

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

February 7, 2022

Members: Meika Penta, Chair
Frank Stams
Adam Miller

Mrs. Penta called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the December 21, 2021, Public Improvements Committee were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-14

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-14

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts with GPD Associates for the architectural design services for the construction of the new Electrical Division building, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Anthony Zumbo, Service Director, presented Temporary Ordinance A-14 to Council. The Electrical Division has outgrown their current location at the Service Complex. The City is working with FirstEnergy to bring a new feed into the City, which will require a new substation being built at the Service Complex and the reorganization of the Complex. 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, GPD Associates was selected as the most qualified for the project.

The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts with GPD Associates for architectural design services for the construction of a new Electrical Division building. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Electric Fund, Line Item, Capital Outlay.

Mrs. Penta stated that the current Electric Company location will be utilized by other departments. It is well-needed and planned out, and the solar aspect is good.

Mr. Balthis stated that this project was well thought out and accomplishes a lot of goals. Space at the service complex is at the premium. Opening that space so other departments can use it will be useful. The new site that was chosen is an area where the City will have an opportunity to do some meaningful stormwater work that is needed and that is going to benefit the neighborhood around the center, including the green initiatives that are built in.

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Mr. Stams moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-14 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.