

**CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting**

**January 23, 2017**

Call to Order: Mrs. Pyke at 6:30 p.m.  
Roll Call: Mr. Rubino, present; Mr. Pallotta, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mr. Brillhart, present; Mr. Miller, present; Mr. James, present; Mr. Iona, present; Mr. Colavecchio, present; Mrs. Klinger, present; Mr. Iula, present; Mrs. Pyke, present.  
Invocation: Mr. Iona  
Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Klinger  
Approval of Minutes: None

Mrs. Pyke appointed a Committee-of-the-Whole, with herself as Chair, to review the Mayor's appointments.

Council recessed into a Committee-of-the-Whole at 6:32 p.m. and reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

**New Legislation**  
(First Reading)

**Temp. Ord. B-1 (Finance)**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Motorola, Inc. for the maintenance of the public safety regional dispatch system equipment, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-2 (Finance)**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Guardian Life Insurance Company of America for the City's group life insurance for employees and retirees, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-3 (Finance)**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Master Meter Agreement with the City of Akron to provide continued sewer services, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-4 (Public Improvements)**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor or his designee to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the replacement of a waterline in Highland Avenue, from Bailey Road to Victoria Street, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-5 (Public Improvements)**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor or his designee to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the Woodward Creek Culvert under Sandalwood Lane Improvement Project, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-6 (Public Improvements)**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor or his designee to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for services to design, engineer and construct concrete, masonry, electrical and mechanical repairs to the City-owned parking garages located at 2035 Old Town Loop (the “Blue” Parking Deck), 2052 Front Street (the “Red” Parking Deck), and 2318 Second Street (the “Green” Parking Deck), and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-7 (Public Affairs)**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for a grant through the Ohio Public Works Commission’s Clean Ohio Conservation Fund and if awarded, to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Dickerson Run Nature Preserve Project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta moved to allow for a Public Affairs meeting on the same night as Council for discussion on Temporary Ordinance B-7, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-8 (Community Development)**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Community Development to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with State 8 Motorcycles dba KPG Realty and Wholecycle Incorporated, and declaring an emergency.

Council recessed into a Public Affairs Committee meeting at 7:05 p.m. and reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

**Reports of Council’s Special Committees**

Mr. Colavecchio moved to approve the Mayor’s appointments, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Mr. Pallotta moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Anthony Zumbo as Service Director, second by Mr. Colavecchio. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0)

**Reports of Council’s Standing Committees**

(Third Reading)

**Planning & Zoning:**

No Report.

**Finance & Appropriations:**

No Report.

**Public & Industrial Improvements:**

No Report.

**Public Affairs:**

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Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-7, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Community Development:**

No report.

**Schedule of Committee Meetings**

Planning & Zoning:	Public Meeting, February 6, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Finance:	February 6, 2017, 6:35 p.m.
Public Improvements:	February 6, 2017, 6:40 p.m.
Public Affairs:	Subject to Call.
Community Development:	February 6, 2017, 6:41 p.m.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Mr. Scott Fitzsimmons, Deputy Finance Director, stated that the report he handed out to Council is based on the December 31, 2016, Report 21. In the General Fund, overall revenue was \$537,270 over budget. Admissions tax was up over \$178,000. Interest was \$59,000 over budget. There was a JEDD distribution of \$106,000, which is 60 percent of the JEDD net proceeds. That was a reclassification. That used to be in the Tax Fund and part of the audit put that into an intergovernmental-type line item in the General Fund. In Community Development, they had a repayment of loans \$100,000 over budget. Overall expenses were \$806,748 under budget. They ended up with an Unencumbered Fund Balance, which is cash flow balance minus any outstanding encumbrances that were committed to purchase orders, etc., of \$8,465,923. That is up from \$8,069,392 in 2015. Municipal Income Tax revenue was up 3.1 percent. House Bill 5

changed the timing of the estimate payments to April 15th, June 15th, September 15th and December 15th, so there were five payments for that in 2016. SCMR total expenses were down 13.9 percent at \$508,788. That is attributable to the continued mild winters. Salt was down \$224,000 from 2015. Because of last year's mild winter, Garage charges were down a little bit over \$177,000. In the Leisure Time Fund, Natatorium charges for services were up 2 percent at \$70,577. Brookledge was up 2.2 percent at \$18,991. Downview was down 13.6 percent, at \$35,510. Overall, the Unencumbered Fund Balance ended up almost \$60,000 less than last year, but \$500,000 was paid down off principal by issuing less notes than had been planned in 2016.

Mayor Walters stated that he wanted to thank everyone that went on the bus trip. He knows that it cost them money out of pocket and he appreciates their giving their time. He asked them to please share with the public what they saw on that trip and the potential for Cuyahoga Falls.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Mary Ellen Pyke, Council President

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Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council