

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting**  
**March 2, 2009**

**Members:** Mark Ihasz, Chair  
Diana Colavecchio  
Mary Ellen Pyke

Mr. Ihasz called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the February 19, 2009 committee meetings were approved as submitted.

**Legislation Considered**

Temp. Ord. B-19

**Discussion:**

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An ordinance authorizing an amendment to Ordinance No. 81-2004 to allow for a transfer in CDBG funds and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Truby stated that within the CDBG funds, they budget in certain categories for certain projects. If the City does not spend the money within those categories, it is permitted to reallocate the funds. HUD allows a transfer three times a year. This would be the first transfer this year. The money is coming from several projects that have come in under budget: Main Street Project (\$31,000); Fresh Start (\$1,500); Wyoga Lake pedestrian trail (\$81,000); and Property Acquisition – Cochran Street (\$27,000). The funds will be transferred to the Economic Development Loan Program, which has seen more activity from businesses who want to do loans. Mr. Ihasz asked whether the funds would be used for new projects. Mrs. Truby indicated they would and added she is currently working on a couple of business loans. The funds will be rolled-over into the 2009 plan and have to be spent within 18 months, but not within this year which ends June 30. Mr. Ihasz confirmed that Council will be receiving the 2009 plan on April 13. Mrs. Truby stated they held the first public meeting last Thursday and will hold another on March 23. They plan to introduce legislation on April 13, discuss it on the 20<sup>th</sup> and vote on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Pyke asked whether companies applying for the loan were required to show an increase in employees. Mrs. Truby stated they were and that one job was required to be created for ever \$25,000 loaned. Mrs. Bell added that it was mandatory for the companies to submit quarterly reports in order to keep track. They have a certain timeframe within which to create the jobs. They must retain the employees per the contract.

Mrs. Klinger pointed out that the March 23 date for the next public meeting was a Council night. Mrs. Truby stated it should actually be Thursday, March 26.

Mrs. Hummel asked about the interest rate on the loans. Mrs. Bell stated they are around 4%. They offer 1% below prime, which they take from the *Wall Street Journal* on the date that the loan agreement is drawn up. The typical life of a loan is 10 or 15 years, depending on the amount borrowed.

***Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-19.***

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.