

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

July 6, 2020

Members: Drew Reilly, Chair
Susan Spinner
Adam Miller

Mrs. Spinner called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. Mr. Reilly was absent.

The minutes of the February 3, 2020 and March 2, 2020 Public Affairs Committee were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-40

Temp. Ord. A-41

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-40

An ordinance providing an amendment to the Charter of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, which amendment will remove obsolete language in Article VII, Section 5, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Janet Ciotola, Law Director, presented Temporary Ordinance A-40 to Council.

Mrs. Spinner moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-40 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller Motion passed (2-0).

Temp. Ord. A-41

An ordinance providing an amendment to the Charter of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, originally adopted by the electorate on November 3, 1959, and amended from time to time, to be submitted at the next general election on November 3, 2020, which amendment will revise Planning Commission membership contained in Article VIII, Section 1.1, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Ciotola presented Temporary Ordinance A-41 to Council.

Mr. Gorbach stated that he was in favor of this ordinance and hopes the committee votes to bring it out next week. Getting people to serve on these committees is a challenge and Planning and Zoning is a difficult committee to be on. To open it to be able to try to get more people with various backgrounds is important. He stated that he likes the fact that a Council member would be on the committee, and the nonvoting part of it does not bother him. There are other committees that operate under the same type of scenario. It is a good change.

Ms. Amanda Kephart, 1600 26th Street, stated that she wanted to thank everybody that helped them through the process and also thank Ms. Diana Colavecchio, Community Development

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Director, for attending the meeting and speaking to the Commission in order to educate them on the value of making this proposed change. She stated that learning more about it helped the Commission make a well-educated decision that Council has an opportunity to review.

Mrs. Spinner moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-41 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller Motion passed (2-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.