

**CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting**

**February 12, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Mr. Balthis at 6:31 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Ashton, present; Mr. Balthis, present; Mr. Brillhart, present; Mr. DeRemer, present; Mr. James, present; Ms. Loza, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mrs. Penta, present; Mr. Siegferth, present; Mrs. Spinner, present; Mr. Stams, present.

**Invocation:** Mrs. Spinner

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Siegferth

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the December 12, 2023, December 18, 2023, January 8, 2024 and January 22, 2024 Council Meetings, January 2, 2024 Organizational Meeting and Committee-on-Committees minutes and December 18, 2023 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting minutes were approved as written.

**Reports and Communications:** A Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding New Permit 9836564 to Yongan LLC, dba Toko Japanese Steak House, 400 Howe Avenue, Unit 1301, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44221.

A Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding Transfer Permit 5919152 to Mickey's Irish Pub LTD, dba Mickey's Irish Pub, Suite G & Patio, 1846 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44221 from Shale Group LLC, DBA Craft Beer Bar, Suite G & Patio, 1846 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44221.

A Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding Transfer Permit 9555137 to Westlake Junction Corp, dba Uptown Deli, 3205 State Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44223 from 3025 Akron LLC, dba UptownDeli, 3205 State Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44223.

A letter dated January 30, 2024 from Mayor Don Walters regarding his selection of Captain Christopher Norfolk as Police Chief.

Mr. James moved to recess Council to conduct a meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Council recessed at 6:37 p.m. and reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

**New Legislation**  
(First Reading)

**Temp. Ord. A-22 (Finance)**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the construction of a new Street Department Warehouse at 3159 Northampton Road, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. A-23 (Finance)**

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.

**Temp. Ord. A-24 (Finance)**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the replacement of the roofs at the Electric Department, Street Department, Water Treatment Plant, and the Water Stock Room in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. A-25 (Finance)**

An ordinance amending sections 945.02, 945.04, 945.06, and 945.14 of the Codified Ordinances, relating to the City Cemetery, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Res. A-26 (Public Affairs)**

A resolution expressing support for and urging the passage of the Woodridge Local School District Levy, at the election held on March 19, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. James moved to recess Council to conduct a meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Council recessed at 6:47 p.m. and reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

**Reports of Special Committees**

Mr. James moved to confirm Mayor Walter’s appointment of Captain Christopher Norfolk as Police Chief, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Reports of Council’s Standing Committees**  
(Third Reading)

**Planning & Zoning:**

No Report.

**Finance & Appropriations:**

**Temp. Ord. A-16**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Moody's of Dayton for well repairs and additional well services, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-16, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-17**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the Water Treatment Plant Sand Filter Improvement Project, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-17, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-18**

An ordinance appropriating Community Development Block Grant carryover funds for calendar year 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-18, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-19**

An ordinance increasing appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund for the improvement of West Portage Trail, from State Road to Northampton Road, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-19, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Res. A-20**

A resolution of intent to appropriate certain property along State Road, Seasons Road and Wyoga Lake Road, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Res. A-20, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-21**

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the Natatorium Pool Surface Refinish Projects, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-21, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Public Improvements:**

No Report.

**Public Affairs:**

No Report.

**Community Development:**

No Report.

**Schedule of Committee Meetings**

Planning & Zoning:	Subject to Call.
Finance:	February 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
Public Improvements:	Subject to Call.
Public Affairs:	February 20, 2024, at 6:35 p.m.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Ms. N’ecole Ast, Superintendent, and Mr. Tom Morehouse, Treasurer, Woodridge Local School District, addressed Council regarding Temporary Resolution A-26 urging support and passage of the Woodridge Local School District Levy.

This renewal levy was last passed back in 2014 and is set to expire at the end of 2024. This is not a new money levy. This operating levy will generate \$5,271,000 for the district, which is roughly 17% of the district budget. It will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$217 per year. Operating levies provide school districts money to be used for day-to-day expenses such as staff salaries, supplies, utilities, transportation, activities, and programming. These are the funds necessary to run and operate schools. This Operating levy will cover the cost of Honors and AP Courses, All-Day, Every-Day Kindergarten, Athletics/Activities/Clubs, Transportations, Field Trips and Foreign Languages.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Russ Balthis, Council President

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Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council