

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

October 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:** Mr. Iula
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the Council meetings held 10-9-17 and 10-16-17 were approved as written.
- Reports and Communications:** A notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a permit transfer from BHTT Entertainment LLC, dba Brick House Tavern Tap & Patio, 581 Howe Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio to KRG BHTT LLC, dba Brick House Tavern & Tap, 581 Howe Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44221.

New Legislation

(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. B-85 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a cooperative procurement agreement with Sourcing Alliance Network, waiving competitive bidding for the purchase of products, services, materials and supplies purchased through cooperative purchase agreements administered by Sourcing Alliance Network, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-86 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract without competitive bidding with Basic NEO for the administration of the Section 125 Flexible Spending Account Plan, Health Reimbursement Account Plan, Health Savings Account Plan, Retiree Medical Reimbursement Account Plan and COBRA, for a period not to exceed three years, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-87 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a grant agreement with American Public Power Association for the Cuyahoga Falls Electric Department SEL Fault and Load Transmitter Receiver System; authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories for

the purchase of equipment, appurtenances and services in connection with this grant project, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-88 (Public Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) to improve the Portage Trail Extension West Corridor, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-89 (Public Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), for the resurfacing of Riverview Road between Bath Road and the north corporation line, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-90 (Public Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), for the resurfacing of West Steels Corners Road Phase II, between Northampton Road and Akron-Peninsula Road, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-91 (Public Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), for the resurfacing of Chestnut Boulevard between State Road and 2nd Street, and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Council's Standing Committees
(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning

No Report.

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Res. B-76

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.

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

Temp. Ord. B-77

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts for the purchase of play equipment to be installed at Woodridge Primary and Intermediate Schools, and declaring an emergency.

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

Temp. Ord. B-78

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with The Fire House, for the purchase of turnout gear for use by the Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

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

Temp. Ord. B-79 (Sub. Dated 10-16-17)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into a contract or contracts without competitive bidding with the Metropolitan Regional Service Council dba Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology (“NEOnet”) for the purchase of IP telephony and voicemail services for a period not to exceed five years, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-79 (Sub. Dated 10-16-17), second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. B-80

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 the purpose of 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. B-80, second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public & Industrial Improvements:

No Report.

Public Affairs:

Temp. Ord. B-81

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

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-81, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Res. B-82

A resolution expressing support for and urging passage of Issue 29, the Cuyahoga Falls City School District levy, at the general election to be held on November 7, 2017, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Res. B-82, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Res. B-83

A resolution expressing support for and urging passage of Issue 35, Woodridge Local School District tax levy, at the general election to be held on November 7, 2017, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Res. B-83, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Res. B-84

A resolution supporting County Issue 3, which will approve a 4.5 mill renewal levy for County of Summit Developmental Disabilities ("Summit DD") for a six-year period from 2019 to 2024, and respectfully urging all Summit County voters to vote in favor of Issue 3 at the November 7, 2017 general election, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Res. B-84, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Community Development:

No Report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

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

Miscellaneous Business

Mayor Walters asked Mr. Dustin Harris, Cuyahoga Falls Tiger Band Director, to introduce the band members present at Council this evening. Mr. Harris introduced Ms. Courtney Lambert, Assistant Tiger Band Director, and the band officers, Michael Emmett, President; Marissa Bowers, Vice-President; Logan Qualls, and Daniel Criss, Senior Representatives.

Mayor Walters stated that on Saturday, October 21, 2017, the Cuyahoga Falls Tiger Band was presented with a sign on Honorary Boulevard at Broad Boulevard and Third Street. It was amazing to see the band march down Broad Boulevard. The Honorary Boulevard Award recognizes amazing groups or individuals that have made tremendous contributions to the City of Cuyahoga Falls. The entire community offers immense gratitude to this latest recipient for their amazing efforts year after year. The Tiger Marching Band has a long and distinguished past dating back to the first Cuyahoga Falls Band in the early 1920's. Over its many successful years, the Cuyahoga Falls High School Tiger Marching Band has participated in numerous national events, including the Fiesta Bowl Parade, San Diego Holiday Bowl Parade and the Chicago Thanksgiving Day Parade. In 2014, they traveled to Walt Disney World, in Orlando, Florida and performed in the Spectro Magic Parade at the Magic Kingdom. The Tiger Band has performed at the Kent Roosevelt Band Show, Orville Band Show, the Massillon and Jackson Band Shows, as well as the Buckeye Invitational. The Tiger Band also appeared at Cedar Point and played on ice at the Lake Erie Monster's game just this past Saturday after the ceremony at Broad Boulevard. During the 2016 season, the Tiger Band had the distinct honor to be voted Best High School Marching Band in Northeastern Ohio by Cleveland.com. With the huge support of this City's wonderful citizens and IMP, they raised over \$100,000 to purchase the great new uniforms to replace the 23-year-old ones from the past. Mayor Walters stated that he proudly presents this Honorary Boulevard street-naming award to the Pride of Cuyahoga Falls, Best Band in the Land, the Tiger Marching Band.

