

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

**October 5, 2009**

**Call to Order:** Mr. James at 6:20 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Mrs. Hummel, present; Mrs. Colavecchio, present; Mr. Walters, present; Mrs. Ritzinger, present; Mr. Ihasz, present; Mr. Rubino, present; Mrs. Klinger, present; Mrs. Pyke, present; Mr. Barnhart, present; Mr. Mader, present; Mr. James, present.

Mr. James stated the purpose of this Special Meeting is to introduce, assign, discuss and vote on new legislation.

**New Legislation**  
(First Reading)

**Temp. Ord. B-102 (Finance)**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to execute a modification of the contract for the construction of six lighted tennis courts at Cuyahoga Falls High School and declaring an emergency.

Council recessed into Committee meetings at 6:22 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

**Reports of Council's Standing Committees**  
(Third Reading)

**Finance & Appropriations**

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Mr. Walters moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-102, second by Mrs. Ritzinger. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Mr. James asked Mr. Brodzinski to give an update on the State of the City as it relates to the economy. Mr. Brodzinski stated that income tax dollars are less than budgeted, and local government funds with interest consumption are also down. In addition, there have been less building permits issued. He stated that in 2007, the City generated \$2.1 million in interest revenue, and this year he is projecting that to be \$493,000. This means that the General Fund will be down approximately \$1.46 million on the revenue side. Administration has been monitoring this situation since the beginning of the year. The expenditure side of the General Fund will be down approximately \$1.4 million, which is similar to the revenue side. The General Fund started the year at \$6.2 million. He has budgeted a drawdown of \$1.5 million to bring it down to \$4.7 million. On revenues planned for next year, he is looking at another drawdown of approximately \$4 million. 81% of the City's expenditures within the General Fund is spent on wages and fringe benefits. They are meeting with union reps and Council regarding this.

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Administration plans to submit a request to make some changes to avoid hitting a brick wall. They would rather start planning now instead of waiting until December, 2010 and having to make a severe change. The City needs to react now so it does not bring the fund balance down so low that it has to make drastic cuts. Mr. James stated that by the end of the year, the City will be cutting into the reserves and asked how much that involved. Mr. Brodzinski stated that the General Fund balance will end up around \$4.6 million. It was budgeted to be \$4.7 million. He added that 9/11 affected interest revenue. As a result, the City made changes in 2002 and again in 2004. He will continue to evaluate the situation. Administration would rather react now versus waiting until the City is in crisis mode. Mrs. Klinger asked how much the municipal income tax was down. Mr. Brodzinski stated compared to last year, it was down \$1.5 million. Mrs. Klinger asked how much down was the projection for 2009-10. Mr. Brodzinski stated he was looking at it being flat and not being down in 2010.

Mrs. Hummel moved to adjourn, second by Mrs. Pyke. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Jerry James, Council President

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Cathleen J. Meacham, Clerk of Council