

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

September 19, 2022

Members: Meika Penta, Chair
Frank Stams
Adam Miller

Mrs. Penta called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the July 18, 2022 Public Improvements Committee meetings were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-98
Temp. Ord. A-99
Temp. Res. A-100

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-98

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, with Rain Drop Products LLC, for the purchase and installation of splashpads at Quirk Cultural Center and Indian Mountain Park, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Sara Kline, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance A-98 to Council. The purchase by contract of the equipment, services, materials or supplies identified herein is through participation in a contract between the vendor and Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing group, and is thus exempt from competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §125.04. The Parks and Recreation Board will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts with Rain Drop Products LLC, on the basis of its proposal dated August 16, 2022, for the purchase and installation of splashpads at Quirk Cultural Center and Indian Mountain Park. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Recreation Levy Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Mrs. Penta stated that it is important that they get an area that everyone can enjoy. She is all about having all the parks renovated, but understands completely why these are first. She applauded Ms. Kline and her team for looking at those aspects and then ensuring that there is no lapse and that the kids can enjoy this next summer.

Mr. Stams asked when someone would age out of using the splash pad. Ms. Kline stated never.

Mr. Ashton stated that he wanted to thank the Park Department for thinking about inclusiveness for everyone in the community.

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Mr. Balthis stated that the move to splash pads created a little bit of anxiety early on, because people are used to the pools and are comfortable with them. The splash pads are going to be a massive improvement. The fact that they are open longer in the summer to make sure there are places available for people to cool off and spend time with their neighbors is critical.

Ms. Loza asked if the splash pad will be similar to the downtown splash pad where there is a timer at dusk when the parks close, because of the noise issue if it is after hours and people come by. Ms. Kline stated that the splash pad will have both a timer and an activator sensor that will allow them to set parameters of hours.

Mr. Stams moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-98 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. A-99

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract, with GameTime, Inc. for the purchase of play equipment to be installed at Water Works Park, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Sara Kline, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance A-99 to Council. The majority of Water Works Park playgrounds equipment's life cycle is expiring, and the City recognizes the vast benefits of continuing to improve the City's park areas. The City obtained quotes for the play equipment and GameTime, Inc. provided the best pricing, including a grant, and product. The City is taking advantage of GameTime Inc.'s grant program to leverage and maximize tax dollars for the equipment purchase for this park site. The purchase by contract of the equipment, services, materials or supplies identified herein is through participation in a contract between the vendor and OMNIA Partners, a cooperative purchasing group, and is thus exempt from competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §125.04. The Parks and Recreation Board will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, with GameTime, Inc. for the purchase of play equipment to be installed at Water Works Park. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from Recreation Levy Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Ms. Kline passed out a rendering of the new park equipment. She stated that the current playground equipment in Waterworks Park is 24 years old and in need of updating. The replacement will provide handicapped accessibility. There will be a concrete path within the structure to allow for wheelchairs and strollers. They are purchasing the system in the winter because the price is better. Gametime systems are easy to fix and easy to get parts.

Mr. James stated that he and his wife are in Waterworks Park every other day when they are walking their dog. This park is now a destination place, with launching sites for the kayaks and the tubes, baseball and softball games, soccer, the dog park and this playground. He thanked Ms. Kline and her staff and the Administration and anybody involved with this. It is going to be a huge improvement and he cannot wait to see it.

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Ms. Loza thanked Ms. Kline for making this inclusive. It is not only great for people with mobility issues, but also great for parents with young kids.

Ms. Rebecca Garner, 1336 West Bath Road, Cuyahoga Falls, asked if this was competitively bid. Ms. Kline stated that it is not a bid package in the sense of a construction project where parameters are set and then they take the lowest bidder. They are a state-bid vendor, which means they do not have to competitively bid. They did seek other packages and options from other companies. They do not do a bid package because it is not apples to apples.

Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-99 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Res. A-100

A resolution consenting to the inspection of municipal bridges within the City of Cuyahoga Falls, by the State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Resolution A-100 to Council. The State of Ohio has identified the need for and proposes Bridge Inspection Program Services, including, but not limited to routine inspections, element level inspections, critical-findings reports, fracture critical member inspections, load rating calculations and reports, weight limits posting sign recommendations, scour assessments, scour plan of actions, development of fracture critical plans, and underwater dive inspection reports if needed, identified as PID No. 117554. Council will consent to Bridge Inspection Program Services, including, but not limited to routine inspections, element level inspections, critical-findings reports, fracture critical member inspections, load rating calculations and reports, weight limits posting sign recommendations, scour assessments, scour plan of actions, development of fracture critical plans, and underwater dive inspection reports if needed, identified as PID No. 117554.

Council's consent will be granted with the following understanding: A. The State shall assume and bear 100% of all the cost for Bridge Inspection Program Services requested by the City and agreed to by the State. Eligible Bridge Inspection Services are described in the Consultant's Scope of Services Task Order Contract attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A, B. The City agrees to pay 100% of the cost of those features which are not included in Exhibit A. Those features may include, but not limited to, the purchasing and erecting the recommended weight limits posting signs, the implementation of critical findings reports such as partial or total bridge closures and the implementation of the scour plan of actions. When recommendations affect public safety, ODOT expects full implementation by the municipality. As of October 2019, FHWA requires installing weight limits posting signs within 30 days from the official date of the approved recommendations. Timely implementation is essential to the success of this program, C. The City agrees that all right-of-way required for the described project will be made available in accordance with current State and Federal regulations. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into contracts with the Director of Transportation which are necessary to complete the above

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described project. The Clerk of Council will be directed to transmit to the Director of Transportation a certified copy of this Ordinance.

Mr. Demasi stated state regulations mandate that every bridge over 10 ft. tall located in the city must be inspected once a year. Since 2014, the State has an agreement with the City that they will provide the inspection and the City may observe. This resolution will renew that agreement between the State and the City for another year.

Mrs. Penta stated that it is important to do this because they have bridges that are used throughout the area. It is good that they allow the City to shadow them, and it saves money for the City.

Mr. Stams asked if this included pedestrian bridges over 10 feet tall. Mr. Demasi stated that if it is a pedestrian bridge that crosses vehicle traffic, such as a pedestrian bridge over the expressway, it gets inspected once a year. Mr. Stams asked what if a bridge crosses a creek. Mr. Demasi stated that those are not covered by this ordinance; however, he does inspect underneath those particular bridges.

Mr. Stams moved to bring out Temp. Res. A-100 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.