

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

February 11, 2019

- Call to Order:** Ms. Nichols-Rhodes at 6:30 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Mr. Brillhart, present; Mr. Colavecchio, present; Mr. Gorbach, present; Mr. Iona, present; Mr. Iula, present; Mr. James, present; Mr. Miller, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mr. Pallotta, present; Mrs. Pyke, present; Mr. Reilly, present.
- Invocation:** Mr. Brillhart
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Boy Scout Troop #3171, Woodridge Elementary School
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the January 28, 2019 Council Meeting were approved as written.
- Reports and Communications:** A Notice of Resignation as an At-Large City Council Representative from Mr. Paul Colavecchio, dated February 6, 2019.
- A notice from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control regarding new permit #607264 to Motown Restaurant & Lounge, Inc., dba Motown Comedy Lounge & Restaurant, 550 Howe Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44221.
- A Public Notice from the Ohio EPA regarding Division of Surface Water.

New Legislation

(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. B-7 (Planning & Zoning) *

An ordinance approving regulatory text amendments for Section 1111.08 Administration and Enforcement and Section 1124.03 Flood Plain and Stormwater in The Cuyahoga Falls General Development Code, and declaring an emergency.

***Public Hearing 4/1/19**

Temp. Ord. B-8 (Planning & Zoning)

An ordinance accepting the Planning Commission approval, findings and conditions of the Redwood Living Community combined preliminary and final subdivision plat and improvement plans on Parcels 35-00013, 35-6325, 35-00015, 35-02051, 35-02052 and 35-02053 on West Bath Road, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-9 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition of buildings and removal of demolition debris at various locations in the City, and certifying the cost thereof to the County Fiscal Officer for collection in the manner provided by law, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord B-10 (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. Ord. B-11 (Public Affairs)

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

Temp. Ord. B-12 (Public Affairs)

An ordinance amending Chapter 929, Storm Drainage Utility, of the Codified Ordinances, and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Council’s Standing Committees

(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning

No Report.

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Ord. B-2

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Director of Public Safety, to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition and replacement of Fire Station 3, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-2, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. B-3

An ordinance approving a petition for special assessments for special energy improvement projects and a plan for public improvements; approving the necessity of acquiring, constructing, and improving certain public improvements in the City in cooperation with the Akron-Summit County Energy Special Improvement District; determining to proceed with such project; and

determining to levy special assessments in connection with such project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-3, second by Mrs. Pyke. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. B-6

An ordinance authorizing the director of public service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Kinstle Sterling/Western Star Truck Center for the purchase of a tandem axle dump truck for use in the Street Department, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-6, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public & Industrial Improvements:

Temp. Ord. B-4

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the replacement of an 8” waterline in Bailey Road, from Graham Road to Adams Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. James moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-4, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public Affairs:

No Report.

Community Development:

No Report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	February 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Finance:	February 19, 2019, 6:35 p.m.
Public Improvements:	February 19, 2019, 6:40 p.m.
Public Affairs:	February 19, 2019, 6:45 p.m.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to dissolve into Executive Session to discuss imminent litigation with legal counsel, second by Mr. Gorbach. Roll Call: Mr. Brillhart, yes; Mr. Colavecchio, yes; Mr. Gorbach, yes; Mr. Iona, yes; Mr. Iula, yes; Mr. James, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, yes; Mr. Pallotta, yes; Mrs. Pyke, yes; Mr. Reilly, yes. Motion passes, 11-0. Council dissolved into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.

Mr. James moved to dissolve out of Executive Session, second by Mr. Reilly. Roll Call: Mr. Brillhart, yes; Mr. Colavecchio, yes; Mr. Gorbach, yes; Mr. Iona, yes; Mr. Iula, yes; Mr. James, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, yes; Mr. Pallotta, yes; Mrs. Pyke, yes; Mr. Reilly, yes. Motion passes, 11-0. Council dissolved into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

Miscellaneous Business

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes announced that there is a RITA meeting at Lion's Park on Wednesday, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. All residents are encouraged to come if they have questions to be answered and help that they may need. She stated that she would like to thank Mr. Colavecchio for your commitment to this body and to the City. We really appreciate all the work that you've done and we wish you well.

Mr. Iona stated that he and Mr. Colavecchio worked on the Planning & Zoning, and he enjoyed working with him.

Mr. Gorbach stated that he has enjoyed the last year serving on Council with Mr. Colavecchio. The questions asked, the thoughtful way he thinks about the residents and his votes on the legislation certainly have proven that Mr. Colavecchio cares deeply about the City. Everyone knows that and wishes you the best.

Mr. James stated that he would be remiss without saying something about my old compadre. He and Paul have been together on this rail for quite a few years, along with Mrs. Pyke and Mr. Iula. He definitely has the City at heart by doing this. It's a noble move. Mr. James stated that he is very proud of him and respects him. He is sorry to see him go, but wishes him the best of luck. In everything he endeavors to do, he is sure he'll do it well. God bless you, Paul.

