

**CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting**

**April 27, 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.

\*(Due to technical difficulty, Mr. Gorbach was unable to sign on to the online meeting until 6:38 p.m.).

**Invocation:** Mrs. Spinner

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the April 13, 2020 Council meeting were approved as written.

**Reports and Communications:** None

**New Legislation**  
(First Reading)

No New Legislation

**Reports of Council's Standing Committees**  
(Third Reading)

**Planning & Zoning**

No Report.

**Finance & Appropriations:**

**Temp. Ord. A-17**

An ordinance amending Ordinance 56-2018 to include Portage Community Bank, as a depository for the active and interim funds of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-17, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-18**

An ordinance amending section 141.02 of the Codified Ordinances, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-18, second by Mr. Reilly. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Public & Industrial Improvements:**

**Temp. Ord. A-19**

An ordinance authorizing the Park and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the repair of roof areas E and I of the Natatorium, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-19, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-20**

An ordinance authorizing the Park and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with David Pellegra and Architects, Inc. for architectural and design services for the renovation of Brookledge Golf Club clubhouse, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-20, second by Mr. Stams. Roll Call: Mr. Brillhart, Yes; Mr. Iula, Yes; Mr. Miller, Yes; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, Yes; Mrs. Penta, Yes; Mr. Reilly, Yes; Mr. Gorbach, Yes; Mrs. Spinner, Yes; Mr. Stams, No. Motion passed, voice vote (10-1).

Mr. Stams requested an opportunity to remark on Temporary Ordinance A-20. Mr. Brillhart stated that the time for remarks on Temporary Ordinance A-20 has occurred.

**Temp. Ord. A-21**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for replacement of the waterline in Stow Avenue, from 2nd Street to 6th Street, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-21, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord A-22**

An ordinance authorizing the director of public service to enter into a modification of contract no. 7882 with Kenmore Construction Company, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-22, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Public Affairs:**

No Report.

**Community Development:**

**Temp. Ord. A-23**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area agreement with Nieuw World Capital Management, LLC and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta make a motion to amend Temp. Ord. A-23 with Substitute Temp. Ord. A-23 (Dated 4/27/20), second by Mr. Iula.

Mr. Stams ask if there was a reason given for the name change.

Ms. Penta stated that she received word from the Community Development Director and the Law Director that the company the City has been working with, Nieuw World, has formed a new entity, Legacy 2020, LLC, and the new entity will actually be the company that will own the building at 2020 Front Street, so this CRA Agreement will be entered into and signed by the new entity. The ordinance is being amended to reflect the new name and future actual owner of the building.

Mr. Stams stated that he loves the fact that a former Cuyahoga Falls graduate is coming back and developing the downtown. He is happy for this type of development and some of the other businesses or retail that may spawn from this development. He stated he has no problem with the 15-year tax abatement on the new construction, but, going forward, as the downtown gets developed and space becomes extremely attractive, he may have a hard time supporting a 15-year tax abatement.

**Temp. Ord. A-23 (Sub. Dated 4/27/20)**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area agreement with Legacy 2020, LLC and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta make a motion to adopt Temp. Ord. A-23 (Sub. Dated 4/27/20), second by Mr.Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Schedule of Committee Meetings**

Planning & Zoning:	Subject to Call.
Finance:	Subject to Call.
Public Improvements:	Subject to Call.
Public Affairs:	Subject to Call.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Mr. Brian Hoffman, Finance Director, stated that he sent out Report 21 last week. The numbers are fairly positive through March, but he does not know if that really reflects what they are going to see going forward. None of these numbers show any significant drops in any of the revenue sources. He stated that he would like to see some numbers next month and then talk about where the finances are going.

Ms. Colavecchio, Community Development Director, stated that she had sent out the Community Development's first quarterly report to everyone. Through the first quarter, they are holding our own. Development continues to be on the increase at least through the end of the first quarter. They are up almost \$90,000 in improved development throughout downtown and the rest of the city. The number of new housing starts is also holding its own. So far, there has been a little bit of decrease in new housing permits through this year. She stated that Community Development Department has been giving grants to the local small businesses in the city. At this time, they had given out approximately 30. She received information from the County last week that the program that they put together and cosponsored with the Akron Chamber ended up helping 28 local businesses in Cuyahoga Falls. The City has also put in \$5,000 with the school to purchase Chromebooks, and that is also being out there in the way of helping school children who have to learn from home.

Mr. Brillhart stated that, all things considered, they are doing a wonderful job and loves the fact that the grants are going out to the different businesses and the money for the Chromebooks.

Mr. Gorbach stated that Mr. Stams has asked to make remarks on Temporary Order A-20. Mr. Stams stated that he would like to make a comment regarding Temporary Ordinance A-20 tonight, the renovation of Brookledge Golf Club. As much as he is a golf fan, he is still opposing that ordinance, because, given the current circumstances of not only our city, but the state and the nation, it was not the time for that kind of expenditure.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Michael Brillhart, Council President

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Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council