

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
January 9, 2012

Members: Don Walters, Chair
 Carrie Snyder
 Carol Klinger

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-3

Discussion

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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. Janis stated the final ward map is on the easel. The ward boundaries that were written in November had a few discrepancies. The final ward descriptions have been prepared by a licensed surveyor. Both the descriptions and the map track precisely with what was voted on by Council in December. Mr. Walters stated that the adoption of the new ward boundaries was done prior to the end of the year as required by the Charter. The boundaries as voted on by Council have not changed. He was told it was more of a clean-up issue to match the written descriptions to the boundaries that were adopted. He asked Mr. Demasi for a large copy of the map and suggested that other Council members let Mr. Demasi know what size map they'd like. He felt the maps at the rail could be done at a later time. Mrs. Pyke asked whether Council received a notice that this ordinance was being discussed tonight. Mr. Walters stated he had received a notice but it had not been included in the packet for some reason. He reiterated that there were no changes to the boundaries. It was explained to him that it was just a legal clean-up ordinance. He asked Mrs. Pyke if she needed to prepare for the discussion. Mrs. Pyke did not believe the map reflected what the legal descriptions said. She questioned the Route 8 exit and entrance ramps. She was not prepared to discuss this tonight. Mr. Walters stated he was notified but did not know why the notification was not in the packet. There were some changes to the wording but not to the boundaries of the wards. Mrs. Pyke did not believe the map matched the legal descriptions Council was given in December. Mr. Demasi stated the map displayed on the easel matches the legal descriptions that are in front of Council, including the ramps. Mrs. Pyke stated she would need to see the map up close. She felt awkward voting on something without prior notification. Mr. Walters stated the boundaries were already adopted according to the Charter last year so it is not necessary for Council to vote on this tonight. He also did not see the map prior to this evening but was told it did not change. He can call another committee meeting for next week. Mrs. Pyke asked what would happen if the Board of Elections does not have time to draw the new wards. She felt it would be quite awhile before they get it completed. Mr. Janis stated the Charter governs how members should represent the wards they are elected in when those wards are different than what is official. He has not reviewed anything regarding the timing but will do so before next week. Mr. Walters stated the Board of Elections will not supersede the City's map. He knows the Board has a lot of work to do but that is out of Council's hands. Perhaps Council would want to get it to the Board as soon as possible, but not if Mrs. Pyke is uncomfortable. It was his understanding that the original ordinance is effective as soon as it is passed and signed by the Mayor. This was just a

clean-up. Any discrepancy on entrance and exit ramps are not going to affect anything. He will get with the Law Director and Engineering to make sure there is nothing else needing to be cleaned up.

Mr. Walters moved to hold A-3, second by Mrs. Snyder. Motion passed (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.