

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

October 24, 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. James
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the October 10, 2016, Council meeting were approved as submitted.
- Reports and Communications:** None

New Legislation

(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. A-85 (Public Affairs)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor and/or Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts to purchase property located on 223 East Bath Road (Parcel No. 3506483), and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Res. A-86 (Public Affairs)

A resolution expressing support for and urging passage of Issue 46, Woodridge Local School District tax levy, at the general election to be held on November 8, 2016, and declaring an emergency.

Temp Res. A-87 (Public Affairs)

A resolution expressing support for and urging passage of Issue 40, the Cuyahoga Falls City School District levy, at the general election to be held on November 8, 2016, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta moved to recess into a Public Affairs Committee meeting to discuss Temporary Resolutions A-86 and A-87, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Council recessed into a Public Affairs Committee meeting at 6:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:44 p.m.

Reports of Council's Standing Committees
(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning

Temp. Ord. A-79

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.

Mr. Iona moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-79, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Res. A-80

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. Ord. A-80, second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-81

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.

Mrs. Klinger moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-81, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-82

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.

Mrs. Klinger moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-82 second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public & Industrial Improvements:

Temp. Res. A-83

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

Mr. Iula moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-83, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public Affairs

Temp. Ord. A-84 (Amended Dated 10/17/16)

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

Mr. Pallotta stated that, during the discussion last week, the Public Affairs Committee amended Temp. Ord. A-84 by removing several roads that had been included this legislation. One of those deletions included Steels Corners Road. After discussion with the City Engineer, a recommendation was made Council should reconsider the section of Steels Corners Road from the easterly corporation limit westerly to State Road; therefore, wording has been added on Lines 31 and 32 to accommodate this recommendation.

Mr. Pallotta moved to substitute Temp. Ord A-84 (Amended Dated 10/17/16) with Temp. Ord. A-84 (Sub. Dated 10/24/16), second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-84 (Sub. Dated 10/24/16)

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. A-84 (Sub. Dated 10/24/16), second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Res. A-86

A resolution expressing support for and urging passage of Issue 46, Woodridge Local School District tax levy, at the general election to be held on November 8, 2016, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Res. A-86, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp Res. A-87

A resolution expressing support for and urging passage of Issue 40, the Cuyahoga Falls City School District levy, at the general election to be held on November 8, 2016, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Res. A-87, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Community Development

No Report

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	Subject to Call.
Finance:	Subject to Call.
Public Improvements:	Subject to Call.
Public Affairs:	November 7, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Hoffman stated that the City is going along as planned from last year's budget season. There are some new items in the General Fund. In September, the City received the real estate settlement. The real estate tax is up over \$50,000 from the 2016 budget estimated amount. Admissions tax is up 30.9 percent over 2015 amounts. The majority of the revenues from admissions tax came from Blossom. They had an outstanding year this year. There is a new line item on the General Fund side. That is the JEDD Income Tax Distribution line item. Council passed an ordinance that created a JEDD fund that made a slight change in the way they account for JEDD income taxes. Municipal Income Tax is up 2.9 percent. That is within budget. In the Leisure Time Fund, Natatorium charges for services are up 2.5 percent. Brookledge is up 4.3 percent. Waterworks was not added, because there were no operations. Downview is down 13.7 percent. All these are holding steady with the same trends from earlier in the year. The State Road Public Improvement Fund is a fund based upon the Portage Crossing TIF. They did get the second-half settlement for the Portage Crossing TIF. It is bringing in more dollars than anticipated and will allow the City to be able to reimburse itself about \$100,000 a year into the Capital Improvements Fund for expenses for that project. Mr. Hoffman stated that, on the expense side, he anticipates reducing the transfer to the Street Construction and Repair Fund about \$200,000. That reflects the mild winter last year. There is an unencumbered fund balance, through September, of over \$700,000. That will take the City through the beginning of this year and into next year and give enough cushion for a very harsh winter this year. In the Self Insurance side, the City was trending poorly throughout the beginning of the year. A couple claimants hit the stop-loss insurance. That is continuing to even out throughout the year. Self-Insurance Hospitalization line item claims were up 18.2 percent over 2015. Last month, they were up 31.6 percent. In the Prescription line item, they are down 32.7 percent. Last month, they were down 27.1 percent. Hospitalization is up, but Prescriptions are down almost the same amount, so it has kind of equalized.

Mrs. Pyke asked they will be seeing legislation for dispatch soon. Mr. Balthis, Law Director, stated that the one delay is the City of Hudson is now interested in joining. Hudson's City Manager discussed that with their Council at their last meeting or the meeting before. They have met with their partners of Stow and Tallmadge and are having to readjust a few things now that Hudson may join, as well. That has slowed the process a little bit. They are also looking at some other

collaboration opportunities with the County, but, from an operational perspective, they are still just looking at Stow, Tallmadge and Hudson. Although that has delayed them a little bit, it is outweighed by the benefit of adding Hudson to the project, given the cost savings and maintaining quality operations. Mrs. Pyke ask if Hudson wants to join as a member of the COG; not contractually through one of the cities. Mr. Balthis stated that was correct.

