

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

January 27, 2020

- Call to Order:** Mr. Brillhart at 6:30 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Mr. Brillhart, present; Mr. Gorbach, present; Mr. Iula, present; Mr. James, present; Mr. Miller, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mrs. Penta, present; Mr. Reilly, present; Mrs. Spinner, present; Mr. Stams, absent.
- Invocation:** Mrs. Spinner
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Kenny King
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the December 23, 2019 Council Meeting were approved as written.
- Reports and Communications:** None

New Legislation

(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. A-4 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the painting of the Portage Trail Water Tank, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-5 (Finance)

An ordinance amending Ordinance 94-2019 authorizing the Directors of Safety and Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase or lease of various vehicles for use by the City; decreasing appropriations in the Sanitation Fund, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-6 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Finley Fire Equipment Co. Inc., to sell, without competitive bidding, a fire vehicle, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-7 (Public Improvements)

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 declaring an emergency.

Temp. Res. A-8 (Public Affairs)

A resolution expressing support for and urging passage of Issue 11, Summit Metro Parks Tax Levy, at the primary election to be held on March 17, 2020, and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Council's Standing Committees

(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning

No Report.

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Ord. A-1

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Law to execute a second modification of contract with Roetzel & Andress, LPA for legal services related to Johnson Controls, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-1, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (9-0).

Temp. Ord. A-2

An ordinance establishing pay ranges for part-time, per diem, and special classification workers, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-2, second by Mr. Reilly. Motion passed, voice vote (9-0).

Public & Industrial Improvements:

No Report.

Public Affairs:

Temp. Ord. A-3

An ordinance creating the Non-Bargaining Position of Electrical Engineer and amending Exhibit "A" of Ordinance 116-2018, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Reilly moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-3, second by Mrs. Spinner. Motion passed, voice vote (9-0).

Community Development:

No Report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	Subject to Call.
Finance:	February 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Public Improvements:	February 3, 2020, 6:35 p.m.
Public Affairs:	February 3, 2020, 6:40 p.m.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.

Miscellaneous Business

Mayor Walters presented the Honorary Boulevard Designation to the Woodridge High School Boys' Cross Country Team.

Mr. Bryan Hoffman, Finance Director, stated that under Revenues in the General Fund, Local Government, County, is up \$54,6087 over 2018. In the State of Ohio Fund that was newly created in the State's budget, the City received \$89,925. Overall, the ending Unencumbered Balance in the General Fund is \$7,048,532, up from the budgeted amount, which was originally \$5,765,967. In the Municipal Income Tax Fund, the City collected \$23,550,355. There were \$333,620 in refunds. The City received the advancement of \$1.4 million at the end of the year. This year, the City will be getting back the overpayment to RITA. RITA retains three percent, and pays the City back out once they go through their audit. That will happen in the April timeframe. In the SCMR Fund, the ending unencumbered balance was \$1,300,515. That is mostly due to receiving a couple months of increased gasoline tax revenue. The mild winters have also helped that fund. In the Leisure Time Fund Charges for Services for facilities, the Natatorium was \$10,205. Brookledge is up \$92,045. Downview was up \$21,476 and Waterworks was up \$49,983. The Self-Insurance Fund total expenses were up \$425,506 over 2018. That is right in line with the budget and what was anticipated for 2018-2019.

Ms. Colavecchio stated she gave several handouts to Council of the Community Annual Report for 2019. This report is replacing the Downtown Report. At the beginning of 2019, they began the process of compiling the information that's in these reports and then submitting a quarterly report in-house and presenting that to the Cabinet on a quarterly basis. Those quarterly reports have been finalized into the first annual report. It is a more comprehensive look at the estimated value of investment in downtown as well as the balance of the rest of the City. This also shows approximate start dates and complete dates of these projects and the job numbers that are attached to them. This report will be provided to Council on a quarterly basis. Ms. Colavecchio also stated that she has passed out a Downtown Partnership membership form application. They are trying to promote the Downtown area, and ask that Council, in their travels and discussions with businesses around the city, would let them know that the partnership is open for business. Any business in

the city can be a member of the Downtown Partnership. They do not need to be located downtown to be a member. Individuals can also be members. Members will be put on their master spreadsheet for e-mails and events. The last form Ms. Colavecchio passed out was the Jawbone Sponsorship form. This will be the first annual film festival that Cuyahoga Falls will be involved with. It's going to be held in the Pavilion on April 23. This is an event open to any high school students in Northeast Ohio. There will be winners announced and prizes given, and then the winners will be shown at the film festival at the Pavilion during the Art Walk. They are looking for sponsorship levels.

Mayor Walters announced that this would be the last meeting for Law Director Russ Balthis. He has been with the City for six years. He stated that Mr. Balthis not only has a brilliant legal mind and great dedication to the City, but is also just a wonderful person. Mr. Balthis is going into the private sector. He will be dearly missed, but will still be heavily involved with the City.

Mr. Brillhart stated that Mr. Balthis has been hard working and tenacious to try to help the City with all the issues. Mr. Reilly stated that the last four years that he has worked with Mr. Balthis have meant the world to him. He is also looking forward to working with Ms. Ciotola. Mr. Gorbach stated that he and Mr. Balthis have known each other for quite a long time. The law firm that he is going to is better for it and made a great decision adding him to their firm. He stated he looks forward to working with Ms. Ciotola and congratulated her on her promotion. Mr. Iula stated that Mr. Balthis has done a great job during his time as Law Director. Mr. Miller thanked him for his service. Mr. James stated that Mr. Balthis has done a wonderful job and he's going to be sorely missed. Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that Mr. Balthis is equally as kind as he is brilliant, and she appreciates his friendship.

Mr. James moved to excuse Mr. Stams from the Council Meeting, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice (9-0).

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (9-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Michael Brillhart, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council