

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

**October 19, 2020**

**Members:** Mary Nichols Rhodes  
Frank Stams  
Jeff Iula

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

**Legislation Discussed:**

Temp. Ord. A-73

Temp. Ord. A-74

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Res. A-73**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant or loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission for replacement of 6” and 10” water mains in Loomis Avenue, Magnolia Avenue, Murray Street, and Ritchie Street, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Craig Marko presented Temporary Resolution A-73 to Council. The Mayor will be authorized to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant or loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the purpose of supporting the capital improvement consisting of replacement of 6” and 10” water mains with a 8” and 12” water mains, including all necessary appurtenances, in Loomis Avenue, Magnolia Avenue, Murray Street and Ritchie Street, by means of the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) administered by the OPWC. The Mayor will be authorized to enter into agreements as may be necessary to apply for and accept the financial assistance mentioned herein. The Clerk will be directed to prepare and transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the OPWC.

Mr. Iula stated that he knows that area well and he is glad that is part of the east side.

Mr. Iula moved to bring out Temp. Res. A-73 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed (3-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-74**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the construction of overhead and underground power lines on Feeder 503, Feeder 504, and Feeder 702 to prepare for 12.5kv conversion, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Michael Dougherty, Electric Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance A-74 to Council. Feeder 503, Feeder 504, and Feeder 702 have equipment that has reached the end of its expected useful life and must be replaced. Feeder 503, Feeder 504, and Feeder 702 have under-rated electrical equipment that needs to be upgraded to make the feeders ready for conversion from 4160

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V to 12.5 kV. Old Substation 5 will be retired, and this work will enable this to occur. Feeder 702's load is also being moved to New Substation 5.

The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the construction of overhead and underground power lines on Feeder 503, Feeder 504, and Feeder 702 to replace or eliminate aged equipment and under-voltage rated electrical equipment with properly rated electrical equipment to make the lines ready to be converted to 12.5 kV. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Electric Fund, line item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Dougherty stated that these feeders are on the east side, River Estates, and the area around Munroe Falls Avenue. Mr. Dougherty stated that the overhead will start in about three weeks after today, but it will take longer than three weeks to finish. The underground will take a lot longer than the overhead.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that what Council is voting for is \$850,000 to be budgeted for this project. It had not been budgeted last year, but we have \$1.3 million still in capital outlay. First Energy and AMP are funding the Theiss Road substation project, so this might not have been in the budget, but there's money in the budget from another project.

Mr. Stams asked if First Energy and AMP recoup their cost through transmission fees. Mr. Dougherty stated that they take the whole load of the First Energy transmission grid and that is how the City gets charged in the area. This is where the peak shavings come into account. Whatever the City's load is compared to the entire load, that is the percentage of transmission costs to be paid for next year. Whatever the City can lower on its peak, that is how much less it would pay. The City is about one percent of the load, maybe a little bit under, so for this project, the City would end up paying about one percent of the cost through extra transmission piece.

Mr. James stated that he is glad to see that these underground and overhead power lines are going to be brought up to speed.

Mr. Stams moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-74 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.