

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Appropriations Committee

December 7, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Klinger, Chair, at 6:50 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes

Without objection, the minutes of the November 16, 2015 and November 23, 2015 meetings were approved as submitted.

Agenda Items

Temp. Res. B-107

A resolution requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to make advance distribution of tax receipts payable to the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair stated that this is an annual request that the Council must make in order for the City to receive its share of property taxes. Finance Director Bryan Hoffman stated that this is correct. State law requires this resolution to ensure payments in a timely manner, to ensure positive cash flow.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Iula to release Temp. Res. B-107 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. James. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Ord. B-108

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Law to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, for expert consulting services related to pending Fact Finding for collective bargaining, and to increase appropriations in the General Fund, Law Department, line item Other Operations, by \$30,000, and declaring an emergency.

Proponent testimony was offered by Law Director Russ Balthis. Mr. Balthis stated that the ordinance increases appropriations and authorizes a contract for consulting services to the Law Dept. for assistance in

factfinding for collective bargaining. The City did not anticipate factfinding and did not budget for factfinding expenses. This expense may exceed \$50,000. The Chair asked how much money had been expended for this purpose to date. Mr. Balthis stated that payments of \$5,218 and \$13,581 have been made. The total cost should be around \$50,000. The Chair asked if the City pays the consultant's travel expenses. Mr. Balthis stated that the City pays mileage but does not pay an hourly rate for travel time.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who asked who the consultant is. Mr. Balthis stated it is attorneys Joe Gross and Katie Tesner, from the firm of Benesch, Friedlander.

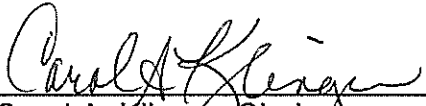
There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. James to release Temp. Ord. B-108 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Iula. Motion adopted by acclamation.

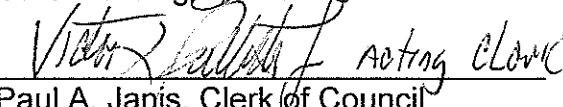
Non-Agenda Items

None.

Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.



Carol A. Klinger, Chair



Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council