

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting
March 1, 2010**

Members: Vince Rubino, Chair
Jerry James
Ken Barnhart

Mr. Rubino called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the February 1, 2010 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation to be Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-33

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Discussion

Mr. Rubino stated that A-35 will be held pending a public hearing on April 12, 2010.

Temp. Ord. A-33

An ordinance authorizing the dedication plat of Prospect Avenue between Front Street and Second Street and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Guerra stated this is an ordinance authorizing a dedication plat for Prospect Avenue between Front Street and Second Street. It is to construct a new street that will be an extension of Prospect Avenue. The Master Plan recommended putting in this new street. This is part of the grant application for Clean Ohio Funds and was also part of the 2009 Consolidated Plan. It was included when Testa put in an application to the State as part of the Watermark project. Constructing this street will break up a lengthy block. On February 17, 2010, the Planning Commission approved this project with four findings that are based on Code issues.

Mrs. Hummel asked if the width of the street is 50 feet. Mr. Guerra stated that the width with the right-of-way is 55 feet. The sidewalks will be wide and there is enough width in the street for both parking and driving lanes. The parking will be parallel and there will be 19 spaces. Mrs. Pyke distributed a copy of the plan. Mrs. Hummel was concerned about the on-street parking and was glad to hear there will be so many spaces. Mrs. Pyke commented about trees on the street. Mr. Guerra stated they chose to do something different and picked Ginko trees. They are nice trees and are the same kind as planted around Jacobs Field. There will be 13 along the street and they will be spaced according to the Code. Mrs. Pyke asked about putting in ramps for people getting from Sutcliffe to High Glens. Mr. Guerra stated they are looking at that now. Mrs. Pyke asked when the City would be looking at the traffic pattern on Front Street. Mr. Demasi stated they cannot do that until the street is open. They will decide then if a signal is required. Mrs. Pyke was concerned about sight distance.

Bill Rhines, 1868 Windsor, requested a copy of the handout. He would have preferred to have had it before the discussion began.

Mr. Rubino stated discussion of this project has already been heard at the Planning Commission level before it came before Council. There has been public notice of it.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-33.

Temp. Ord. A-34

An ordinance authorizing the vacation plat/utility easement dedication plat for part of Thomas Court and for Fourth Court and declaring an emergency.

This is a recommendation for part of Thomas Court and Fourth Court to be vacated. This is happening because the high school campus is adding tennis courts. The high school vocational wing was built on the right-of-way of Fourth Court but was never vacated. The Planning Commission recommended approval on February 17, 2010. The City will keep utility easements in this area in case they are needed. He added that when there is a dead-end street, there is usually a cul-de-sac but there never was one here, so the City has waived the requirements of constructing a cul-de-sac. Mrs. Klinger asked who owned the last parcel that is shown on the map. Mr. Guerra indicated it was owned by the school board. Mr. Mader asked if there were any maintenance issues that go on now because they are not vacated. Mr. Guerra did not believe so.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-34.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.