

**CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting**

**February 8, 2016**

- 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: Ms. Nichols-Rhodes
- Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the January 11, 2016 Council meeting and the January 11, 2016 Committee-of-the-Whole meeting were approved as submitted.
- Reports and Communications: None.

**New Legislation**  
(First Reading)

**Temp. Ord. A-7 (Finance)**

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.

**Temp. Ord. A-8 (Finance)**

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.

**Temp. Ord. A-9 (Public Affairs)**

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.

**Temp. Ord. A-10 (Public Affairs)**

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

**Temp. Ord. A-11 (Public Affairs)**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio, Ohio Rail Development Commission for implementation of a railroad safety preemption project, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Pyke moved to suspend Council Rules to hold a committee meeting on the same night as Council in order to discuss and possibly vote on Temp. Ord. A-11.

Council recessed into a Public Affairs Committee meeting at 6:33 p.m. and reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

**Reports of Council's Standing Committees**

(Third Reading)

**Planning & Zoning:**

No report.

**Finance & Appropriations:**

**Temp. Ord. A-6**

An ordinance establishing pay ranges for part-time, per diem, and special classification workers, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-6, second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

**Public & Industrial Improvements:**

No report.

**Public Affairs:**

**Temp. Ord. A-11 (Sub 2/8/16)**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio, Ohio Rail Development Commission for implementation of a railroad safety preemption project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-11 (Sub 2/8/16), second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

**Community Development:**

No report.

**Schedule of Committee Meetings**

Planning & Zoning: Subject to call.  
Finance: February 16, 2016, 6:30 p.m.  
Public & Industrial Improvements: Subject to call.  
Public Affairs: February 16, 2016, 6:35 p.m.  
Community Development: Subject to call.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Mayor Walter stated that there some distinguished guests in the audience tonight from the Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors for the presentation of the Honorary Boulevard. They are a 100-percent volunteer organization that is 47 years old. When they started in Cuyahoga Falls in June of 1968, they used an unheated chicken coop for storage. They bounced their location around a little bit from one church to the next. They were at Sill Middle School for a while, and, then, finally, in 2014, they found a permanent home. Mayor Walters said that Joel and Paul Testa, along with other donors, were heavily involved in securing that permanent home on 1742 Second Street. They use the space at the Fabor Foundation for their Christmas program. Mayor Walters said he wanted to thank the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department for volunteering their time for the Christmas program. Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors' new space is a great facility. It's large, clean and very spacious. It is very easy for donors and recipients to utilize their facility.

Mayor Walters stated that Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors have some impressive statistics. In 2015, there were 3,829 emergency food orders provided to 876 families. They supplied school clothes and supplies to 404 children. There were shoe vouchers that were given out for a total of \$6,060. At Christmas, they served 555 families, consisting of 747 adults, 162 seniors and 537 children with bags of food, household items, clothes and three or four gifts for each person; children, in particular. Their clientele during the year were 876 families for whom they were able to provide, food, clothing, household items and toys, at Christmas, for the kids. Mayor Walters stated that they're an amazing group that don't do it for the recognition. He stated he believes that when you see the goodwill of other people, it's contagious. There are plenty of people out there that give of their time, but when you spread the word about this, it rubs off on people. Mayor Walters thanked the Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors for allowing the City to honor them. He said that tomorrow morning, February 9th, it will become official, with the sign-hanging ceremony taking place at 9:30 a.m., at Broad Boulevard and Third Street. Mayor Walters presented the Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors with a sign to keep.

Mrs. Pyke extended a thank you to the Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors. She said they were in her ward, which is a great thing. There are a lot of refugees are moving into the area, and there is a great need in the community for them. Also, many of her constituents from Sutcliffe utilize the services that they provide. Mrs. Pyke thanked them for all they do.

Mr. James made a motion to excuse Mr. Colavecchio from tonight's meeting; second by Mr. Pallotta. Motion carries 10-0.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes asked if now was a good time to address the sound system and reconfiguration of the council tables. Mrs. Pyke stated that a few members of council had stayed after the last meeting to talk about reconfiguring the tables. If there is no objection, the tables would be moved to the left side of the current rail and become more U-shaped. That would make it easier for those sitting at the end sections of the rail to better engage in discussions. The Administration would be seated where Council is now. The new configuration would keep the audience better engaged and make it easier for people to come and go. Mrs. Pyke stated that, at times, it is difficult to hear when there is a second from the end of the table. She said she didn't want to reconfigure the room without first speaking to Council. She stated that she thinks that Council will be pleased with the new seating arrangement.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that Mr. Konich said the sound system is owned by Council, and that a new system would have to be purchased by Council. She stated that Mr. Konich said the IT Department would help Council obtain an estimate, but Council would be responsible for any costs. Mrs. Pyke thanked Ms. Nichols-Rhodes.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Mary Ellen Pyke, Council President

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Dana Capriulo, Clerk of Council