Mr. Iula stated that it has been a pleasure working with Mr. Colavecchio the last five or six years. He asked if Mr. Colavecchio was still going to be on the Schnee Board.

Mr. Colavecchio stated that he will still be on that board. He thanked Council for their kind words.

Ms. Sarah Leedham, Interim Community Development Director, gave the following updates regarding Downtown Cuyahoga Falls:

BUSINESSES

- Pav's is open
 - Opened on February 1.
 - Passed their liquor license inspection last week and are waiting for the license to be issued.
 - In the process of hiring enough employees over age 21 to serve alcohol.

- 2225 Front Street (The Tommy Bruno Building)
 - Home to the former Tommy's Café, this building was previously going to be demolished.
 - A constant source of downtown curiosity, the building is now

scheduled for rehabilitation with approximately 1,400 sq.ft. of commercial space on the first floor and two apartments on the second story.

- HiHo Brewing Company
 - Initial inspections have been completed and finishing work has begun, including drywall and tile etc.
 - Pizza offerings to begin this spring.

- The construction/renovation process continues for the following businesses:
 - Akron Coffee Roasters
 - Darby's
 - Ohio Brewing Company
 - Portage Community Bank
 - Reverie
 - Rose Italian Kitchen
 - S&T Bank

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 16th - Dance My Way - Silent Disco
Location: The Pavilion – 2085 Front Street
Time: 6– 8pm (Please plan to arrive at 5:30pm, music starts at 6:00pm)

Join the Parks and Recreation Department as they kick off their new adaptive programming initiative. This silent disco experience is designed specifically for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and those with sensory sensitivities.

Admission: Residents: \$18/per pair (one attendee + one parent/caretaker) or Non-Residents: \$20 per pair, additional tickets \$10/each. Pre-registration is required by February 14

For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department 330.971.8225.

- Public Arts Master Plan
In October of 2018, the City issued a request for qualifications to complete a public arts master plan. The goal of the plan is to provide a long-term roadmap for strategically planning the placement of public art throughout the City, and to develop procedures for administering a public art program. The plan will help to encourage art in the downtown historic district, public spaces, streetscapes, parks, neighborhoods and private development projects.

The City received proposals from several groups and selected Todd Bressi in collaboration with Via Partnership. Todd W. Bressi is a public art consultant, urban designer, educator and writer. He has managed his own public art, place-making and city design consulting practice since 2008. Via Partnership is a St. Louis- and New York-based consulting group that plans, curates and produces public art throughout the United States and Canada,

working with public agencies, developers, cultural organizations and community groups. Via was created by Emily Blumenfeld and Meridith McKinley in 1999.

Composed of the phases listed below, work on the plan is underway and is tentatively scheduled for completion and adoption this summer:

- Phase 1 – Creation of a Work Plan
- Phase 2 – Research & Discovery
- Phase 3 – Community Outreach
- Phase 4 – Strategy Creation
- Phase 5 – Plan Development & Approval

A series of public engagement activities are scheduled to begin on February 27th and will continue throughout the process. The Community Development Department will work with the consulting team and the NECCO Department to ensure ample public participation including surveys, public meetings, interviews and roundtable discussions.

An Advisory Committee representing various interests throughout our community is currently being formed.

- 2019 Falls Downtown Fridays and Downtown Events Schedule
 - May 2 – Cuyahoga Falls City Schools All-City Art Walk
 - May 18 – Steps for Change
 - May 25 – Mawaka Foundation Concert benefiting Akron Children’s Hospital
 - June 7-9 – Irish Festival
 - June 14 – River City Pop Culture Fest
 - June 21 – Crafty Mart and Cuyahoga River Xtinguish
 - June 28 – River Rock Fest
 - July 5 – Stars and Stripes Honoring Our Heroes
 - July 12 – Taste of the Falls
 - July 19-21 – Festa Italiana
 - July 26 – KidsFest
 - August 2 – Soul, Rhythm and Brews
 - August 9 – Cuyahoga Falls Culture Fest
 - September 20-22 – Oktoberfest
 - October 4 – Heart and Home Marketplace and Farmer’s Market
- Ice Rink
 - The rink is closed for the 2018/2019 Season.
 - Rock the Rink to be rescheduled as part of the 2019/2020 Season.
 - During the 2018/2019 Season, the rink generated approximately \$25,000 in revenue; exceeding the \$5,000 originally estimated.

Mrs. Pyke asked if something was coming into the old Office building. Ms. Leedham stated that there is. It is not finalized yet. They were just awarded a grant for that space. It will still be Butcher & Sprout, which was mentioned in the fall. It was put on hold. It is now back. Once they begin, it will be a 90-day completion window between the space. It will be burgers, salads; things like that. It will be a family-friendly area, with a games area and consoles. Mrs. Pyke asked if the Craft Bar was expanding. Ms. Leedham stated that they were going to expand into Pandora Cupcakes to have banquet and party space.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Colavecchio. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Mary Nichols-Rhodes, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council