

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

October 10, 2016

Call to Order: Mrs. Pyke at 6:31 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: Mr. Rubino

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the July 18, 2016 Special Committee on Transparency and Best Practices and the September 26, 2016 Council meeting were approved as written

Reports and Communications: A letter from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks and Watercraft regarding the five-year review of the City's ordinance and corresponding State Regulation in regards to the operation of watercraft on the Cuyahoga River between the Route 91 bridge and the Broad Street Dam.

New Legislation

(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. A-79 (Planning & Zoning)

An ordinance accepting the Planning Commission approval, findings and conditions of the final subdivision plat for the Board Drive-Figueroa Subdivision on Parcel 35-06119, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Res. A-80 (Finance)

A resolution accepting the amounts and rates of taxation as certified by the Summit County Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies, certifying such authorization to the County Fiscal Officer, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-81 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Motorola Solutions for the lease and/or purchase of replacement portable radios and all necessary accessories for use by the Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-82 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to enter a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. for the professional services necessary to manage the City's risk management and insurance program and for the purchase of public entity insurance coverages, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Res. A-83 (Public Improvements)

A resolution consenting to the inspection of municipal bridges within the City of Cuyahoga Falls, by the State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-84 (Public Affairs)

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

Reports of Council's Standing Committees

(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning

No Report

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Ord. A-76

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Notes in the maximum principal amount of \$2,150,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for paying a portion of the costs of constructing a community recreation center and acquiring real estate and interests in real estate therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-76, second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-77

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Notes in the maximum principal amount of \$1,800,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for paying the costs of constructing waterlines in Graham Road, together with all appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-77, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-78

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to create a Boston Township-City of Cuyahoga Falls Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) Fund, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-78, second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public & Industrial Improvements:

No Report

Public Affairs

No Report

Community Development

No Report

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	October 17, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Finance:	October 17, 2016, 6:35 p.m.
Public Improvements:	October 17, 2016, 6:40 p.m.
Public Affairs:	October 17, 2016, 6:45 p.m.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.

Miscellaneous Business

Mayor Walters stated that he would like to update Council on Utility Billing. Cycle 5 was Wednesday and 2,627 bills in that cycle did go out on October 5th. Today, the 10th cycle has been prepared. There is no mail delivery, so it will go out in the morning. They are still working on anyone who has lingering questions. They are now getting a lot of the usual calls they always have from people moving in, moving out, etc. With September and October going out on cycle, the balance forward on the bills should go away. If there are meters that are not reading, they have meter readers now to add those to the route. They are back in sync, but, again, if there are any questions from June, July and August, send them to them.

Mayor Walters stated that Miss Alicia Hopkins is here this evening. October is Dysautonomia Awareness Month. Cuyahoga Falls is the first city in the region to have a proclamation and to promote awareness. Alicia has already run into seven people in Cuyahoga Falls that have the disease. There is an organization that can help with that. Mayor Walters stated that, with Council's permission, he would like to issue a proclamation to Miss Hopkins tonight that reads as follows:

“WHEREAS, Dysautonomia Awareness Month is celebrated each October around the world; WHEREAS, Dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that cause a malfunction of the autonomic system which controls the automatic functions of the body such as the respiration, heart rate, digestion, temperature control and more, impacts people of any age, gender, race or background, including many individuals that are in Cuyahoga Falls, and whereas some forms of the disease can be very disabling, can result in social isolation, stress on the families of those impacted and financial hardship, other forms can result in death, causing tremendous pain and suffering for the patients and their loved ones; WHEREAS, Dysautonomia International is the nonprofit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with Dysautonomia and helps create increased awareness which can help patients get diagnosed and treated earlier, save lives and foster support for the individuals and families coping with the disease in our community; NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved I, Don Walters, Mayor of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2016 as Dysautonomia Awareness Month in order to raise public awareness of the disease and the myriad of issues surrounding it, as well as to increase knowledge of the programs that have been and are being developed to support individuals with Dysautonomia and their families.”

Ms. Hopkins thanked Mayor Walters for the proclamation. It means a lot to her, because her life has drastically changed from having been diagnosed with Dysautonomia, but she has been pushing forward and still trying to get involved in the community. It is difficult to deal with sometimes. By raising awareness, she knows she can help other people. Just through a Facebook post, she found seven people in this community that have some form of the disease. There are times where she has gone to the emergency room and they don't know anything about her illness. There are moments where people in the community have helped her more than a trip to the ER, simple things like salt and water and putting your feet up and little things that people don't realize how beneficial they are. She stated she appreciates this proclamation and the support that the Mayor and community has shown. Mrs. Pyke stated she wanted to thank Miss Hopkins for coming forward and bringing this to Council's attention. It takes a lot of courage to do what she has done tonight. It helps to put a face to not only the disease, itself, but to someone who suffers from the disease.

Mr. Iona stated that, about 15 years ago, he had the pleasure of being introduced to the City's Service Director, Eric Czetli, by his father-in-law. Everyone who lives in Summit County has probably dealt with Madelyn or Libert Bozzelli in one way or another. They celebrated 70 years of marriage this week. They are Cuyahoga Falls residents. Mr. Iona stated that he would appreciate Mayor Walters sending them a letter of congratulations. He also stated that he would like to remind everyone that today is Columbus Day. The Italian-American Club, in Ward 2, on a busy day, normally has three people. Today, they had 120 people come through celebrating Columbus Day, so the idea of a Columbus Day Parade outside of driving to Cleveland might be a possibility.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Mary Ellen Pyke, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Council Clerk