

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

February 17, 2026

Members: Brian Ashton, Chair
Gary DeRemer, Vice Chair
Nikki Cebula, Rachel Loza, Marie Willis-Guarneri

Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

The February 2, 2026 Public Improvements Committee meeting minutes were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-10

Temp. Ord. A-11

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-10

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the annual resurfacing and/or repair of various streets as described in Exhibit 'A' attached hereto, in the City of Cuyahoga Falls and authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts for pavement preservation on various streets within the City, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance A-10 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the resurfacing and/or repair of various streets as described in Exhibit 'A' attached to the ordinance, in the City of Cuyahoga Falls. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for pavement preservation on various streets within the City. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Capital Projects Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay, and from the Storm Drainage Utility Fund, Line Item Other Operations.

Mr. Demasi stated that this is the annual ordinance allowing the City to resurface streets as needed. They plan on bidding this project on March 6th and open bids on March 24 of this year. The pricing index is 9 percent lower this year and 30 percent lower overall, so they are hopeful to be able to pave all the streets listed. The streets proposed are listed in the exhibit attached to the ordinance. This list was prepared by Engineering in consultation with the Street Department and considering the asphalt index and aggregate pricing. It is based on the rating of the streets which were prepared by the Pavement Management Group in 2024. Roads are scheduled to be rated again this year and they will use those rates for 2027-2028. They are scheduled to pave 24 lane miles of road, a little more than last year, which was the most that they have paved since the mid-1990's. They will continue to use fibers to increase the durability of the asphalt. This year, they will be resurfacing 13th Street between Portage Trail and Silver Lake Avenue. That section of pavement had been on hold until the Cuyahoga Falls School project wrapped up. The average

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age of the streets to be paved this year is about 20 years, so they have been getting some longevity on some of the roads.

Mr. Stams stated that the majority of calls he receives in Ward 8 are about the conditions of the roads, and he is sure that is probably true for the rest of Council members. It is important for the public to know the amount that a road is traveled and for what use a road is traveled is also considered. Mr. Demasi stated that that is one of the 20 criteria.

Mr. Stams stated that there are a lot of remote roads in Ward 8 that are in poor condition that don't meet the criteria because of the amount traveled, for example, the road that goes past Hale Farm, Compared to what is being resurfaced in other parts of the city, its condition is much worse but it does not meet that criteria. In the future, perhaps they could have some sort of exemption and inclusion, because even though it is less traveled, those people live on those roads and it does take a toll on their cars. Mr. Demasi stated that the majority of the lane miles are in Ward 8. Some roads may be deferred because of travel, but they eventually catch up to the roads.

Mr. Siegfert stated that he is very excited to see Portage Trail on this list. The section of 6th Street through 10th Street was mentioned with the possibility of being expanded if things work out. He asked if they don't work out this year, will there possibly be an expansion of that next year. Mr. Demasi stated that if they do not get to the other sections this year, the Street Department will continue to maintain the street by filling holes and patching pavement. Next year, they will be back for the other parts.

Ms. Loza moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-10 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. DeRemer. Motion passed (5-0).

Temp. Ord. A-11

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Site Technology Inc., for repairs to the Cuyahoga Falls High School Tennis Courts, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Ashton stated that, after discussion with the Administration, he is going to hold Temporary Ordinance A-11 in abeyance to be discussed at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.