

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

May 15, 2023

Members: Meika Penta, Chair
Frank Stams
Adam Miller

Mrs. Penta called the meeting to order at 9:12 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the May 1, 2023 Public Improvements Committee meeting were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-45

Temp. Res. B-46

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-45

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, for concrete pavement repairs to various streets, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance B-45 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, after publicly advertising for bids, for concrete pavement repairs to various streets. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Capital Projects Fund, line item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Demasi stated that this is the annual project to repair concrete pavement within the City. They plan to concrete Hoffman Drive from Prior Park Drive to Elenora. This project is 350 feet long and involves only three drive approaches. This is the final concrete street section to be replaced in the Brook Heights subdivision. The project has been bid on and Perrin Asphalt had the lowest bid at \$189,958.

Mrs. Penta asked what the timeframe will be once it comes out of committee and is approved by Council. Mr. Demasi stated that their specifications stipulate the project must be done by October 1st. Perrin says the project should take 30 days from start to finish. It is a short road. They do not know when they are going to start, but it should be sometime this summer.

Mr. Stams thanked Mayor Walters and Mr. Demasi and the Administration for the improvement.

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Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-45 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Res. B-46 (Sub. Dated 5/15/23)

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 upgrades to the Bailey Road and State Road Booster Pump Station, and declaring an emergency. Dana Check this

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Resolution B-46 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: upgrades to the Bailey Road Booster Pump Station. 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 upgrades to the Bailey Road Booster Pump Station, by means of the State Capital Improvement Program and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission. 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 of Council will be directed to prepare and transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Ohio Public Works Commission.

Mrs. Penta stated that Temporary Ordinance B-46 will be amended to include the words, "and State Road."

Mr. Demasi stated that this project will include upgrades to the buildings and outdated equipment located in these buildings. This legislation will allow The City to submit a funding grant for one-half of the project cost to the Ohio Public Works Commission. They are still developing those costs, but the cost could be close to \$1 million. Applications are due on June 30th of this year. The applicant will receive their scores sometime in October and, if they are successful, the money will be available to use on July 1st of 2024, which is when they have these projects scheduled to begin. If the grant is received, they have two years to complete the project, which should not be a problem.

Mrs. Penta stated that this will take up to two years, so they can make sure that the funding correlates to having the grant in order to have the cost covered. She stated that she appreciates every time someone in the Administration is looking for grants and trying to find ways to make improvements that need to be made at the least amount of cost to the taxpayers.

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Mr. Stams moved to bring out Temp. Res. B-46 (Sub. Dated 5/15/23) with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.