

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

**April 18, 2022**

**Members:** Meika Penta, Chair  
Frank Stams  
Adam Miller

Mrs. Penta called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of April 4, 2022, Public Improvements Committee were approved as written.

**Legislation Discussed:**

Temp. Ord. A-39

Temp. Ord. A-40

Temp. Ord. A-41

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. A-39**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Dant Clayton for the replacement of seating in the Downtown Amphitheater, located at 2085 Front Street, in an amount not to exceed \$58,900.00 and making the necessary appropriations for the same, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Michael Falls, Assistant Superintendent, Parks and Recreation, presented Temporary Ordinance B-39 to Council. The City of Cuyahoga Falls published a joint Request for Quotes for the Cuyahoga Falls Downtown Amphitheater Seating Project. The seating modules in the Downtown Amphitheater, located at 2085 Front Street, are over 18 years old and are reaching the end of their effective life cycle. The City receives Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. CDBG funds can be used to assist with ADA compliant renovations and modifications of public facilities and a portion of the new seating will be ADA compliant. The City of Cuyahoga Falls wishes to enter into an agreement with Dant Clayton, in an amount not to exceed \$58,900.00.

The Mayor will be authorized to enter into an Agreement with Dant Clayton in an amount not to exceed \$58,900.00 for the replacement of seating in the Downtown Amphitheater, located at 2085 Front Street. The Director of Finance will be authorized to increase appropriations in the Community Development Block Grant Fund, CDBG, Line Item Capital Outlay and reduce appropriations in the Community Development Block Grant Fund, CDBG, Line Item Other Operations by \$31,650.00. Furthermore, the Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment from the Recreation Levy Fund, Parks and Recreation Department, Line Item Capital Outlay in the amount of \$27,250.00, and from the Community Development Block Grant Fund, CDBG, Line Item Other Operations in the amount of \$31,650.00. The Mayor, Director of Finance, Director of Community Development, Director of Law, and any other public officials,

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individually and/or collectively as may be appropriate, will be authorized to prepare and execute such other documents and do all other things as are necessary or incidental to carrying out the intent and/or requirements of this legislation

Mrs. Penta stated that this seating is 20 years old. The festivals are aware of this limited seating because they have to remove the broken seating. Once it is done, they will have accessibility.

Mr. Stams asked why the bleacher seating on the sides. Mr. Fallis stated that the bleacher-style seating will allow for more accessibility with people that have mobility issues or may not fit into a bucket-style seat. By using the bleacher-style seating and adding that accessibility, they are able to access grant funding to pay for a significant portion of the project. Mr. Stams asked if they could put something in the budget to do something about the acoustics because the speaker system sounds like it is the next to go. Mr. Fallis stated that it is probability pretty close.

Mr. Gorbach asked if there was a market for the old seating on a refurbish basis. Mr. Fallis stated that there is not a market for them. The contractor does the removal and installation, so they did give them a little better price for the removal so they can recycle the scrap. The replacement parts can no longer be purchased. Mr. Gorbach asked if the 55 percent of the purchase price that is being utilized through CDBG correlates to 55 percent of the seating being bleacher seating. Mr. Fallis stated that it is not a direct correlation. The bleacher-style seating will be two-thirds of the seating.

Mr. Balthis asked if they are also making sure that the same amount of wheelchair access remains. Mr. Fallis stated that they are maintaining the wheelchair access spaces. They are replacing the exact number of seats, so they will not be taking away those wheelchair access cutouts.

Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-39 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed (3-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-40**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a modification of Contract No. 8495 with Environmental Design Group, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance B-40 to Council. The City followed the procedures set forth in Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65 to 153.73 in selecting a professional design services firm to assist with the public improvements at the South Front Street Townhomes. After review of all the proposals submitted to the City, Environmental Design Group (EDG) was selected as the most qualified for the project. Pursuant to the authority of Board of Control on March 14, 2022, the Director of Public Service entered into Contract No. 8495, with Environmental Design Group to provide Professional Engineering services for the South Front Street Townhomes. For the project to proceed, the City desires to continue Professional Engineering services which will benefit the Project. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a modification of Contract No. 8495, with Environmental Design Group

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in an amount not to exceed \$91,379.00. The total contract price after modification as authorized shall not exceed \$141,379.00. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Capital Projects Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Stams moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-40 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-41**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the repair and resurfacing of Broad Boulevard, from 2nd Street to State Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance B-41 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the repair and resurfacing of Broad Boulevard, from 2nd Street to State Road in the City of Cuyahoga. 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 project is currently out to bid, and bids will be open tomorrow. As far as the West Steels Corners resurfacing project, he will be able to let everybody know what those bids are tomorrow or Wednesday. They are hopeful for good bids. They anticipate work to begin this summer and be completed by the fall.

Mrs. Penta stated that she recalled Mr. Demasi speaking about this project many, many months ago and all of the hard work he and his staff had done to get the project started. The residents will be thankful. It is a highly-traveled area and will be a lot of improvement.

Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Demasi for all the work he and his staff did on this project. It is one of his favorite streets to drive in Cuyahoga Falls and gets a lot of traffic. The residents will love it.

Mr. Balthis stated that a lot of work goes into all the applications. He thanked Mr. Demasi and his staff for submitting this application and all the applications that his department takes the time with where they do not get the money. He also thanked Mr. Anthony Zumbo, Service Director. These are the moments when it really pays off and makes a big difference.

Mr. Tom Sullivan, 447 Tallmadge Road, thanked Mr. Demasi for doing the resurfacing after installing the utility lines.

Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-41 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.