

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting

February 22, 2016

Call to Order: Mrs. Pyke at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Rubino, present; Mr. Pallotta, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mr. Brillhart, present; Mr. Miller, present; Mr. James, present; Mr. Iona, present; Mr. Colavecchio, present; Mrs. Klinger, present; Mr. Iula, present; Mrs. Pyke, present.

Invocation: Mr. Iona

Pledge of Allegiance: First United Methodist Church Boy Scout Troop #152

Approval of Minutes: None

Reports and Communications: A letter dated February 18, 2016, from Cuyahoga Falls Senior, The NRP Group LLC apprising Council of plans to be the managing member of a residential rental development located in or within one-half mile of their political jurisdiction.

New Legislation
(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. A-12 (Planning & Zoning)

An ordinance accepting the Planning Commission approval, findings and conditions of the Enclave at Old Mill Pond Final Subdivision Plat-Phase I (Section 1113.04) on Parcel 35-06495, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-13 (Planning and Zoning)

An ordinance authorizing and approving the Preserve at Salt Creek RM-Mixed-Density Residential Overlay Final Master Plan (Section 1132.19 RM) and Preliminary Subdivision Plat (Section 1113.03) on Parcel 37-00484 and Parcel 37-00485, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-14 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract or contracts without competitive bidding with Motorola, Inc. for the maintenance of the Public Safety Regional Dispatch System equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-15 (Public & Industrial Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the construction of an access point for kayaks and canoes on the Cuyahoga River at River Front Park, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-16 (Public & Industrial Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the repair of the Natatorium roof, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-17 (Public & Industrial Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the Chart Road Woodward Creek Culvert Project, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-18 (Public & Industrial Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for concrete and masonry repairs to the City-owned parking garages located at 2035 Old Town Loop (the “Blue” parking deck), 2052 Front Street (the “Red” parking deck), and 2318 Second Street (the “Green” parking deck), and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-19 (Public & Industrial Improvements)

An ordinance consenting to the improvement along State Route 8 within the City of Cuyahoga Falls, by the State of Ohio, by increasing the storage (deceleration length), including necessary ancillary work, authorizing financial cooperation thereof, and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Council’s Standing Committees

(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning:

No report.

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Ord. A-7

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a cooperative procurement agreement with the North Central Service Cooperative dba National Joint Powers Alliance (“NJPA”), waiving competitive bidding for the purchase of products, services, materials and supplies purchased through cooperative purchase agreements administered by NJPA, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-7, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-8

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts for the purchase of one R70C Rotary Lift including installation, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-8, second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public & Industrial Improvements:

None

Public Affairs:

Temp. Ord. A-9

An ordinance amending various sections of the Codified Ordinances to conform to State law, approving the 2015 replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-9, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-10

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

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-10, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Community Development:

No report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	March 7, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Finance:	March 7, 2016, 6:35 p.m.
Public & Industrial Improvements:	March 7, 2016, 6:40 p.m.
Public Affairs:	Subject to call.
Community Development:	Subject to call.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Hoffman stated there was not a lot of activity in one month's worth of Report 21. He said he would like to start off speaking about some revenues outlined in the General Fund. On the first page of Report 21, under the Local Government Fund, State of Ohio line item, there was an anticipated decrease due to the State budget. Mr. Hoffman stated that is still on pace with the budget numbers projected at the end of last year. The other item in the revenues of the General Fund are the outside service charges in the Fire Department. The invoice payment from the City of Silver Lake has not yet been received in the General Fund. They have been contacted, and, hopefully, that payment will be received soon.

Mr. Hoffman stated that under Other Funds and Revenues in the Municipal Income Tax Fund, the revenue for tax collections is up 6.3% through January this year. On the flip side of that, there have been a couple of very big refunds. Refunds are up \$140,000, which pretty much negates most of the revenue for the month of January. In the Leisure Time Fund, the Natatorium charges are positive, up 3.1% over 2015. Those are the only items of note on the revenue side, given one month of numbers. Mr. Hoffman stated that on the expense side, looking at the Personal Services line items in every fund, in 2015, there is a higher amount. There were three pay dates in January 2015 and only two pay dates in 2016, so there will be an increase until there is a three-pay month this year.

Mr. Hoffman stated that \$700,000 was placed in in the S.C.M.R. Fund in anticipation of a harsh winter. Since, so far, it has not been a harsh winter, there has been substantial savings in the S.C.M.R. Fund. Mr. Hoffman said that he may come back with an amended budget later this year, depending on where we are with that fund for salt and road clearing. Mr. Hoffman stated the only other item of note in the expense side of Report 21 is the Self-Insurance Fund, located on the back page of the report. Claims are up by 24.7% over 2015. That was a semi-anticipated jump. Due to the change in the health insurance plans from 2015 to 2016, there were a lot of employees going to the doctor to have whatever they needed done prior to the change in the health insurance coverage. He said that amount should level out throughout the year, but that fund will be monitored closely. Mr. Hoffman concluded his report and stated they he would be happy to take any questions.

Mrs. Pyke asked if there was any other business to come before Council. Mr. Pallotta asked if he may direct a question to Mayor Walters. Mr. Pallotta stated that the Planning and Zoning Committee turned down Prestige Auto's present continual use for parking cars on State Road. He inquired of Mayor Walters as to what was going to happen next. Mayor Walters stated that it will have to be enforced. He said the Law Department could outline the steps to date if they are not in compliance. Mr. Balthis said it was his understanding that there have been multiple letters sent to Prestige Auto. He said he would have to double check, but he believes court action had been initiated on other issues. Mr. Balthis said he would e-mail Council tomorrow with an update on what is happening currently. Ms. Sheridan stated that Mr. Guerra and Ms. Ciotola are discussing the next steps to be taken. Mr. Pallotta stated that he has been questioned by residents on Grant Street, 23rd Street and Highbridge Road on what is going to happen next. He said he will inform the residents of what is happening.

Ms. Sheridan stated that she would like to remind everyone of the meeting tomorrow evening from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. It will be held in the Natatorium. The topic is the downtown Cuyahoga Falls retail and residential market analysis. At 7:30 p.m., there will be an update from MKSK regarding the downtown circulation plan. She stated that all of Council has a brochure at their table.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Mary Ellen Pyke, Council President

Dana Capriulo, Clerk of Council