

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

December 5, 2022

Members: Meika Penta, Chair
Frank Stams
Adam Miller

Mrs. Penta called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Mr. Miller was absent.

The minutes of the November 7, 2022 and November 21, 2022 Public Improvements Committee meetings were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-134

Temp. Ord. A-135

Temp. Ord. A-136

Temp. Ord. A-137

Temp. Ord. A-138

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-134

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, for the transfer, processing and sale of recyclable materials acquired by the City through its curbside recycling program, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Chuck Novak, Street Commissioner, presented Temporary Ordinance A-134 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts after publicly advertising for bids, for the transfer, processing and sale of recyclable materials acquired by the City through its curbside recycling program.

Mr. Novak stated that there are a couple of contracts that they would like to get administered. It has been a number of years since they have gone out for competitive bid for recycle and for trash disposal. They have had a good relationship with their current contract holder. They had a one-year extension that has run out. With the way that the market is and with businesses not knowing what is going to happen in the next year. They decided to go out for a long-term bid. They had five bidders. Republic for the recycle contract was the lowest and best bid. Republic has a transfer station in Akron, so it is close. They operate on the same format that has been used in the past.

Mrs. Penta asked how long the contract is. Mr. Novak stated that the main term of the contract is five years, with a three-year extension option after that. Mrs. Penta stated that it is good that they are a local company, so there is less travel and less gas.

Mrs. Penta asked how the residents are doing with the recycle audit. Mr. Novak stated that last week, they did very well. They were at seven percent of the make-up on residue. However, this

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past September's numbers jumped 28 percent. The big thing to get across to everyone is, when it comes to plastic, they want bottles and jugs and nothing else. They do not want plastic bags, because they are a problem. It is just smaller kitchen and household items that are marketable.

Mr. Brillhart asked about the marketability of glass. Mr. Novak stated that there is not much of a market out there. It would cost more to landfill that. Glass is getting recycled, but it gets taken to Allentown, Pennsylvania, so the trucking cost is the biggest cost. Mr. Brillhart asked about the desirability of #5 and #6 plastics. Mr. Novak stated that it is still #1 and # 2 plastics, bottles and jugs.

Mr. Gorbach asked if they know if the cause of the increase was plastic bags or #5 and #6 plastics. Mr. Novak stated that he does not know that it was any of those specific items. They were present before, during and after the audit, so they saw what was there.

Mr. Jerry Crawford, Assistant Street Commissioner, outlined some of the problems he witnessed during the recycling audit.

Mr. Stams moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-134 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Penta. Motion passed (2-0).

Temp. Ord. A-135

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, for the disposal of municipal solid waste, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Chuck Novak, Street Commissioner, presented Temporary Ordinance A-135 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, for the disposal of municipal solid waste. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Sanitation Fund, Line Item Other Operations.

Mr. Novak stated that this is a flat rate per-tipping fee and this is all trash that goes to a landfill. There were four bidders. They went out for a five-year, long-term contract with extension options after that. Currently, Waste Management provides that service for the City and are the lowest and best bidder. There is a 3.2 percent increase this year from what they are currently paying. They are currently paying \$45 a ton.

Mr. Stams moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-135 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Penta. Motion passed (2-0).

Temp. Ord. A-136

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Director of Public Safety, to enter into a contract or contracts with Hasenstab Architects for architectural design services related to the construction of

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the new Fire Station 4 campus, including a training facility and fire prop, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance A-136 to Council. Fire Station 4 is outdated and in need of replacement and demolition, necessitating architectural design services. 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 project. After review of all the proposals submitted to the City, Hasenstab Architects was selected as the most qualified for the project.

The Mayor, as Director of Public Safety, will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts with Hasenstab Architects for architectural design services related to the construction of the new Fire Station 4 campus, including a training facility and fire prop. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, Line Item, Capital Outlay.

Chief Martin stated that they have received Statements of Qualification for architects. Design will begin sometime in January and should take six to eight months to complete. Construction is scheduled for spring of 2024 and should be complete in the fall of 2026. The fee for this work is \$567,654.

Mrs. Penta stated that she is excited for this project. It is nice that they will have this wonderful addition for training.

Mr. Stams stated that Fire Station 4 is located on West Bath Road and Northampton Road. It is a wonderful improvement to Ward 8, and everyone is grateful.

Mr. Stams moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-136 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Penta. Motion passed (2-0).

Temp. Ord. A-137

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, for the installation of a new 12” water main on West Portage Trail from Valley Road to Northampton Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance A-137 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, for the installation of a new 12” water main on West Portage Trail, from Valley Road to Northampton Road. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for 22 same from the Water Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Demasi stated that this project was designed by GPD. It is imperative this project goes in prior to the road project which will be begin in April of this year. This waterline will hopefully be done prior to roadwork being initiated. The bids were opened for this project last week. They had five

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bids. The lowest and best appears to be Wenger Excavating out of Dalton, Ohio and their cost will be approximately \$820,000.

Mr. Stams moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-137 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Penta. Motion passed (2-0).

Temp. Ord. A-138

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, for the Cochran Road Regional Wetland Restoration, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance A-138 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, for the Cochran Road Regional Wetland Restoration. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Storm Drainage Utility Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Demasi stated that Environmental Design Group constructed a wetland on this project. The bids for this are due Wednesday. The soil removed for this retaining basin will be used in the former Mud Run Gun Club lead remediation.

Mr. Brillhart thanked Mr. Demasi. He stated that this is a much-needed and well-thought-out project and is going to be absolutely superb.

Mr. Stams moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-138 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Penta. Motion passed (2-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.