Mrs. Pyke asked if there are other cities that are interested. Mr. Balthis stated that they have had other entities approach, but to make sure this runs smoothly, they wouldn't want it to get any bigger than what they're already talking about. When they designed the COG, the recommendation would make it one that could grow in the future if that meets the needs of the COG at the time, but, as of now, it looks like it will just be four forming members, Cuyahoga Falls, Stow, Tallmadge and Hudson. Mrs. Pyke asked if they will have time to draft all of this, so that they would have at least two committee meetings to thoroughly discuss it before voting on it. Mr. Balthis stated that the priority of Council having enough time to look at it outweighs of priority of getting it passed by the end of the year. They would make sure that Council will have enough time to review it. Their goal would still be to get it to Council in time, but, if, for some reason, they can't, because of getting it done, they would be willing to push back the deadline, because it is important that all the councils have time, and they know they will meet that. Mayor Walters stated that they have been getting calls from other communities that would like to be members contractually, even starting possibly in 2017. The word is out as far as the regionalization; that there will be a cost savings down the road. He feels that it is the right thing to do, but they are working on getting the first language together to get out to all the councils.

Mrs. Pyke stated that a lot of Council members have mentioned that they are receiving calls about street lights. She asked Mr. Czetli, Service Director, if there is a backlog to getting streetlights repaired. Mr. Czetli stated that he is not aware of a backlog at all or that there have been any calls. He asked if the calls were made to the Service Department or the Electric Department. Mrs. Pyke stated that it was the Electric Department. Mr. Czetli stated that he would check with Mr. Dougherty, Electric Superintendent, tomorrow.

Mayor Walters stated he wanted to give an update on Utility Billing. The cycle for the 20th went out on the 20th, last Thursday. That consists of roughly 5,000 bills with about 500 e-bills. The 25th is being prepared. It should be ready to go out tomorrow, which is, again, on time. They shoot for 28 to 30 days, depending on the weekend or holiday, so they have met that. In September, the six billing cycles went out on schedule. They still welcome all e-mails, visits; whatever they need to do to get through any lingering questions, so please continue send them their way. Mrs. Pyke stated that she has not received any phone calls or e-mails concerning utility bills for the past two weeks. She doesn't know if the other members of Council have, but for her, it has diminished.

Mayor Walters stated that their Administration has been in office two years nine months and twenty-four days. He wanted to announce that this will be the last meeting and marks the retirement of the City's Service Director, Eric Czetli. Mayor Walters stated that he wants to thank Mr. Czetli for many, many years of dedicated public service.

Mayor Walters stated that they had their sign hanging out at Broad Boulevard and Third Street, at the Honorary Boulevard site. They did it a little bit backwards, because it does get dark quite early now and they wanted to have it when everyone could see and get out there safely, and do the presentation now. Mayor Walters stated that he met Kenny King 45 years ago. He received his autograph at a basketball game, at Falls High, between the teachers and some of the Cleveland Browns. He still has it to this day. Now, that sounds great, but the better part is, every day, Kenny comes in his office. Monday through Friday, he stops in to see him. If he is not there or in a meeting, Kenny leaves his autograph on a Post-It note, and he saves it. So, 45 years ago, he has his autograph and he has one from today. Mayor Walters stated that Kenny King is Mr. Cuyahoga Falls. He is, as everyone knows, the Deputy Mayor, Deputy Police Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Deputy Football Coach, Basketball Coach and Band Director. He does it all. There are lot of people that would like to be as dedicated as Kenny. Everyone can all learn a lot from this man. His dedication to and compassion for the City is second to none. Mayor Walters stated that he is honored to honor Kenny King. Mr. King stated that he thanks everybody who would do that for him.

Ms. Rae Knapic, Mr. King's sister, stated that this City means as much to her brother as he means to everyone. Kenny couldn't live in this nice town with all these wonderful people if it wasn't for the fact that everybody is the village that helps to raise him. If she didn't feel confident that he had such a great friend and social worker as Peggy and everybody in this room and in this community, he wouldn't be able to live in this place that he absolutely loves. This is his town, his people, his police, his mayor, his band, his football team; whatever, it's all his. She has never known another person who doesn't read and doesn't write, but knows everything that is going on in this community. When it comes time to vote, he knows exactly who he wants and who he's going to be voting for. This is a year of an election. Everyone should count it as a privilege, as Kenny does, to be able to go and vote. Ms. Knapic thanked everyone for what they have done for her brother. Mrs. Pyke stated that she would like to add that Kenny is a man of conviction. She and Kenny go to the same church, and he is there every Sunday. He volunteers and he puts his time in and he's committed to what he does there. Mrs. Pyke stated that it gives her great pleasure when Kenny rides with her in the parade. This year, when her float won, they gave the honor to the Kenny King float. She stated that it was a pleasure to know him. Mr. Iula stated that he and Kenny have become very, very close friends in the last five years, and he loves him very much. He has said before Akron has their own king, LeBron James, but nobody is better than Cuyahoga Falls' king, Kenny King. Mr. King thanked everyone.

Mrs. Klinger moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Mary Ellen Pyke, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Council Clerk