

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
January 17, 2012

Members: Don Walters, Chair
Carrie Snyder
Carol Klinger

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the January 3, 2012 and January 9, 2012 Public Affairs Committee meetings and the November 14, 2011 Ad Hoc Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-3

Temp. Ord. A-4

Discussion

Temp. Ord. A-3

An ordinance amending Section 1 of Ord. No. 103-2011 to approve and adopt the final council ward descriptions and ward map associated with the redistricting of City Council wards as determined therein, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Iula requested that his name be removed from the legislation as sponsor.

Mr. Walters stated that the final ward descriptions prepared by Mr. Demasi's office were distributed to Council members. Some of the legalese may have been hard to understand but he was assured it was identical to what was voted on and passed in November. Mrs. Klinger stated she did not support this ordinance the first time Council voted on it and she will not be supporting it this time.

Mrs. Pyke asked that when copies of the map are prepared, if more contrasting colors could be used. Currently, the blue and green colors are next to each other, which make it difficult to distinguish the borders. Mr. Walters stated the map that is on the City's website is quite clear if there's ever any question. Mr. Demasi added that they had an unlimited availability of colors from which to choose. Mr. Barnhart stated his company, Advertising Graphics, did the maps ten years ago and he would be happy to have them do the new maps. He added that they can juggle the colors around.

Mrs. Snyder moved to bring out A-3 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Walters. Motion passed (2-1).

Temp. Ord. A-4

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with the City of Tallmadge, Ohio for the provision of prisoner confinement services, and declaring an emergency.

Capt. Davis stated they made an agreement with Tallmadge to house some of their prisoners. Tallmadge averages approximately 60 to 80 prisoners a year and is currently using Macedonia so it will be closer for them to bring prisoners to Cuyahoga Falls. The City does not currently have this type of arrangement with any other municipality. This will be another opportunity to connect with another agency. Tallmadge

allows Cuyahoga Falls officers to use its range on occasion. He added that Cuyahoga Falls prisoners would take priority over any brought in by Tallmadge if the jail is full.

Mrs. Colavecchio asked whether the City did video arraignments with Stow Municipal Court. Capt. Davis replied it does not do them from jail. Officers take the prisoners to the Courthouse. He added that he has been meeting with Stow Court regarding implementing video arraignments. It is done with other communities.

Mrs. Snyder moved to bring out A-4 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.