

# **CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Council Meeting**

**February 26, 2018**

**Call to Order:** Ms. Nichols-Rhodes at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Brillhart, present; Mr. Colavecchio, present; Mr. Gorbach, present; Mr. Iona, present; Mr. Iula, present; Mr. James, present; Mr. Miller, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mr. Pallotta, present; Mrs. Pyke present; Mr. Reilly, present.

**Invocation:** Mr. Brillhart

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Iona

**Approval of Minutes:** None

**Reports and Communications:** A letter dated February 13, 2018 addressed to Council Clerk from Mr. Aaron Pechota, Senior Vice President Development, NRP Group LLC, regarding NRP Falls Senior II, LLC's role as Managing Member.

### **New Legislation**

(First Reading)

#### **Temp. Ord. A-17 (Planning & Zoning)\***

An ordinance approving regulatory text amendments in Section 1146.06 G. Revitalization Signage Areas and in Section 1146 H. Downtown Signs of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls (General Development Code), and declaring an emergency.

**\*Public Hearing 4/9/18 at 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Temp. Ord. A-18 (Planning & Zoning)**

An ordinance approving the Cuyahoga Falls Downtown Historic District Revitalization Sign Criteria and Master Sign Plan, as more fully described and depicted herein, and declaring an emergency.

#### **Temp. Ord. A-19 (Finance)**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to execute a modification of Contract No. 7495 with Nathan Contracting, LP, for repairs to the Green Parking Deck, and declaring an emergency.

#### **Temp. Ord. A-20 (Public Improvements)**

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, to refinish the main pool surface at Water Works Family Aquatic Center, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. A-21 (Public Improvements)**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Director of Public Safety, to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, with David Pelligra & Architects, Inc., for architectural design services for the Cuyahoga Falls Law Enforcement Training Center, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. A-22 (Public Affairs)**

An ordinance creating the position Member Relations Supervisor in the department of Parks and Recreation, and declaring an emergency.

**Reports of Council's Standing Committees**

(Third Reading)

**Planning & Zoning**

**Temp. Ord. A-9**

An ordinance authorizing and approving the Dickerson Run Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plat and Improvement Plans on Parcel 35-06570, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Colavecchio moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-9, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Finance & Appropriations:**

**Temp. Ord. A-10**

An ordinance amending ordinance 114-2017 authorizing the Directors of Safety and Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase or lease of various vehicles for use by the City, and, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-10, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Public & Industrial Improvements:**

**Temp. Ord. A-11**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the Woodward Creek Culvert under the Creekside Trail Improvement Project, and declaring an emergency.

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

**Public Affairs:**

**Temp. Ord. A-12**

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

Mr. Brillhart moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-12, second by Mr. Reilly. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-13**

An ordinance amending various sections of the Codified Ordinances to conform to State law, approving the 2017 replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brillhart moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-13, second by Mr. Reilly. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-14**

An ordinance enacting Section 933.124 of Title Five, Part Nine of the Codified Ordinances, relating to Distributed Generation Service of retail electric customers of the City's Electric Department, making certain findings in connection therewith, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brillhart moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-14, second by Mr. Reilly. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Community Development:**

**Temp. Ord. A-15**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with River Falls Property IV, LLC, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Reilly moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-15, second by Mr. Gorbach. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-16**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, providing River Falls Property IV, LLC dba Ohio Brewing Company an economic development loan, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Reilly moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-16, second by Mr. Gorbach. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Schedule of Committee Meetings**

Planning & Zoning:	Subject to Call.
Finance:	March 5, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Public Improvements:	March 5, 2018, 6:35 p.m.
Public Affairs:	March 5, 2018, 6:40 p.m.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.
Special Committee:	March 5, 2018, 6:45 p.m.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Mr. Hoffman stated that, in General Fund revenues, the only line item that is out of line or a little bit better than expected is interest income. Interest income is up \$25,447 in the first month. That is approximately an 84-percent increase over 2017. That is a function of both short-term interest rates and cash available to invest in the city. In January, Municipal Income Tax Collections were up 1.2 percent over 2017. He doesn't give these numbers a lot of weight during the first few months, because of the volatility of income tax and people filing taxes. These numbers can change over time, and they have seen that trend in the past few years. He will be watching this fund closely, reporting out on it and looking at it over the summer to see where the trends are. In the Leisure Time Fund, the only facility that is running right now is the Natatorium. Charges for services are down \$12,002 over 2017. That's essentially flat. He doesn't put a lot of weight to little variations from month to month in charges for services. The Natatorium has been at record capacity and doing well.

Mr. Hoffman stated that the Personal Services line item in the Street Construction Maintenance Repair Fund is up \$56,000 over 2017. There has been more of a normal winter this year than in the last couple years, so he did anticipate seeing these Personal Services go up with plowing and things like that. There is also a little increase in salt, but nothing to be alarmed about. The topic of last year was the Self-Insurance Fund, hospitalization and dental. In January of this year, there was a decline in claims of \$111,923. That's cash out the door. Getting into February and March, they will have a better sense of where those claims are going and trends, because sometimes there can be timing issues with claims and cash. Prescriptions are down slightly from last year. January is a month where there is not a lot of data in yet, but everything is still on track.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes announced that she has asked Mayor Walters to present the State of the City to Council and the public. That is scheduled to happen next week, on March 5th, and will be part of the Public Affairs Committee.

Ms. Barbara Gunter stated that she had requested to speak before Council. She is disappointed that the full government officials are not present tonight. Because she would like to address everybody, including Mayor Walters, she will wait until the next Council meeting to speak.

Mr. Iona asked if Mayor Walters was going to do his full State of the City presentation, because it was on the radio Saturday night. Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that he will be giving the full presentation. The State of the City should be made public, and this is the way to do it.

Mr. Gorbach moved to adjourn, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Mary Nichols-Rhodes, Council President

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Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council