

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee**

November 19, 2018

Members: Jerry James, Chair
Paul Colavecchio
Jeff Iula

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-108

Temp. Ord. A-109

Temp. Ord. A-110

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-108

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the improvement of Howe Avenue between Main Street and Buchholzer Boulevard, authorizing the Director of Finance to pay the City's estimated share of the costs therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, Engineer, stated that ODOT is scheduled to bid the Howe Avenue Improvement Project on January 24, 2019. This \$8.5-million project will replace the concrete pavement on Howe Avenue, from Main Street to Buchholzer Boulevard, with asphalt. It will replace the traffic signals, streetlight and sidewalks. In addition, the traffic signals will be coordinated. This will allow for more efficient movement of traffic through the corridor. Because of the successful application of \$6 million in AMAS funding and the news that received \$500,000 from OPWC towards this project, the final invoice for this project will be below the budgeted amount of \$1.7 million. The ordinance was drafted at \$1.37 million, which is the budget amount. They are asking that the ordinance be held in committee until they receive the final invoice and then substitute this with the actual amount that can be passed that evening at the committee meeting. The goal is to get ODOT the money before the end of the year, because ODOT will not begin the bidding process until they receive the City's money. This is the quickest and most efficient way to do that.

Mr. James stated asked how the traffic will be handled. Mr. Demasi stated that, when the project begins approximately April 1st, there is going to a 45-day period where Howe Avenue will be shut down between the expressway and Main Street. That is to allow all of that pavement there to be replaced. The detour will be northbound to Broad Boulevard and southbound to Tallmadge Avenue. There will be detour signs placed there. After that phase, then the main stem, Howe Avenue, will be one-way traffic westbound only. Eastbound traffic will be detoured from Home Avenue to Independence Avenue and Buchholzer Boulevard. Those traveling through to Tallmadge or to the Mall can use Huddleston or the access road to the south at Giant Eagle. Mr. James asked if the businesses have been alerted to this. Mr. Demasi stated that they have met with

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all the business owners. The City is working with some of them individually to try to help them manage their traffic flow, as well.

Mr. Reilly stated that he would like to voice support for the project. He would like to see this giant infrastructure project over in Ward 1. Mr. Pallotta asked if there will be signs posted on Route 8 that the streets will be closed. Mr. Demasi stated that a good place to get updates is www.howeavenue.com. At the bottom of that page, residents can sign up for updates. There's good information on there about the project.

Mr. James stated that they will hold this ordinance and look forward to the next update.

Temp. Ord. A-109

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to execute a modification of Contract No. 7605 with Cardinal Asphalt Company, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated that, on November 2, 2018, just after noon, the 16-inch water main on the east side of the 3400 block of State Road broke just north of the E-check station. The 16-inch water main was constructed in 1958. Because of the damage to the pavement, State Road was closed to traffic from Ascot Parkway to Cochran Road. The Water Department worked nonstop to make waterline repairs, and, by 11:30 p.m., the waterline was back in service. The road remained closed due to excessive damage to the pavement. While the waterline was being repaired, the damage to the pavement was assessed, and the City contacted Cardinal Asphalt, who is the utility patch repair contractor this year. They began repairing the pavement as the Water Department was there making repairs to the waterline. Final repairs to the pavement were done the following day, which was Saturday, and the road was open by 6 p.m. the following day. This ordinance will allow payment for that change order to the project.

Mr. Colavecchio asked what the amount of the change order is to repair the pavement. Mr. Demasi stated that the pavement portion was \$90,737.20. They are asking for is \$105,000. That is because, earlier this year, they had a very small change order of \$7,000. They had a major pavement repair to do on Calvert that was caused by a waterline break, and there is approximately \$7,000 more worth of repairs they would like to get done this year and not carry them over to next year. Mr. Colavecchio asked how much it was to repair the pipe. Mr. Demasi said that that was repaired by the Water Department. It would have been their time and a 12-foot section of pipe. It's mostly labor, and he doesn't know that cost.

Mrs. Pyke asked how old the line is. Mr. Demasi stated it was 60 years old. Mrs. Pyke asked if that line was evaluated before the paving was done and was any damage noted at that time. Mr. Demasi stated that it was. That paving project was a 2-mile-long, \$8-million project. To replace that line at that time would have been about \$4 million. There are actually two 16-inch waterlines on State Road. This line was put in, in 1958, basically just to feed GoJo. A few other people are tied into it, but there is not a big history of breaks on this line. There have been a couple in the last 10 years, but nothing of this magnitude.

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Mr. Brillhart stated that he would like to comment that it was impressive to see the Water Department workers in action and what a great job they did. Cardinal Asphalt did a wonderful job. The amount of effort that the City forces put in was absolutely outstanding. He stated that since that road was resurfaced, he thinks that's the first break that they've had. Mr. Demasi stated that that was correct.

Mr. Colavecchio moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-109 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. A-110

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for replacement of the sanitary sewer and waterline on Campbell Street, from Grant Avenue to Francis Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated that this ordinance replaces approximately 1,000 feet of sanitary sewer and waterline on Campbell Street from Grant Avenue to Francis Avenue. The existing sanitary sewer was installed in 1916, 102 years ago, and the existing waterline was installed in 1926, 92 years ago. The sanitary sewer is old vitrified clay pipe with misaligned joints and broken laterals, and the waterline is cast iron. The project is currently out to bid, and the project will begin in the January-February timeframe, and it should be done by the summer.

Mrs. Pyke stated that this is located in her ward and has been a notoriously-known area in the city for sewage backup in basements. Most of the residents in the ward have, at their own expense, placed check valves into their basement, and will be glad to see this is happening. Mrs. Pyke asked if this line will connect going towards the Gorge. Mr. Demasi stated that it goes into a vertical pipe that goes by Mary Campbell's Cave. Mrs. Pyke asked if that is the area the City has to continually foam for tree roots. Mr. Anthony Zumbo, Service Director, stated that that is where it goes down vertically, so he wouldn't think that they would have to foam that. He stated that he will check with Mr. Christopher and get her that information. Mrs. Pyke stated that she wants to make sure that if they're putting in a nice, new sanitary sewer, it is going into a line that would hold this, or it wouldn't do any good.

Mr. Colavecchio moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-110 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.