

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee**

February 3, 2020

Members: Drew Reilly, Chair
Susan Spinner
Adam Miller

Mr. Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the January 6, 2020 and January 21, 2020 Public Affairs Committee were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Res. A-8

Discussion:

Temp. Res. A-8

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.

Over the past 14 years, Summit Metro Parks has expanded trails by 25%, added over 5,000 acres of land, and grown by over 1 million visits per year. Increases to the Metro Parks' acreage, visitation, and programming logically and necessarily require additional funding to sustain the growth. The Metro Parks' current funding levy, in which new funding was last passed in 2006, was renewed by voters in 2013 after earning 75% of the vote, and represents 90% of the Metro Parks' overall funding. The current levy funding will expire at the end of 2020. The Summit Metro Parks has proposed the renewal of their existing 1.46 mill funding levy, with an addition 0.54 mills, to be placed on the March 17th, 2020 ballot – the passage of which will result in an increase of about \$1.58 per month per \$100,000 property value. Maintaining high-quality park system necessitates a modest increase in funding, and investing in local parks improves local property values and quality of life for all residents.

Mr. Reilly stated that he requested this ordinance after the presentation two weeks ago from Metro Parks Executive Director, Lisa King.

Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Res. A-8 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Spinner. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.