

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Community Development Committee**

June 19, 2023

Members: Brian Ashton, Chair
Michael Brillhart
Adam Miller

Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the June 5, 2023 Community Development Committee were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Res. B-62

Discussion:

Temp. Res. B-62

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for the 2023 Summit County Trail & Greenway Community Grant Program and commit the 50% required match funds to complete a study for the restoration of Mill Pond, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Rob Kurtz, Planning Director, presented Temporary Resolution B-62 to Council. Summit County Council authorized the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition to administer financial assistance for public recreation and environmental protection projects, through the Summit County Trail & Greenway Community Grant Program. A grant is available from the Summit County Trail & Greenway Community Grant Program in an amount of up to \$10,000. The grant requires an estimated local cost share match of 50% of the total project cost. The City of Cuyahoga Falls desires financial assistance through the Summit County Trail & Greenway Community Grant Program to complete a study for the restoration of the Mill Pond.

The Mayor will be authorized to apply for a grant from the Summit County Trail & Greenway Community Grant Program to complete a study for the restoration of the Mill Pond. The Director of Finance will be authorized to commit the required 50% match of the total study costs, if awarded a Summit County Trail & Greenway Community Grant Program through the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, for the real property known as Mill Pond, located in the City of Cuyahoga Falls. The Mayor, Director of Community Development, Director of Finance, Director of Law, and other city officials, as appropriate, will be authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition and to provide all information and to execute, certify or furnish such other documents and do all other things, as are necessary for and incidental to carrying out the grant application and this ordinance.

Mr. Kurtz stated that this is a request for the approval of Council to apply for a grant from the Summit County Trail & Greenway Community Grant Program and for the City to commit to the required 50% match estimated to be \$12,700. The grant funds would be utilized to perform a study to determine alternatives for the restoration of Mill Pond and surrounding area to enhance water

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quality, improve natural habitats and increase potential future recreational opportunities. The Mill Pond is located at the terminus of the proposed Mud Brook/Mill Pond Trail – Phase II. The estimated cost of this study \$22,700. Grant awards are expected to be made in July 2023, and the study could commence as early as July 2023. Matching funds for this study have been budgeted for this year.

Mr. Brillhart stated that this project is located his ward. He is on the trail probably five times a week and many residents ask him questions about Mill Pond. This project is very much anticipated and he is very much in support of it.

Mr. Siegferth moved to bring out Temp. Res. B-62 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.