

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

July 5, 2022

Members: Meika Penta, Chair
Frank Stams
Adam Miller

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

The minutes of the June 6, 2022 and June 20, 2022 Public Improvements Committee meetings were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-69

Temp. Ord. A-70

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-69

An ordinance authorizing and directing the appropriation of certain interests in real property necessary for the improvement of West Portage Trail Extension between State Road and Northampton Road, and declaring an emergency.

On June 13, 2022, this Council adopted Resolution No. 7-2022, declaring the intention of the City to appropriate certain interests in real property necessary for the improvement of West Portage Trail Extension between State Road and Northampton Road, and caused notice thereof to be served on the owners thereof as required by law. Despite diligent efforts, the City and property owners have been unable to agree to the terms by which the necessary land will be transferred to the City.

If this ordinance is passed, Council will authorize and direct the appropriation of certain interests in real property necessary for the improvement of West Portage Trail Extension between State Road and Northampton Road. The Director of Law will be authorized to file any necessary civil actions in the Summit County Probate Court, or any other court of competent jurisdiction, to provide for the appropriation of the real property interests mentioned in Section 1 hereof by eminent domain and the assessment of the compensation to be paid for the interests hereby appropriated. The Director of Finance will be authorized to deposit with the Court the amount of the appraised value of each of the real property interests, which is on file with the Clerk of Council, to permit the immediate appropriation of the property. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for the same out of the Capital Projects Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Mrs. Penta stated that there is nothing further to be discussed other than what was discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-69 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed (3-0).

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Temp. Res. A-70

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant or loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission for replacement of 6” and 8” water mains in Oakwood Drive, from Graham Road to Monroe Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Resolution A-70 to Council. The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), through its State Capital Improvement Program and Local Transportation Improvement Program, provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure. The City of Cuyahoga Falls has identified the need, plans for, and proposes a capital improvement to public infrastructure, to wit: replacement of 6” and 8” water mains with an 8” water main, including all necessary appurtenances, in Oakwood Drive, from Graham Road to Monroe Avenue. The infrastructure improvement hereinabove described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC program.

The Mayor will be authorized to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant or loan from the Ohio Public Commission for the purpose of supporting the capital improvement consisting of replacement of 6” and 8” water mains with an 8” water main, including all necessary appurtenances, in Oakwood Drive, from Graham Road to Monroe Avenue, by means of the State Capital Improvement Program and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). The Mayor will be authorized to enter into agreements as may be necessary to apply for and accept the financial assistance mentioned herein. The Clerk will be directed to prepare and transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the OPWC.

Mr. Demasi stated that this is a reapplication for this grant. The City had previously been awarded this grant, but were unable to meet the State’s deadline. If the reapplication for the grant is successful, funding would be available in 2023 for a two-year construction period.

Mr. Stams moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-69 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.