

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting

July 2, 2018

Members: Tim Gorbach, Chair
Jerry James
Mary Ellen Pyke

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. Mrs. Pyke was absent.

The minutes of the April 2, 2018 and June 18, 2018 Finance Committee minutes were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. A-58

Temp. Ord. A-59

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-58

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, to renovate the basketball courts and construct a new tennis court at Kennedy Park, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Sara Kline, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, stated that they are asking to contract so that they can achieve this work at Kennedy Park. The basketball courts in question are in sorry need of attention. They will also be installing a tennis court, which is something that area is lacking. Mr. John Webb, as head of the Parks Maintenance Division, will be overseeing the project.

Mr. Gorbach asked Mr. Webb what his take on this project is. Mr. Webb stated that, presently, there are four basketball courts. They are going to reduce that down to just a full court. They have a lot of water issues coming off the hillside onto the court, so reducing that will get away from the hillside. Presently, there are two tennis courts in the city, at Cuyahoga Falls High School and at Keyser Park. This will be an opportunity to build tennis courts on the east side of the town. Mr. Gorbach asked what the construction time would be. Mr. Webb stated that he believes this project will be completed by the middle of October. Perrin Asphalt, the contractor on this project, is very busy right now. Their timeline is probably going to start sometime in mid-October and finish in the middle of the October or end of October. Mr. Gorbach asked if the tennis courts were part of the original budget discussion. Ms. Kline indicated that they were.

Mr. James stated that Kennedy Park is in his ward. The Ivy Park residents have been asking about improvements to the tennis courts and the basketball courts, and they are going to be thrilled that it's finally coming to fruition. He stated that he has full confidence in Perrin Asphalt being the company that's going to lay the asphalt. Mr. Pallotta asked if there is any grant money available to help with this project. Ms. Kline stated that their department is always looking for grant

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opportunities. However, Parks and Recreation grants are limited to programs and outreach. They have gotten ODNR and other sources to do infrastructure grants. This is not something that they have found an applicable grant for, but whenever they can find a grant, they are happy to apply and then capture those dollars if they're able to.

Mr. James moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-58 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Gorbach. Motion passed (2-0).

Temp. Ord. A-59

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a land swap agreement with Cuyahoga Falls City School District in connection with the new Fire Station 3 at 1601 Portage Trail, and declaring an emergency.

Fire Chief Paul Moledor stated that the land they're asking for from the school is at the outfield end of the ball fields. The portion that the City owns is much smaller than that portion, so there is some money going to the school paying for the property. Mr. Gorbach asked if that is the \$39,622.50 that the City is going to pay to the School District in addition to the piece of land that they are giving them. Chief Moledor stated that that was correct. That will make it equal in value. Mr. Gorbach stated that Mr. Anthony Gomez, a School Board member, was present. He asked Chief Moledor if the School Board has already passed legislation with respect to this request. Chief Moledor stated that they have not. The School Board has requested that the City do it first. Hopefully, this will pass on July 16. He believes the School Board meeting will be held on July 18th, and it is on their agenda. Mr. Gorbach stated that it a good arrangement for both the City and the Schools. He can't imagine there would be an issue, unless there's something that comes up with regards to the fair market value for the additional land, but they will see as it goes through the process.

Mayor Walters stated that when they met at the School Board meeting with this layout to show them, the discussion with the Board and the Administration of the Schools was some sort of an agreement where the City would offer some educational service to the students. He went on record that night to say that it is a transaction, so the City will pay the market value. The calculation was made and is equivalent to what the City is getting and what the schools are getting. They will still provide the training.

Mr. James moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-59 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Gorbach. Motion passed (2-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:50.