

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
December 28, 2010**

Members: Mark Ihasz, Chair
Kathy Hummel
Jeff Iula

Mr. Ihasz called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-144

Temp. Ord. A-163

Discussion

Temp. Ord. A-144

An ordinance adopting the Report on Staffing for the City of Cuyahoga Falls for calendar year 2011, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Janis stated that Ord. 118-2009 authorized 390 positions. It was amended by 70-2010, which authorized 389 positions. This ordinance is requesting authorization for a total of 367 positions for a net reduction of 22 positions. He reviewed the changes. Mr. Ihasz asked how many people actually retired this year. Mr. Brodzinski didn't know off the top of his head. When he went through the current ordinance, he did not break it down by who retired. Mrs. Carr stated she can get the number of retirements. She added that some of the retirements had to be backfilled. Mr. Ihasz stated he had a sheet that says 25. Mrs. Carr thought that seemed high by a couple. Mrs. Hummel stated that Mr. Brodzinski had given Council a sheet showing the changes in the appropriations. She would like to have a similar cheat sheet showing where we are in the current year and where we will be in the next year. She appreciated that staffing is being reduced by 22 positions. Five of those were the meter readers and four were from the Building Dept.

Mrs. Klinger stated in Mayor's Court, there is still a magistrate and assistant clerk listed where there is actually a court clerk. She would like to see those two positions removed. In engineering, one full-time position is not filled right now. Mr. Brodzinski stated they cannot match to what was budgeted. They can take another look at it and put two ordinances through at Mrs. Klinger's request. Mrs. Klinger stated she has three departments she has questions on. Mr. Brodzinski stated they can go through that exercise and bring it out the first week in January. Mrs. Klinger stated where there are vacancies, she wants an understanding why the staffing report isn't reduced. If a position needs to be added back, it will need to come before Council. That way, they can track part-time and full-time staff and what is happening with staff. Mr. Brodzinski stated they can bring both pieces of legislation and mirror to the budget City-wide. The report on staffing has never mirrored the budget. Mrs. Carr stated there may be position in the budget that they need but may not fill immediately. Mrs. Klinger stated she gave an e-mail to Mr. Brodzinski that if a position is not being filled, she wanted an explanation provided. She asked those questions on staffing when the Mayor's Court was discussed. Mrs. Hummel appreciated Mrs. Klinger's comments. She wondered whether Council traditionally passed this the same night that the budget is passed. She wasn't sure the staffing ordinance needed to be passed tonight. Mrs. Klinger believed by ordinance Council needs to pass it once a year. Mr. Brodzinski stated the appropriation ordinance is what drives the staffing ordinance. Council could always wait until the end of June because only the people over 1,040 hours are included on this ordinance. That number will not be hit until the end of June. Mrs.

Pyke asked whether Mrs. Klinger had mirrored the staffing to the budget. Mrs. Klinger stated it is difficult because the staffing ordinance is by position and the budget is by department. Mr. Brodzinski stated they will clean it up.

Mr. Ihasz moved to hold A-144, second by Mrs. Hummel. Motion passed, voice vote (3-0).

Temp. Ord. A-163

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association effective January 1, 2011, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Janis asked the Committee to bring this ordinance out for the reasons discussed in closed session.

Mrs. Hummel moved to approve bringing A-163 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.