

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

**May 1, 2023**

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

Mrs. Penta called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Mr. Stams was absent.

The minutes of the April 17, 2023 Public Improvements Committee meeting were approved as written.

**Legislation Discussed:**

Temp. Ord. B-40

Temp. Ord. B-41

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. B-40**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts with CTI Engineers, Inc., for Water Treatment Plant improvements, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Russ Kring, Water Utilities Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance B-40 to Council. The existing softener building and ion exchange softening system at the Water Treatment Plant is 87 years old, inefficient, and in need of replacement. The current open-air brine treatment system is inefficient, open to the elements, and in need of replacement and updating. Optimizing the use of salt brine will minimize chloride discharge to the Cuyahoga River, which is regulated under the City's existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit.

The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts with CTI Engineers, Inc. for Water Treatment Plant 9 improvements. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for the same from the Water Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Balthis stated that this is important and he is glad that they are making this investment and studying what makes sense financially in the long term to improve this important asset. He asked if they have any insight on when they should expect a completed report. Mr. Kring stated that the initial work for CTI pinpointed the process they want to use. The initial work is already done. He would expect about a year for the design and would hope it goes out for bids within the next year, 2024, for the actual project.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that this legislation is appreciated. It is going to update softener building at the Water Treatment Plant and optimize the use of salt brine to minimize the chloride discharge into the Cuyahoga River.

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Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-40 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Penta. Motion passed (2-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-41**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Karvo Paving Co for the installation of a new 12” water main on Portage Trail Extension West from Cedar Hill Road to an existing line located approximately 1,200 feet to the east of the intersection of Portage Trail Extension West and Cedar Hill Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Russ Kring, Water Utilities Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance B-41 to Council. Karvo Paving Company is currently under contract for the ODOT Widening and Improvement Project in the same location. Work is being completed during current roadway work, so as to alleviate future disturbances in the new road surface. A new water main will provide water to a currently isolated area for future development, An additional water main is needed to provide improved circulation and pressure regulation within the City’s existing water system.

The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Karvo Paving Co for the installation of a new 12” water main on Portage Trail Extension West, from Cedar Hill Road to an existing line located approximately 1,200 feet to the east of the intersection of Portage Trail Extension West and Cedar Hill Road. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Water Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Mrs. Penta stated that it makes sense to hire someone already working on the project, since they know what's going on and can get it done efficiently and correctly taking into account that they are already tearing up that area. She appreciates the fast tracking so everything is done all at once and they hope to not have to revisit this area for many years.

Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-41 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Penta. Motion passed (2-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.