

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

**June 3, 2019**

**Members:** Tim Gorbach, Chair  
Jerry James  
Mary Ellen Pyke

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. Mrs. Pyke was absent.

**Legislation Discussed**

Temp. Ord. B-33

Mr. Gorbach stated that there was a public hearing on Temporary Ordinance B-25 on May 6, and asked if anyone was present to discuss this ordinance. That ordinance will be discussed by the Committee on June 17, 2019.

**Discussion:**

**Temp Ord. B-33**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition of a building within the City and removal of demolition debris, 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, going back to 2015, the Housing Division observed violations at this property that included a roof that needed repair, wood shake cladding that needed replaced and protected, cellar hatchway door that needed secured, tuck point of mortar joints and numerous holes where rodents and birds can enter the building. The house was vacant, but Housing was able to get in touch with the property owner, who is in his eighties. Over the last several years, he has been in communication with Housing. He tried to obtain a rehab grant for the property to make some repairs. Unfortunately, he doesn't qualify because of his income level. He has tried to sell the property as-is, but there is a mortgage on it and the condition of the home is not helping the sale. At this point, the house is still vacant. The Summit County Building Department issued a condemnation order on April 16 of this year. There was no response in the prescribed time to respond to that condemnation order, so they are asking for authorization to proceed with demolition.

Mr. Gorbach asked how much time is allowed after a condemnation order is issued. Mr. Demasi stated 30 days. Mr. Gorbach asked if the condemnation order was mailed to where the owner is residing in Kent, or was that mailed to the property. Mr. Demasi stated that it was mailed to the property, but he did receive it. The City has been in communication with him subsequent to the condemnation order.

Mr. Iona asked if the lot is big enough to build another property. Mr. Demasi stated that it is a standard-sized lot.

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Mr. James moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-33 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Gorbach. Motion passed (2-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.