

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

February 27, 2017

Call to Order: Mrs. Pyke at 6:30 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, absent; Mrs. Klinger, present; Mr. Iula, present; Mrs. Pyke, present.

Invocation: Mr. Iona

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Iona

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the February 13, 2017, Council meeting were approved as written.

Reports and Communications: None.

New Legislation

(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. B-16 (Planning and Zoning)

An ordinance authorizing and approving the Hunter Parkway Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plat and Improvement Plans on Parcel 35-05868, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-17 (Planning & Zoning)

An ordinance authorizing and approving the Preserve at Salt Creek Final Subdivision Plat/Improvement Plans-Phase 2 on Parcel 37-00650, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-18 (Public Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the annual resurfacing and/or repair of various streets as described in Exhibit 'A' attached hereto, in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-19 (Public Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the design-build services necessary to conduct Phase II instream and riparian restoration of Kelsey Creek, and for associated stream bank restoration, and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Council's Standing Committees
(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning

No Report.

Finance & Appropriations:

No Report.

Public & Industrial Improvements:

Temp. Ord. B-10

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, to replace the roof at Quirk Cultural Center, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Iula moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-10, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. B-11

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the replacement of the restroom building in Water Works Park, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Iula moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-11, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. B-12

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for replacement of the sanitary sewer and concrete pavement on 18th Street, from Ohio Avenue to Phelps Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Iula moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-12, second by Ms. Nichol-Rhodes. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Public Affairs:

Temp. Ord. B-9

An ordinance authorizing a waiver of the water and sewer tap-in fees set forth in Sections 923.10 and 925.06 of the Cuyahoga Falls Code of Ordinances for Woodridge Local School District, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-9, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. B-13

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. B-13, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Mr. Pallotta moved to amend Temp. Ord. B-13 with Temp. Ord. B-13 (Sub. Dated 2-27-17), second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Mr. Pallotta stated that the changes on Lines 25 and 26 refer to prohibited parking from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. between addresses 2540 and 2620 Valleyview Drive. This specifically designates the area considered the dead end of the street.

Temp. Ord. B-13 (Sub. Dated 3-27-17)

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. B-13 (Sub. Dated 2-27-17), second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. B-14

An ordinance amending various sections of the Codified Ordinances to conform to State law, approving the 2016 replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-14, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Community Development:

No Report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	March 6, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Finance:	Subject to Call.
Public Improvements:	March 6, 2017, 6:35 p.m.
Public Affairs:	Subject to call.
Community Development:	Subject to call.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Hoffman stated that there are a couple of items listed on the revenue side of things in Report 21. In the Local State Government Fund, there's a decrease in the monthly amount. January tends to be the lesser amount of the year, but they're on track. In the second half of the year, they do have some increases in their projections and they will be reviewing those as the year goes on. Interest numbers are up 12 percent from 2016. In dollar form, that is \$3,000, but, nevertheless, they are maintaining strong. The other line item in the General Fund, the JEDD Income Tax Distribution line item, last year was a change. Mr. Hoffman stated that he wanted to point that out again, because there are zeros in 2016 and a number in 2017. At the end of the year, they will see those amounts and will be able to track those amounts for 2016 and 2017 very easily. In the Municipal Tax Fund, Income Tax Revenue, the collections were down about \$100,000, or five percent. There are a couple reasons for that. One is they are comparing with JEDD income tax in that number from 2016, so there will be a change there. At the end of last year, they had a lot of timing changes to the State for net profit returns and that has played a role there. They saw some larger net profit returns in at the end of the year. Last year, they also tracked some softening in the profit returns and, so, they did see some decreases in those returns coming in. In the SCMR Fund, there's fees, licenses and permits. There are timing issues associated with that one, so it's about half the normal amount. One of their cable vendors did not remit payment for that month. In the Leisure Time Fund, the Natatorium charges for services are up 1.5 percent. Brookledge is up \$5,942. There has been some play out there, so Brookledge is going strong. In February, they also had some play out at Brookledge, so he assumes assume they're going to be up quite a bit after February's numbers. In the Municipal Income Tax Fund, on the expenses side, refunds were down \$98,000. They came in and they refunded about \$50,000. Last year, they refunded about \$150,000. In comparing that to the income tax revenue, the net difference there is \$10,000 from 2016 to 2017. The impact of the Municipal Tax Fund is not as great as it would appear if you look just at the revenue. Mr. Hoffman stated that that is all the comments he has for Report 21 and he would be happy to take any questions Council may have.

Mrs. Pyke asked if anyone at the rail would be able to tell her if any billing cycles for utilities are off cycle at all. She has some residents in the Forest Glen area that are getting bills with a balance forward on them. She stated that she will call in with those addresses and see if they can get this solved. Mr. Pallotta stated that he would like to mention that Mr. Konich, Director of Information Technology, and Tim Stewart came in today and they put a microphone on Mrs. Pyke. It is a new microphone system that is a lapel mike and he wanted to get some feedback from everybody as to whether they could hear Mrs. Pyke well. Mr. Milford and Mrs. Kelly, who were sitting in the audience, stated that they could hear Mrs. Pyke very well. Mrs. Pyke stated that she is miked at the collar and has the ability to turn her microphone off and on, so she is pleased with it. She asked Mr. Pallotta what the cost of this system is. Mr. Pallotta stated they are using most of the original recording system pieces and just getting rid of the base and the microphone. Mr. Konich stated that it is not going to be what was budgeted. The options they are looking at are very expensive. This is the cheapest of the three solutions and that's why they wanted to try it first. If it works, he thinks the whole thing probably is going to be \$100 apiece. They will not have to

replace any of the equipment in the back. If they break, they are very inexpensive to replace. Mrs. Pyke asked if anyone is opposed to moving forward on this, please get back to her, and then they'll move forward with some legislation.

Mr. Iona stated that he is a member of the Tree Board. Since the Legal Department is present, he would like to ask a question. The Tree Board obviously promotes trees. Cuyahoga Falls is the Tree City. As most of Council knows, the City has an arboretum. They are trying to sell trees and it is going very slow. Year-to-date, they have sold zero trees. The arboretum is off Munroe Falls Avenue. The former Service Director, Eric Czetli, had a vision that they would try to plant a few trees each year and try to sell a few each year. Mr. Iona stated that he would like to ask if Council would consider buying a tree and maybe label it the Class of 2017, City Council or something. It's not a huge expense. It's \$250 for a tree. Year-to-date, they have sold zero trees. These trees could be bought as a memorial in honor of someone who has passed away. It lives on forever. The arboretum is a phenomenal plan. It is not just a bunch of trees. They are going to put a shelter and do some other positive things. Council doesn't have to vote on this and decide it tonight. If they were to do it themselves and not go to the City, the cost would be approximately \$20 apiece to have a tree. Mrs. Pyke asked if they could pick the type of tree they would like. Mr. Iona stated that there is a group of trees that are native that specific area and Council could choose from those.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to excuse Mr. Colavecchio from tonight's meeting, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Mary Ellen Pyke, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Council Clerk