

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
February 6, 2012

Members: Don Walters, Chair
Carrie Snyder
Carol Klinger

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the January 17, 2012 Public Affairs Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Res. A-8

Discussion

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A resolution expressing support for and urging passage of Issue 10, the Woodridge Local School District tax levy, at the primary election to be held on March 6, 2012, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Mader stated this resolution was for a levy passage for the Woodridge school system. In November, the levy failed by a margin of just over 200 votes. He recently attended a school board meeting regarding putting the levy on the next ballot. There is a tremendous partnership between the school system and the City in the way they support each other. The school district has received excellent ratings. He is in total support of this and is urging passage. He encouraged any other Council members to add their name as sponsor if they'd like.

Walter Davis, Woodridge Superintendent, thanked Council for being a part of this initiative. He came to urge support of Issue 10. It will provide support for an emergency operating levy of 6.83 mill with a shelf life of five years. The comments he received regarding the failed November levy were that residents felt ten years was too long so the current levy is for five years. The District last past a new money issue in 2004. They have been living on a budget with funding that is eight years old. That is not something one can do for very long. In addition, the District has received less in property taxes and has seen an overall decrease in property values. They have renegotiated the labor contracts in which the employees have stepped up to help which has saved taxpayers \$1.4 million. The budget is just over \$20 million. There was a \$400,000 reduction this past summer, which bring a total savings of \$1.8 million. Issue 10 will enable the District to continue the excellent programs that it is known for.

Mrs. Colavecchio welcomed everyone and thanked Mr. Mader for bringing this legislation to Council. She stated she would like her name added as a sponsor. The rest of Council also requested their names to be added as sponsors.

Mrs. Snyder moved to bring out A-8 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.