

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee**

December 18, 2017

Members: Vic Pallotta, Chair
Adam Miller
Jerry James

Mr. Pallotta called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-128

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-128

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

Police Chief Davis stated that there are two items from the Traffic Control Committee. The first is in the new Salt Creek Development, prohibiting parking on the even side of Salt Creek Run, South Creek Drive and Pebble Creek Court and prohibiting parking on the odd side of Salt Creek Run between State Road and Preserve Circle. The third item is prohibiting parking within 80 feet of any intersection of Salt Creek. The roads there are narrower in parts, so they are allowing for traffic. The other item was to change the no-parking bus stop sign on Falls Avenue, between Second Street and Third Street, from no parking 7-9 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. to no parking 2-4 p.m. They don't have buses there in the morning, so they would like to be able to use that parking for church.

Mr. Iona stated that Chief Davis, along with the Traffic Control Committee, has been very diligent in letting people know when something comes up. He has heard nothing but positive feedback. These are basic, routine changes that are needed. Chief Davis stated that it is good to get them done ahead of time.

Mr. James moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-128 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

Mr. Ed Sturkey, 1844 Sackett Hills Drive, stated that he has been following what's been in media and in the press about the situation with the Parks Department. He wants to thank the Council for the action that they took to resolve this issue. The vote was 11-0 to defund the position. There's only one thing worse than this happening once, having someone put into a position for which they're not qualified, and that for it to happen twice. Comments from the previous meeting were that Council, in 2018, when these positions were revisited, would hold the Park Board's feet to the fire. As a taxpayer, he was glad to hear that. There was a lot of taxpayer dollars lost because of this situation. To the extent that the Administration has a voice in this process, in the future, he

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hopes that they would follow Council's lead and see to it that the Park Board operates in an open and transparent fashion. Mr. Sturkey stated that he wanted to thank the person that brought this to the public, Mr. Pallotta. He also wanted to thank Mr. Stewart for answering Council's questions in a forthright and honest fashion. Last, but not least, he wanted to thank Mrs. Klinger for her efforts. She will be remembered as a tireless warrior for taxpayers in the City of Cuyahoga Falls. He has lived in Cuyahoga Falls 13 years and kept his ear to City government. All he has ever heard was that she has called to account people to explain where taxpayer dollars are going. The thing that makes him sick is they're going to replace her with a guy who doesn't know the difference between a resume and job description.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.