

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

November 23, 2020

- Call to Order:** Mr. Brillhart at 6:30 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Mr. Balthis, present; Mr. Brillhart, present; Mr. Gorbach, present; Mr. Iula, present; Mr. James, present; Ms. Loza, present; Mr. Miller, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mrs. Penta, present; Mrs. Spinner, present; Mr. Stams, present.
- Invocation:** Mrs. Spinner
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Ms. Colavecchio
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 9, 2020 Council meeting were approved as written.
- Reports and Communications:** An e-mail from Larissa Shockley and an anonymous e-mail were read into the record and are attached to these minutes.

New Legislation
(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. A-87 (Finance)

An ordinance amending ordinance 56-2018 to include JP Morgan Chase Bank NA, as a depository for the active and interim funds of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Res. A-88 (Finance)

A resolution requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to make advance distribution of tax receipts payable to the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-89 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with the Vitality Group, LLC for the City's wellness program services to benefits-eligible employees, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-90 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with CVS Health and/or its subsidiary CVS Caremark for the administration of the City's self-insured employee prescription drug plans for a period not to exceed three years, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-91 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts for the purchase of natural gas, after publicly advertising for bids, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-92 (Public Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, with a company or companies, according to law, for the roadway improvements to Sourek Trail, from Sand Run Road to the intersection west of Sand Hill Drive, and installation of waterline on Sand Hill Drive, Kubic Drive, and a portion of Sourek Trail, together with necessary appurtenances, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-93 (Public Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the Towpath Boulevard Storm Improvements, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-94 (Public Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the construction of underground power lines on Pinebrook Trail to replace old direct buried electrical cables with new conduit and cables and to replace transformer pads.

Temp. Ord. A-95 (Public Affairs)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Director of Public Safety, to enter into a Mobile Field Force Multi-Jurisdiction Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement with various political subdivisions within Summit County and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Council's Standing Committees

(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning

Temp. Ord. A-80

An ordinance authorizing and approving a conditional zoning certificate to operate an outdoor sales lot on Parcel 35-00079 (4095 State Road), in an MU3 Sub-Urban Center District, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. James moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-80, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Ord. A-82

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Fidelity Security Insurance Company and/or its subsidiary EyeMed Vision Care for

the administration of the City's self-insured employee vision care services insurance plans, for a period not to exceed one year, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-82, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-83

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Guardian Life Insurance Company for the administration of the City's fully-insured employee dental insurance plan, for a period not to exceed two years, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-83, second by Mrs. Spinner. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public Improvements:

No Report.

Public Affairs:

Temp. Ord. A-84

An ordinance amending the Traffic Control File by providing for installation of various traffic control devices, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Balthis moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-84, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Res. A-85

A resolution approving the Summit County Solid Waste Management Plan prepared by the Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority dba ReWorks, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Balthis stated that he spoke with Ms. Marci Kress this morning to see if any amendments were made to the plan. A member of the Board of Trustees asked a few clarifying questions, but there were no changes or comments made.

Mr. Balthis moved to adopt Temp. Res. A-85, second by Mrs. Spinner. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Community Development:

Temp. Ord. A-86 (Sub. Dated 11/16/20)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute and submit the Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for program year 2020 and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-86 (Sub. Dated 11/16/20), second by Ms. Loza. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	December 7, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.
Finance:	December 7, 2020 at 6:35 p.m.
Public Improvements:	December 7, 2020, at 6:40 p.m.
Public Affairs:	December 7, 2020, at 6:45 p.m.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Brillhart stated that, in the past, Council has had the opportunity to make donations to the Family Promise Group. He received a letter from them, so if anyone would like to have further information or to donate, please contact him and he will forward a copy of that letter.

Mr. Gorbach stated that he is not familiar with the box that Ms. Shockley referred to in her e-mail and asked if they are able to alleviate the concern that she addressed. Mr. James stated that it is a pantry box that has been loaded with nonperishable food for the homeless or anybody that needs to stop by and pick it up. He did contact the lady that put it up, and she was going to talk to the owner about it today. If possible, they would like to locate it on the other side of the street. Mr. Gorbach stated that it sounds like a wonderful, caring thing to do for those in need during this time. He hopes an amicable resolution can result from these conversations.

Mr. Brillhart asked who sponsors this pantry box. Mr. James stated that there is no real sponsorship. Anybody can come and donate the food. Mr. Brillhart stated that there are so many good things that happen in the community with people helping people, and this is just another wonderful example of the people of Cuyahoga Falls helping one another.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Michael Brillhart, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council

Zimbra**clerkofcouncil@cityofcf.com**

From :

Tue, Nov 17, 2020 08:00 PM

Sender :

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Subject : <No Subject>**To :** publiccomment@cityofcf.com

I am a resident of Cuyahoga Falls, and I oppose further development of Merriman Valley: we need to save our beautiful green spaces !

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Zimbra**clerkofcouncil@cityofcf.com**

From : Larissa Shockley

Sun, Nov 22, 2020 11:02 AM

Subject : <No Subject>**To :** publiccomment@cityofcf.com

Hello,

We have a concern with a box that was put on our corner of Hudson Drive and Gaylord Grove Road. First off we were not told a box was being put on our property that we maintain. Also, residents that go to this box park in our driveway to go get the food. Our concern is that if someone falls down in our driveway while they are going to go get food out of the box. We would be liable for a possible injury. Obviously this is a huge concern for us.

We are simply asking if the box could be moved across the street. This way residents can safely get out of their car to get the food. Then also we won't be concerned about possible injuries.

I hope you can help us out with this matter. We understand it is a kindness for our community and support it. Just moving it to the other side of the road simply makes more sense.

Thank you for your time. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Larissa Shockley
330-703-5182
