

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting

October 16, 2023

Members: Mary Nichols-Rhodes, Chair
Mike Brillhart
Adam Miller

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the September 18, 2023 and October 2, 2023 Finance Committee meetings were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. B-113

Temp. Ord. B-114

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-113

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts for the purchase of a portion of certain real property known as 1749 Main Street, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Rod Troxell, Electric Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance B-113 to Council. The City of Cuyahoga Falls wishes to purchase a portion of the real property known as 1749 Main Street (Parcel 02-20653), in a total amount not to exceed \$95,000.00, from Store It Now, LLC.

The Mayor will be authorized to enter into a real estate purchase agreement with Store It Now, LLC, for the purchase of a portion of real property known as 1749 Main Street (Parcel 02-20653). The Director of Finance will be authorized to increase appropriations in the Electric Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay by \$95,000 and to make payment from same. Council will further authorize the Mayor, Director of Finance, Director of Community Development, Director of Law and any other city officials, individually and/or collectively as may be appropriate, to prepare and execute such other documents and do other things as are necessary for and incidental to carrying out the requirements of this legislation.

Mr. Troxell stated that this is Substation 1. The company is called Move It Now, and they would be purchasing the property there and building another substation next to that one.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that there is \$95,000 budgeted for this that will come out of the Electric Fund Capital Outlay. The building will start in 2027. This acquisition of this property is so that AMP transmission can make their plans and know what they can put where.

Mr. Troxell stated that Mr. Michael Dougherty was present. He is the project manager over the project.

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Mr. Brillhart asked if this would be an enclosed building like the one on State Road. Mr. Troxell stated that this will be an open substation like what exists now. It will look different, but it will be an open yard that is fenced in.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that the construction of a new substation is part of the 69kv upgrade project to the City's electric system, which is a major undertaking. She stated that she appreciates all the steps that are being taken to build the redundancy. Mr. Troxell stated that they will see a lot of things moving forward. It has been a long time coming and hopefully it gets moving.

Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-113 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord B-114

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with A. Crano Excavating for the installation of a new 18" storm sewer and associated appurtenances on Front Street, from The Glens subdivision to Sackett Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Kring, Water Utilities Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance B-114 to Council. A. Crano Excavating is currently under contract for the Public Improvements Project in the Glens Subdivision. A new storm sewer on Front Street is necessary to provide storm drainage for the new development.

The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding with A. Crano Excavating for the installation of a new 18" storm sewer, and associated appurtenances on Front Street from the Glens Subdivision to Sackett Avenue. The Director of Finance will be authorized to increase appropriations in the Storm Drainage Utility Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay by \$140,000.00, and to make payment from the same.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that there has been a change in the Law as to the amount that has to be brought to Council. It is now \$75,000 and will increase 3 percent per year thereafter. This is an additional \$140,000 being appropriated from the Storm Drainage Utility Fund. She stated that she is glad it is being done sensibly instead of stop and start.

Mr. Tom Sullivan, 447 Tallmadge Road, Cuyahoga Falls, asked when the project will start. Mr. Kring stated that it will start within the next two weeks to month. Mr. Sullivan asked what the duration of the project will be. Mr. Kring stated that it is not a very long stretch, just a couple hundred feet, so probably a month.

Mr. Brillhart moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-114 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.