Mr. Harris thanked everyone and stated that they absolutely appreciate the support that this community gives their organization. The group would not be what it is today if it hadn't been for the support that the school district gives them and the ability to have the staff that they have working with the kids at all grade levels, starting the kids at sixth grade at Bolich and Roberts and, obviously, moving up through the high school. A huge part of the success of the program is the staff they have and the support and structure that the district gives them, as well as the support from the community. They would not have been able to raise all this money if it hadn't been for

the support of the community and the businesses here in Cuyahoga Falls, and they are very grateful for that. He stated that he and Ms. Lambert are extremely thankful to be employed at a place like the Cuyahoga Falls City School District and work in a city that has such great support for the band program.

Mr. Bryan Hoffman, Finance Director, stated that he has passed out the Report 21 talking points. Last month, he mentioned that he was going to report on tax revenue in the General Fund. It is up \$6,251 to budget. It's up a little over \$100,000 from last year in property tax revenues. Two weeks from tonight, budget hearings will begin, and they will discuss 2018 projections at that time. In the Municipal Tax Fund, income taxes are up five percent over 2016 this year. It did start out sluggish and has gained some steam into the summer and through this month. They don't see it slowing down. Mr. Hoffman stated that, at budget time, he gets a little worried with municipal income tax being one of the largest income revenue-producing line items in the General Fund. He looks at the General Fund as a portfolio of investments in that it should be diversified. Continually, the State government is taking away State levy shared taxes and local government funds and relying more and more on income tax. In SCMR Fees, Licenses and Permits are still down. He doesn't see that trend changing over the next several years, due to cable franchise fees and the use of cable continuing to decrease. In the Leisure Time Fund, Natatorium charges for services are up \$33,000; Brookledge is up \$15,000 and Downview is up \$19,000. There has been great weather the last couple of months, and that has kept those charges for services up. Under Expenses, in the Self Insurance Fund, Hospitalization and Dental are up \$382,000 and Prescription Drugs up \$380,000. That trend has leveled off a little bit over the last month or two, but they continue to see the utilization of health insurance being high. They will discuss that at budget time this year. They do see significant increases on the horizon for next year.

Mrs. Klinger stated that if Council was planning on discussing the budget on November 6th, they will need an ordinance. Mr. Hoffman stated that they will get an ordinance for that.

Mrs. Pyke stated that they will have a Special Council meeting at the next Committee meeting. She stated that, before the band leaves, she, as the mother of two band students, cannot express the pride they feel as parents when they look at down at their children in the band. It's something that they will never experience until they have children and feel that. Her son went on to the play with the Akron U marching band, so she had the pleasure of experiencing six years of that with him. The pride goes from their teachers, fellow classmates and football players, to the whole community.

Mrs. Pyke stated that she would entertain a motion to dissolve into Executive Session to discuss imminent litigation with legal counsel.

Mr. Pallotta moved to dissolve into Executive Session, second by Mr. Iona. Roll Call: Mr. Rubino, yes; Mr. Pallotta, yes; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, yes; Mr. Brillhart, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. James, yes; Mr. Iona, yes; Mr. Colavecchio, yes; Mrs. Klinger, yes; Mr. Iula, yes; Mrs. Pyke, yes. Motion passes, 11-0. Council dissolved into Executive Session at 6:57 p.m.

Mr. Pallotta moved to dissolve out of Executive Session; second by Mr. Iona. Roll Call: Mr. Rubino, yes; Mr. Pallotta, yes; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, yes; Mr. Brillhart, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. James, yes; Mr. Iona, yes; Mr. Colavecchio, yes; Mrs. Klinger, yes; Mr. Iula, yes; Mrs. Pyke, yes. Motion passes, 11-0. Council dissolved out of Executive Session at 7:21 p.m.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Mary Ellen Pyke, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Council Clerk