

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting**

February 19, 2019

Members: Tim Gorbach, Chair
Jerry James
Mary Ellen Pyke

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 8:39 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the November 5, 2019 and November 11, 2019 Finance Committee meetings were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. B-9
Temp. Ord. B-13

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-9

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.

Mr. Tony Demasi, Engineer, stated that this ordinance will allow them to declare the following described structures as insecure, unsafe, and structurally defective within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code §715.26, and dangerous buildings within the meaning of Section 1343.01 of 35 Summit County Codified Ordinances: 2327 12th Street (all structures) and 3845 State Road. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition of the dangerous buildings listed above, and the removal of debris therefrom. The Finance Director will be authorized to make payment for same from the CDBG Fund, Line Item Contractual Other. Since they have submitted their legislation request, the tenant for the property located at 3845 State Road has submitted a copy of a contract with a roofing contractor to repair the roof. Summit County has issued a permit for those repairs. Those repairs are weather-dependent and will not begin until April or May. The City has notified all parties that they will continue through the legislative process in order have everything in place in the event these repairs are not made, they can proceed with demolition.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes asked if the structure at 2327 12th Street had sustained a fire. Mr. Demasi stated that it was not.

Mr. Gorbach stated that the structure at 3845 State Road was the old Continental Sports Cars on the corner of State Road and Valencia. He asked at what point the City would feel that that work should start. Mr. Demasi stated that they have a contract that states the work will begin the end

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of April or beginning of May. If they have not proceeded with the work by that time, they can begin the demolition.

Mrs. Pyke asked if the violations concerned the façade of the building or the whole building. Mr. Demasi stated that the entire building is condemned. Mrs. Pyke asked if the City has taken them to Court. Mr. Russell Balthis, Law Director, stated that they have enforced the housing issue. Once the condemnation order is placed on the building, that stops that process. If the roof is repaired, they can continue to seek fines and remedies on the façade. Mrs. Pyke asked what will be done with the cars located on the property. Mr. Balthis stated that the cars are a separate issue that is under the current enforcement process. He stated that he will send Council information on that issue.

Mrs. Pyke moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-9 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. James. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-13

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Law to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and Settlement Agreement relating to the Munroe Falls shooting range, making necessary appropriations for the same, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Balthis stated that this ordinance is the result of discussions that were had in Executive Session.

Mrs. Pyke moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-9 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. James. Motion passed (3-0).

Mr. Pallotta asked Mr. Gorbach if some residents could be heard on a matter not related to the Finance Committee.

Elaine Elwood Sheppard, 2415 Shaw Avenue, addressed Council regarding concerns about neighborhood disruptions on Shaw Avenue, and requesting help from Council or the Police Department in preventing further issues.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.