

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

**July 15, 2024**

**Members:** Meika Penta, Chair  
Frank Stams, Vice Chair  
Gary DeRemer, Jerry James, Rachel Loza

Mr. Stams called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Mrs. Penta was absent.

The minutes of the July 1, 2024 Public Improvements Committee meetings were approved as written.

**Legislation Discussed:**

Temp. Res. A-62

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Res. A-62**

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 the improvement of Wyoga Lake Road, from East Steels Corners Road to Seasons Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer presented Temporary Resolution A-62 to Council. The Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”), through its State Capital Improvement Program and Local Transportation Improvement Program, provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure. The City of Cuyahoga Falls has identified the need, plans for, and proposes a capital improvement to public infrastructure, to wit: PID 116742, SUM Wyoga Lake Road, Improvement of Wyoga Lake Road, from East Steels Corners Road to Seasons Road. The infrastructure improvement described above is considered a community priority and is a qualified project under the OPWC program.

The Mayor will be authorized to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant or loan from the Ohio Public Commission for the purpose of supporting the capital improvement consisting of removal and replacement of pavement, signage, light poles, and storm sewer as needed, to reconstruct the roadway from Wyoga Lake Road, from East Steels Corners Road to Seasons Road, by means of the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission. The Mayor will be authorized to enter into agreements as may be necessary to apply for and accept the financial assistance mentioned herein.

Mr. Demasi stated that the design for the reconstruction of Wyoga Lake Road between Steels Corners Road and Seasons Road is about 60-percent complete. As a reminder, this \$6.5 million project will add a new two-way left-turn lane, a new traffic signal at Walsh High School at the Wyoga Lake Boulevard and Wyoga Lake Road entrance and extend the shared-use path on the

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east side up to Seasons Road. A couple years ago, they secured a grant and, at this time, they will be seeking additional funds to help with the local share. Applications are due August 16th. Approved legislation is required to be submitted with the application. This project should have a similar score to the West Portage Trail Project where funding was also received. For that project, with all the funding in place, the City is paying only 6 percent of that project and they believe they can also be successful in this project. Construction is still slated for 2026-2027 timeframe.

Mr. Stams thanked Mr. Demasi and the Engineering Department for their efforts.

Mr. Balthis stated that these applications require a lot of work. He thanked the Administration for all the work they do on these. The project mentioned where the local share is only 6 percent highlights the value of putting in the time and work. It is time well spent and the taxpayers of the city appreciate and benefit from it.

Mr. James moved to bring out Temp. Res. A-62 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Loza. Motion passed (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.