

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

June 18, 2018

Members: Jerry James, Chair
Paul Colavecchio
Jeff Iula

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the April 2, 2018 Public & Industrial Improvements Committee meeting were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-53

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-53

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to purchase certain interests in real property located on Parcel 02-19574, necessary for the improvement of Howe Avenue between Main Street and Buchholzer Boulevard, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, stated that, as part of the Howe Avenue project, property acquisitions are needed. Their right-of-way consultant, DLZ, has prepared appraisals from title searches, presented the offers to the property owners and negotiated with the property owners. At this location, which is the Plaza at Chapel Hill, they were able to negotiate an amount for acquisition that was acceptable to the property owner, the City and to ODOT. Because the amount was over \$50,000, legislation was needed. The negotiated amount for this parcel was \$78,150 as shown on the budget sheet. For this project, two types of property acquisition are needed. The first are permanent highway easements, which would allow for minor widening; especially at the curb returns to allow truck access into and out of the properties. Second are temporary easements, which will allow the City to grade and restore property as part of the project. Twenty-one property owners are part of the project in terms of the property acquisitions. As of today, they have settled with all but four of them, and those will be discussed in the next piece of legislation. The final plan will be submitted to ODOT on July 1st. ODOT will bid the project in December of 2018 and award the project in January of 2019. Construction is scheduled to begin in April of 2019 and scheduled to be complete in July of 2020.

Mr. James asked if Mr. Hoffman would run through the figures on the budget information sheet, so the public can get an idea of what these figures represent. Mr. Bryan Hoffman, Finance Director, stated that, with these types of projects, it is hard to put a budget information sheet together, because the budget information sheet is something that's supplied to Council to show there is a budget for a project and give an idea of how much that budget is and how much the anticipated costs are for that project. When they have a project this large that is something that isn't done all the time, there's not a target to compare to different years. This is a multi-year project.

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The total estimated costs for what is approved on Temporary Ordinance A-53 is \$78,150. Last year's costs that are listed on the budget information sheet are costs to this project that were incurred last year. What he is trying to do in the next budget information section is show that, in 2018, they did budget \$2,336,000 for this project. They had a budget of some monies last year and didn't spend all those dollars last year. They are showing here \$176,279 in carryover. What they have in commitments is what is committed right now with those encumbrances, plus the \$78,150 to give Council an idea of what is left in the budget for this project for future items that they may bring to Council this year to approve. That's the way this budget information sheet is set up to hopefully try to explain some of those things.

Mr. Colavecchio moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-53 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.