

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

**November 7, 2022**

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

Mrs. Penta called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the September 19, 2022 Public Improvements Committee meeting were approved as written.

**Legislation Discussed:**

Temp. Ord. A-122

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. A-122**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with DLZ Ohio, Inc., for engineering services related to the preliminary evaluation of the main trunk sewer located within the Gorge Metro Park, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Russ Kring, Water Utilities Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance A-122 to Council. DLZ developed the City's Sanitary Sewer Overflow Plan, including ongoing flow monitoring and condition assessment of the Gorge sewer. It is crucial that this work coincides with other projects within the Gorge Metro Park. Although no specific expenditure has individually exceeded the threshold competitive bidding amount to date, collectively the expenditures may soon exceed the competitive bidding amount of \$50,000.

The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contact or contracts, without competitive bidding, with DLZ Ohio, Inc., for engineering services related to the preliminary evaluation of the main trunk sewer located within the Gorge Metro Park. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Sanitary Sewer Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Balthis stated that, at the Gorge meeting, they said that they would begin to pump the sediment next year, and then begin the process of the dam coming down sometime in 2025 or 2026. He asked if they will be able to coordinate all this work. Mr. Kring stated that the City of Akron will be starting a north-side interceptor tunnel on the other side of the park. It is going to be a 16-1/2-foot diameter, 100-foot-deep tunnel from Front Street down to the Chuckery area. It is at least reasonable to say that they can work in coordination with them in the same timeframe.

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Mr. Stams moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-122 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.