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

October 26, 2026

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

Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 8:37 p.m. Ms. Willis-Guarneri was absent.

The minutes of the September 21, 2026 Public Improvements Committee were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:
Temp. Ord. A-83 (Sub. Dated 10/19/26)

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-83 (Sub. Dated 10/19/26)
An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the Blossom Glen Detention Basin Retrofit, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance A-83 to Council. The Blossom Glen Detention Basin was built as part of Phase II of the Blossom Glen Subdivision in approximately 2001. The Blossom Glen Detention Basin was designed to applicable stormwater management standards at that time. Water quality requirements for stormwater basin were not included in the City's standards until 2003. The City's OEPA NPDES MS4 permit requires the City to complete a project during the permit term which removes total phosphorous and E. Coli from receiving streams. The retrofit of the Blossom Glen Detention Basin include water quality features qualifications as a project which will meet the requirements of the City's MS4 permit. Following completion of the project, The Blossom Glen Homeowners Association will own and be responsible for the future maintenance of the basin.

The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the Blossom Glen Detention Basin Retrofit. The Director of Finance will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Storm Drainage Utility Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Ms. Janet Ciotola, Law Director, explained that substitute legislation is needed because the project's funding will be classified as an operational expense rather than a capital expense, changing the account identified in Section 2.

Mr. Demasi stated that the Blossom Glen detention basin was built in approximately 2001 under the City's stormwater standards at the time, which did not include water-quality requirements. The proposed retrofit will add a micro pool and forebay to capture sediment and materials containing

phosphorus and E. coli, helping the City meet its current five-year OEPA MS4 permit requirements.

The City hired Environmental Design Group to design the project. Fabrizi Trucking of Middleburg Heights submitted the low bid of $252,525.20,more than $100,000 below the City's estimate, and expects to begin construction in spring 2027 and finish within approximately 60 days. After completion, the Blossom Glen Homeowners Association will own and maintain the basin. The project's primary benefit will be improved water quality, with some additional stormwater-management benefits.

Ms. Loza moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-83 (Sub. Dated 10/19/26) with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. DeRemer. Motion passed (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.