

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

**May 16, 2022**

**Members:** Mary Nichols-Rhodes, Chair  
Tim Gorbach  
Adam Miller

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the May 2, 2022 Finance Committee meeting were approved as written.

**Legislation Discussed**

Temp. Ord. A-52

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Temp. Res. A-56

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. A-52**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Independent Diesel Service for the maintenance and repair of City diesel electric generators, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Anthony Zumbo, Service Director, presented Temporary Ordinance A-52 to Council. Motorola, Inc. is the sole source purveyor of maintenance and repair services for Motorola radio equipment. The Director of Public Safety will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Motorola, Inc. for the maintenance and repair of the City's public safety regional dispatch system equipment. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the General Fund, Communications Department, Line Item Other Operations.

Mr. Zumbo stated that this legislation will allow the City to utilize Independent Diesel Service for preventive maintenance and service calls. In January of this year, they contacted three companies for independent quotes for this work. IDS was the lowest for both the preventative maintenance work and hourly rates for service calls. This ordinance needs to pass now, so they can be ready for peaking season which occurs from June through September. This combination of work would carry IDS over the \$50,000 threshold, and that is why they need to have the legislation. Next year, it is their intent to bid this work so they can avoid having to come back before Council. Only the top peak load of the year actually counts for peak shaving savings in transmission costs. They will run them approximately 100 hours this year. They need to hit that in order to get the savings.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that the City has nine generators. She checked to see if it would be effective if the City had changed over to bio-diesel fuel and found that this work would still need to be done. Mr. Zumbo stated that that is correct. The type of fuel mixture would not change the

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preventive maintenance work that they need to do or any service call that may come up for the generators. Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that the work would not exceed \$90,000.

Mr. Gorbach asked if AMP has a formula they utilize to determine peak shaving days. Mr. Zumbo stated that it is the temperature. They are watching it and watching the load being used because that is how they call those days. It does not necessarily have to be the hottest day, but it is going to the hot days where most folks are running their air conditioner and never on the weekends. Mr. Gorbach asked if they fire up all nine generators when AMP directs them to do that. Mr. Zumbo stated that that is correct. From approximately 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. are the hours they try to hit.

Mr. Balthis asked if this contract includes the maintenance of the scrubbers and the exhaust of the diesel system. Mr. Zumbo stated that that is part of this contract. They also have monitoring and testing of those emissions. If that testing comes back indicating that they need to do some preventive maintenance and service, it is done.

Mr. Gorbach moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-52 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-53**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor as Director Of Public Safety to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Motorola, Inc. for the upgrade of and licensing fees for public safety regional dispatch system equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Josh Kington, Director of Information Services, presented Temporary Ordinance A-53 to Council. Motorola, Inc. is the sole source purveyor of the City's public safety regional dispatch system radio equipment. The Director of Public Safety will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Motorola, Inc. for the upgrade of and licensing fees for public safety regional dispatch system equipment. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Capital Projects Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Kington stated that they are currently working on the marks for the City's police, fire and dispatch center infrastructure locally in Summit County. Link layer authentication is a requirement to use their radios. Link layer authentication is a security feature which prevents unauthorized radios from accessing the necessary work, so it is an added security feature. They have not seen that problem here, but there have been issues with bad players cloning radios and listening into police and fire communication. This is not something that their radios have the capability on right now. All radios need to have that by July 1, 2025. At that time, any radio that does not have the link layer authentication will be rejected by the radio system and will no longer work. Police, Fire and Dispatch all have newer-style radios that can be updated to keep past June 2025. This upgrade will be included in the cost of this purchase. Along with the upgrade, Motorola offered and threw in some other discounted items as well as significantly discounting the upgrade, itself. Those discounted items are encryption. so people on scanners would not hear sensitive information such

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as patient information, over-the-air rekeying so keys for the encryption can be done quickly without touching the radio, and over-the-air programming, which would allow programming changes without touching the radios, themselves. When they are able to do these upgrades, they would receive preventive maintenance on the radios while they are in service.

Mr. Gorbach asked when this would go live. Mr. Kington stated this year, whenever they get their IPO to them. They would have to do it in waves so all the radios are not out of commission at the same time, but they expect that all the radios will be upgraded within two to three months from the time that they move forward. Mr. Gorbach asked if they would be spending maintenance fees or license fees in advance for three more years. Mr. Kington stated that they are not paying additional licensing. The purchase of Motorola right now is just for the upgrades which they would be doing sometime in the next three years. They are getting about a 25 to 30-percent discount to do it now. If they were to do it any time after June 30, 2022, they would be paying approximately 30 percent more for the same service.

Mr. Gorbach asked if they were buying any hardware with this purchase. Mr. Kington stated that they have all the radios. It would be about 250 portable, mobile and console radios throughout the different departments. In three years, if they did not do this, they could purchase new hardware. They decided not to do that and go with this option, because the hardware they currently have is functional and will work with the network after July 1, 2025, with this upgrade. The cost of new radios that would provide this additional layer of security would cost somewhere in the neighborhood of three times the amount that they are requesting now.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that the the cost of this is \$260,440, and it is split between Police, Fire and Tech Services.

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

**Temp. Res. A-56**

A resolution authorizing the City of Cuyahoga Falls to commit a 25% required match for a Brownfield Remediation Grant, administered through the Ohio Department Of Development, for the necessary environmental cleanup of real property, currently owned by the Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls, and known as 333 Pleasant Meadow Boulevard, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Rob Kurtz, Planning Director, presented Temporary Resolution A-56 to Council. The real property known as 333 Pleasant Meadow Boulevard (Parcel 21 #3501540), is owned by the Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls. Previous environmental studies have been prepared for this property including a Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) and a remedial action plan. The environmental cleanup and reutilization of this property for recreational purposes will benefit the adjacent property, the Mud Brook Watershed, and the City of Cuyahoga Falls. The Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls wishes to

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apply for a Brownfield Remediation Grant, through the Ohio Department of Development, for the cleanup of environmental contaminants on the aforementioned real property. The City of Cuyahoga Falls hereby supports the environmental remediation and cleanup of the aforementioned real property. The Brownfield Remediation grant, administered through the Ohio Department of Development, requires a minimum match of 25%.

Council will request that the Ohio Department of Development give favorable consideration to the Cuyahoga Falls Community Improvement Corporation's application for funding. The Finance Director will be authorized to commit the required 25% match of the total project costs, if awarded a Brownfield Remediation grant through the Ohio Department of Development, for the real property known as 333 Pleasant Meadow Boulevard (Parcel #3501540).

Mr. Kurtz stated that, in January, they asked for authority to apply to provide the 25-percent match to the grant from the Ohio Department of Development for the Ohio Brownfield Grant for the former Mud Run Gun Club. The first round of funding was distributed, and they were not on the list, but they are trying to strengthen their application because there is a second round for which they are still eligible. The changes to the application will be that the applicant will be the Community Improvement Corporation, CIC. The original application had the City of Cuyahoga Falls as the applicant, and they had a cooperation agreement so that the City could apply with the property owners. Again, CIC is the property owner, so they felt it was stronger to have that as the applicant. It is not a guarantee, but they want to put their best foot forward, so that is why he is asking for this resolution. This is a 25-percent match, which is approximately \$348,182 of the total cost of \$1.392 million for that.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that she appreciates local government going after the funds to clean up things that have been contaminated for a really long time. She is sorry that the taxpayers have to pick up that tab, but is happy they are pursuing it and that there are funds available.

Mr. Gorbach moved to bring out Temp. Res. A-56 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.