

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Affairs Committee

February 17, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pallotta, Chair, at 7:42 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes

Without objection, the minutes of the February 2, 2015 meeting was approved as submitted.

Agenda Items

Temp. Ord. B-18

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the lease and/or purchase of 24 mobile data terminals for use by the Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair recognized Information Services Director John Konich, who stated that the mobile data terminals ("MDTs"), which are computers mounted inside police cars, must be replaced per the mandate of the state, because the MDTs use an operating system which is no longer supported. The MDTs are also over five years old. Only 22 will be purchased because the City has received a grant to purchase 3 MDTs and one will kept as a spare.

The Chair asked if the recent agreements with Verizon are affected by this purchase. Mr. Konich stated that the City is switching its wireless service from T-Mobile to Verizon, including wireless service to the MDTs. The Chair asked if the wireless service to the MDTs is part of the in-kind compensation being provided by Verizon pursuant to those agreements. Mr. Konich stated "no." The in-kind services include fiber optic connections and Internet service.

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

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp. Ord. B-18 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Ord. B-19

An ordinance amending Section 129.01 of Title Five, Part One of the Codified Ordinances, relating to authorized staffing of the Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair recognized Jack Davis, Chief of Police, who stated that the Police Dept. currently has 5 lieutenants and one captain. The Department would like to have 2 captains and 4 lieutenants. The captain would help with the Communications Division which was transferred to the Police Dept. The captain would allow for the growth of the Communications Center by having someone dedicated to help run it.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who asked if the position is subject to civil service testing. Chief Davis stated that it is, and there is already an eligible list for this position. Mrs. Pyke asked whether a selection has been made. Chief Davis stated that Lieutenant Tabak has been selected for the position.

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

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp. Ord. B-19 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Ord. B-20

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

The Chair recognized Chief Davis, who stated that due to redesign of streets around Portage Crossing, a former four-way intersection is now a three-way intersection.

The Chair recognized Mr. Colavecchio, who asked if anything can be done about the exit from Market

District at Portage Crossing. The Chair recognized City Engineer, who stated the exit referred to by Mr. Colavecchio is on private property, but he will consult with the developer about it.

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

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp. Ord. B-20 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Ord. B-21

An ordinance authorizing the Park and Recreation Board to apply for and accept a grant from the Department of Natural Resources, and declaring an emergency.

The Chair recognized Park & Recreation Superintendent Ed Stewart, who stated that this ordinance authorizes Board to apply for and accept a grant that would be used to replace restrooms at Water Works Park. The City will ask for the maximum amount available, which is \$150,000. The grant requires a 25% match from the City. The restroom replacement is estimated to cost \$200,000.

The Chair asked when construction would begin if the grant were awarded. Mr. Stewart stated construction would occur in 2017.

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

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp. Ord. B-21 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Non-Agenda Items

The Chair recognized Carrie Snyder, Director of Falls River Square Division, who gave a report concerning the Riverfront concert series to be presented on Friday nights May 22 through August 28 by IROC. IROC consists of members of the groups that sponsor the Irish festival and Octoberfest. IROC will be

formed as a non-profit tax exempt organization, for the purpose of benefitting local charities. IROC will be working with Boy Scout troops to do post-event clean-up. Beer will be served in cans instead of on draft, and money earned from recycling cans will be directed to charities. Many beer-serving charities have been lined up, but others interested should contact the Development Dept. IROC will release the names of "one or two" of the performing bands before the beginning of the season. The event will start at 5:00 p.m. and end at 11:00 p.m. IROC is working with John Gabriel of Tribute Star Entertainment to book performers, as well as Freddie DeMarco of the DeMarco school of music. Vendor applications are being accepted.

Mr. Weinhardt asked (inaudible). Law Director Russell Balthis stated that the City has provided a letter of support to IROC. A contract between the City and IROC is being worked on.

The Chair recognized Mr. Iula, who asked (inaudible). Mrs. Snyder stated an e-mail would be sent. Mr. Iula stated (inaudible).

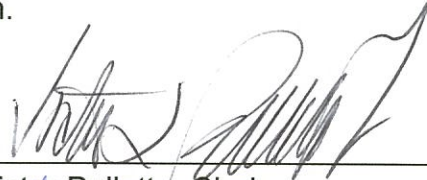
Mrs. Pyke asked what time the beer service will end. Mrs. Snyder stated she did not know when beer service would end. The Chair recognized Mike Thomas, Chair of the IROC organization, who stated IROC intends to construct a stage on the mall to improve visibility. The stage will be at the south end of the mall, facing north. The amphitheater will be used for alternative musical acts.

Mrs. Pyke asked how many Fridays per year the space was used in the past for concerts. Mrs. Snyder stated it was used 13 Fridays per year. Mrs. Pyke asked if the events would be "family-friendly." Mr. Thomas stated it will be family-friendly. Mrs. Pyke asked if IROC will be using Cuyahoga Falls police for security. Mr. Thomas stated "yes." A meeting has been scheduled with the Police Dept. for early March.

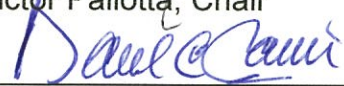
Mrs. Pyke asked how the charities will benefit. Mr. Thomas stated that there are three tiers of benefits. A high tier will benefit every week. Some charities will benefit when they pour beer, and the Boy Scouts will get the money from recycling.

Adjournment

Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.



Victor Pallotta, Chair



Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council