

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

March 21, 2022

Members: Meika Penta, Chair
Frank Stams
Adam Miller

Mrs. Penta called the meeting to order at 7:11p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the February 22, 2022, Public Improvements Committee were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-29

Temp. Ord. A-30

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-29

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for rehabilitation of the Broad Boulevard Sanitary Sewer, from 5th Street to 7th Street, using cured in-place liner, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance A-29 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for rehabilitation of the Broad Boulevard sanitary sewer, from 5th Street to 7th Street, using cured in-place liner (CIPP). The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Sewer Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Demasi stated that this project should only take a week or two to complete. They do not have a start date, but it will be in the next few weeks.

Mrs. Penta stated that this is a 50-plus year fix for this area. There will be construction, but very minimal disruption to the residents in the area.

Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-29 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. A-30

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the annual resurfacing and/or repair of various streets as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, in the City of Cuyahoga Falls and authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts for pavement preservation on various streets within the City, and declaring an emergency.

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Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance A-30 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the resurfacing and/or repair of various streets, as described in Exhibit 'A' attached to the original ordinance, in the City of Cuyahoga Falls. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for pavement preservation on various streets within the City. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Capital Projects Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Demasi stated that this is the annual ordinance that will allow them to resurface various streets as needed. The bidding of the project will begin on April 3 and will end on April 19. The ODOT Asphalt Placing Index has unfortunately continued to rise since December of 2020 and is now at the highest it has been since November of 2014. They are always hopeful that there will be drop soon and, with that, they are hoping that they will be able to pave all the streets listed in the exhibit. The streets they propose to pave are listed in the exhibit attached to the ordinance that was prepared by his office in consultation with the Street Department and is based on the ratings of the streets which was prepared by Pavement Management Group in 2020.

Mrs. Penta stated that it is nice to see a mixture of the wards getting some attention. One that stands out is Broad Boulevard from State Road to Second Street. It is a heavily-traveled road, and the residents will be extremely happy that is being done. She stated that her main concern is, because it is a main road, that there will be, of course, some resident issues with the traffic flow, but please rest assured it will just like when Chestnut Boulevard was repaved, it will have a nice ending. It will be done in a week for the residents in that area.

Mr. Stams thanked Mr. Demasi for his thorough explanation. It goes a long way in allowing him to help people in Ward 8 understand what is going on, and that, in turn, really lowers their frustration. He asked Mr. Demasi to share his list of explanations he read from, so he may share it with his constituents.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes thanked Mr. Demasi. She is especially excited about 6th Street. She stated that Mr. Demasi has made the point that nobody only drives on their street, so everyone should be thankful for all the streets that are paved because they travel on all of them.

Mr. Demasi stated that he is grateful for the support that they receive from the Administration and City Council for the budget process. They certainly would not be able to pave the streets they hope to without support from them.

Mrs. Spinner stated that the questions received when Chestnut Boulevard was repaved will prepare them for the construction on Broad Boulevard. She asked if there was a reason that Falls Avenue is listed in three different parcels, and if those be done back to back or at different times.

Mr. Demasi stated that they should have just simply said Falls Avenue from 6th Street to State Road. They will be done at the same time.

Mr. Tom Sullivan, 447 Tallmadge Road, asked if each individual ward council member will get to pick an individual street in their ward.

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Mr. Gorbach stated that that used to happen on Council, but when the City started hiring out and getting the ratings, they discontinued doing that.

Mr. Stams moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-30 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.