

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the Public and Industrial Improvements Committee Meeting October 17, 2005

Chair: George Potts; Vice Chair: Mary Ellen Pyke; Member: Don Walters

Mr. Potts called the Public and Industrial Improvements Committee to order at 6:25 p.m. All members of Committee were present. The minutes of October 3, 2005 were approved as submitted.

Scheduled legislation:

B-136	An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase and installation of an outdoor warning system, and declaring an emergency.
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In the capital budget we appropriated for an outdoor warning system. We show a cost of \$220,000 after receiving the bids. The federal government through a grant will cover half the funds. The grant was through the State of Ohio with seven sirens. This includes an AM Radio station that we will manage. There is a public education campaign. The sites have been generally surveyed, but changes can be made. There are some areas of the National Park that there are no sirens. We will put sirens up and test them. The projected 70-db ranges is the goal from each siren. Water Works, Front Street, Blossom, Brookledge, and the South end of State Road are all targeted areas. All sirens are placed on city property on a 50-foot electrical pole. They are all on city right of ways. Federal Signal Communications is the bid we have accepted. They gave us the best all around package. This package is complete with training, installation. Mr. Walters asks if this is triggered by the National Weather Service? Paul indicates there would have to be a call to our dispatch to trigger the system. We control when the sirens are hit. They are rotating signals and interconnected with our 800-radio system. They all have a battery backup. AM Transmission is terrestrial and it *should* cover everything. Mr. Walters asks how long is the siren cycle? Paul indicates it sounds off three times. There is monthly testing to accustom our residents and also a silent mode. Mrs. Pyke asks about how long to have this installed? It would be around 90 days, approximately by the first of the year.

There will be protocol to follow on when to push the button or not. Mr. Flinn indicates that the audible can be turned off during testing, but initially there will be more testing to adjust to the environmental factors. Typically, most the sirens will be tripped all together, but we may be able to control individual sirens. Our dispatchers will have the control button here at city hall, not Station 5.

Ed Davidian, 77 Meadow Lane, Peninsula: We have three major Boy Scout Camps in our area and they are isolated. Is there some way to get this out to there? Paul indicates we can add sirens but we will look and work with them on this.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. B-136

B-137	An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the repairs to the supply lines to the North Fountain and declaring an emergency.
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Valerie indicates the North Fountain is 30 years old and after time, there needs some repairs. We wanted to wait for the festival season to be completed. Mr. Bell indicates the supply lines are leaking. We are going to line those. We won't have to dig anything up, but this is where our biggest problem is. The contractor is Waterworks in Dayton, OH. This is 6" water line. The weather will not be an issue. We turn it off the last week in October. The lines are leaking now. Mr. Christopher indicates they have done many tests in regards to Richards Studio. He was concerned that the leak was affecting his foundation.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. B-137

Held legislation:

B-128	An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase and installation of a security system for the Falls River Square District, and declaring an emergency.
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Mrs. Truby indicates she is requesting that council approve the original phase (budget \$80,000) and the second item, which will add six cameras to the Towne Centre Deck (red deck) for a total of \$107,830. The remaining three areas (South Parking Deck, North Parking Deck and the North Mall area camera) will be included in the 2006 budget and installed in the first quarter of 2006. The total for these three areas would be \$59,090. There is some savings since the electric department in pulling some of the conduit/fibers. The types of camera used are the same as what is used in prisons. They are very durable.

Mr. Walters asks if there are employees permanently stationed down at the festival site? Mr. Nace plus some laborers are there throughout the week. Is there any way to rotate the laborers so they are covered 24 hours and may be able to deter the crime? The employees have particular assignments for them based on functions on the Mall. They couldn't cover all the areas that the cameras will. Mr. Gorbach indicates that in addition to these cameras he hopes there will be signage to notify the public that they are being monitored. He is in favor of this amended ordinance and understands this is a lot of money, but it is well spent for our citizens. Mr. Flinn thanks Sue for the additional work and agrees with Mr. Gorbach's summary. This is a lot of money but it is priceless if it saves one person from a terrible event.

Tom Sullivan, 447 Tallmadge, thanks Sue and Council for this Ordinance. This is very worthwhile.

The PUBLIC AND INDUSTRIAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.