

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

February 24, 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; Mr. Miller, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mrs. Penta, present; Mr. Reilly, present; Mrs. Spinner, present; Mr. Stams, present.

Invocation: Mrs. Spinner

Pledge of Allegiance: Reece and Rylee Roxbury, Boy Scout Troop 166

Approval of Minutes: None

Reports and Communications: A Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding Permit Number 92809550005 to Vinifera CF, LLC, dba Vinifera Wine Bar, 3236 State Road, Suite C, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44221 from Robert Daniel Wells, DBA Tee Pee Fast Foods, 1300 Washington Street, Bellaire, Ohio, 43906.

A Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding Permit Number 0005457 to A Plus Crab, Inc., 738 Howe Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221.

New Legislation

(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. A-9 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a modification of Contract No. 7802 with ARRC, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-10 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation for safety equipment, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-11 (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 2735 Valley

Road, and certifying the cost thereof to the County Fiscal Officer for collection in the manner provided by law, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-12 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Motorola, Inc. for the maintenance of the public safety regional dispatch system equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-13 (Public Affairs)

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

Temp. Ord. A-14 (Public Affairs)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a NOPEC Energized Community Grant Agreement with NOPEC, Inc. for energy efficiency or energy infrastructure projects, and declaring an emergency.

Council recessed into a Committee-on-Committees at 6:36 p.m. and reconvened at 6:39 p.m.

Report of Committee-on-Committees

Mr. Gorbach moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Balthis as Vice Chair of the Community Development Committee, second by Mr. Reilly. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Reports of Council's Standing Committees

(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning

No Report.

Finance & Appropriations:

No Report.

Public & Industrial Improvements:

No Report.

Public Affairs:

No Report.

Community Development:

No Report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	Subject to Call.
Finance:	March 2, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Public Improvements:	Subject to Call.
Public Affairs:	March 2, 2020, 6:35 p.m.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Hoffman stated that due to the fact that there was no meeting last week, Council was sent an e-mail last Thursday with Report 21 attached. Under the General Fund, Local Government funding from the State of Ohio was \$15,217 in January. The City started to receive some Local Government funding in July of 2019, so there should be some positives in the first six months of this year moving through 2020. On the Admission Tax side, there have been a lot of acts coming to Blossom Music Center, so they expect to have a higher admissions tax year this year. In the Municipal Income Tax, in January, the City has collected \$560,025 in January. In 2019, there was zero because of the transition to RITA. In the Leisure Time Fund, only the Natatorium is listed, because the other funds had only a couple thousand dollars per the different facilities. The Natatorium is considered flat, down \$4,534. Under the Expense side, only the Self-Insurance Fund is included. It was a little bit lower, but not by much.

Mr. Stams asked what the budget amount for Admissions Tax was last year. Mr. Hoffman stated that, in Report 21, there are the 2019 actuals and the budget for 2020. A comparison between 2019 and 2020 is also included in that report. Mr. Stams asked if that report gives a breakdown of where this tax is coming from per venue. Mr. Hoffman stated that it does not, but he can provide that information to Mr. Stams. There are only four areas in which the City receives admissions tax. By far, the largest is Blossom Music Center and their summer concerts. The City receives small amounts from the Carnival of Horrors that happens at Blossom Music Center and from Cinemark and the Funny Stop.

Mr. Brillhart asked the percentage of the admission tax and if it is calculated per ticket. Mr. Hoffman stated it is per ticket price and is currently set at 3 percent. Mr. Brillhart stated that he believed the movie theater was abated for 10 years. Mr. Hoffman stated that the abatement was up to \$129,000. That goes to the developer, Stark Industries. Mr. Brillhart asked if that amount has ever exceeded \$129,000. Mr. Hoffman stated that it has not. It is roughly \$80,000 to \$90,000.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that she wanted to remind everyone that the Parks and Recreation Department is working on a Master Plan, and the first public meeting is this Thursday, at 6:30 p.m., at Lions Park.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Michael Brillhart, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council