

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
December 6, 2010**

Members: Mark Ihasz, Chair
Kathy Hummel
Jeff Iula

Mrs. Hummel called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Mr. Ihasz was absent.

The minutes from the November 15, 2010 committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-144

Temp. Ord. A-145

Discussion

Temp. Ord. A-145

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to issue an encroachment permit to David E. Aronson to construct and maintain certain improvements which will encroach into the public right-of-way at 3241-3245 Oakwood Drive, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Demasi stated the property owner wants to build a new roof with an overhang. They discovered, however, that the right-of-way on Oakwood goes up to the face of the building. The right-of-way varies in width. They are working with Dr. Aronson and attorney on the final language of the agreement.

David Aronson, 3245 Oakwood Drive, stated he owns the building with the addresses 3241 – 3245 Oakwood. The building houses his office and his wife’s art gallery. They had also remodeled a unit at 3245 into an apartment and the now reside there. This most recent project involves putting a sloped roof on their building because the current flat roof leaks each winter. The current roof extends two feet over the public parking lot. The new roof will extend three feet. Patient parking is included in the agreement. Parking is not a new event, and has been going on for many years. He would appreciate Council’s approval. He feels this will upgrade the area. Mrs. Hummel thanked Dr. Aronson for making an investment in the community, and is glad the City can work this out with him. Mrs. Hummel asked about the City giving up some right-of-way or easement at the rear of the property about ten years ago. Mr. Demasi stated he didn’t find anything, but Mayor Robart recalled the same thing Mrs. Hummel did. Dr. Aronson stated that 10 feet of the back parking lot is part of his property and 10 feet belongs to the person who is living there but the parcel looks like a parking lot and grass. Mrs. Colavecchio stated that when this issue came up, Dr. Aronson invited her to come for a tour of the units. The building is a wonderful addition to the City. She thanked him for making very substantial improvements to the locations. She added that his wife has a wonderful art gallery in the unit.

Mrs. Hummel moved to approve bringing A-145 out of Committee with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (2-0).

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.

Mrs. Carr stated she had talked with Mr. Ihasz. They usually do this legislation at the end of budget talks so the Administration is asking for it to be held.

Committee recommended holding Temp. Ord. A-144 until December 28.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.