

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the PUBLIC AND INDUSTRIAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE Meeting

July 19, 2004

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

Mr. Potts called the Public and Industrial Improvements Committee to order at p.m. All members of Committee were present. The minutes of the July 6, 2004 committee were approved as submitted.

Scheduled legislation:

A-116	An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for capital improvements to the retail parking deck in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.
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Mr. Bell indicates this is for repair on the parking deck. There is a leak in a 4 ft section of the upper top deck that trickles down to the retail businesses. Bicyclists and skateboarders have rode this 40 ft wall causing problems. The retail area below is having significant damage.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-116

A-117	An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the ice rink at Falls River Square, and declaring an emergency.
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Jennifer indicates the location of the ice skating rink is 110' x 75' and will be a regional anchor for the winter season. The lowest bid was from a company in Medina called Ice Rink Events. A Special Grand Opening Event is scheduled for November 2004. The operations of the ice rink such as skate rental, concessions, and maintenance are still being discussed. We are looking at running it ourselves vs. outsourcing with a vendor. The first year it may be beneficial to have it operate as a "turn-key" operation.

Mr. Walters asks how much use is expected? Jennifer states the rink will be open from Thanksgiving through February. There is expected 45 prime days of operation. There is a little bit of a grade that will be leveled off with sand and the infrastructure to handle the rink is already in place under the brick. Mr. Walters ask what the City's liability will be. Virgil states there are things we can do to protect the city from liability, however nothing is guaranteed. Mary Ellen indicates we would close Valley Vista and Oak Park in lieu of this project. The Mayor indicates he is getting much inquiry on the ice skating rink. The security issue down at Falls River Square is being reviewed. Hopefully in the near future, we can hire a part time security personnel for areas of concern.

Mrs. Hummel indicates we applied for a grant for a portion of the ice skating rink funds but nothing will be decided until August. The grant request was for \$109,000.00. Mr. Flinn states this is long needed and look forward to welcoming business members and encouraging retail for the winter months. Mr. Gorbach asks if we have storage for the rink during the off-season and Jennifer confirms the city has already made arrangements for this.

Karen Nelsch, North Haven Blvd., asks why there is discussion on the cost of admission? Please consider other options vs. admission. I just can't see charging admission. Jennifer states our plan comes from skate rental and vendor fees. Admission fees would be for non-residents. Mrs. Nelsch feel an ID of some kind would be easy and helpful.

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Held legislation:

None.

The PUBLIC AND INDUSTRIAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.