updated to help us address this. Flow monitoring needs to be done to see what overflow is going in and what needs to be changed with our infrastructure. The data will be shared with DLZ and McCoy Associates. Mr. Gorbach asks how many overflows and Mr. Bell indicates there are 30 that need to be addressed and eliminated. The EPA mandates how we will eliminate these and we are confined to time frames. These are only used dependent on weather & adjustments on the system, but they are not used daily. One solution the city may consider is holding tanks, but it is premature to state solutions. If we clean up the storm sewer problem, we may not have such a big problem. We have 30 months according to the EPA to rectify this situation. Mary Ellen asks how the different sites will be prioritized. Peter indicates the bigger areas will be addressed first vs. smaller jobs. Mr. Bell indicates a rain gauge and flow monitors will be used to get data and figure out where the problem areas are. There will be a solution as part of the study to address many of the problems. There can be EPA fines associated with non-compliance, so this is a priority for the City. McCoy is conducting a preliminary report on smoke testing that has been conducted. Homeowners will get their report cards on the study by the end of May.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-70

Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.