

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Community Development Committee**

March 20, 2017

Members: Adam Miller, Chair
Vic Pallotta
Paul Colavecchio

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the December 5, 2016 Community Development Committee meeting were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-15
Temp. Ord. B-24

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-15

Mr. Miller stated that this ordinance was discussed in the presentation that was given earlier by Mr. Guerra. Mrs. Pyke asked if the development they're looking at for Mr. Karam falls within this district. Mr. Guerra stated it is only that area on the map that shows on the ordinance. Mrs. Pyke asked if the new development that they're looking at tomorrow in the Planning & Zoning Committee was included. Mr. Guerra stated that it is, as is the Enclave that has already been approved. Mr. Brillhart stated that this is a very important ordinance and he would urge its passage.

Mr. Colavecchio moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-24 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Pallotta. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-24

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Pipeline Initiative Grant Agreement for up to \$12,000.00 with the Ohio History Connection and to appropriate and authorize the payment of the grant funds, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Guerra stated that the grant is for the consultant that they have hired, Naylor Wellman, who did the survey report, to do the application for the National Register for the Downtown Historic District. They will put together the application and then it will be submitted to the Ohio Historic Preservation Office. The district basically is smaller than the local district that has been approved. It is Portage Trail from Front Street to around Third Street. It is Front Street, from the Pavilion and the Red Parking Deck, north to Stow Avenue. It does not include the old Hibachi building. This allows for Federal tax credits for the people that want to renovate the buildings. It also allows the City to apply for Pipeline Grants to do bricks and mortar. One of the things that cannot be done without the National Register Districts is taking the frontages off buildings. It is a prestigious thing to be on the National Register of Historic Places, but it also will give the City more money

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for renovation. Since there will be discussion about Front Street later tonight, it is that component that's going to help economic development, also.

Mrs. Pyke asked why it is called a Pipeline Grant. Lauran Burge, Chambers, Murphy & Burge, consulting architects, stated that the Pipeline Grant was started with the Ohio Historic Preservation tax credit to get projects in the pipeline for getting Historic tax credits. That is why it is called a Pipeline Grant. Mrs. Pyke stated that if it gets in the paper, it is going to be confusing with everything that's going on with the pipeline. They need to make sure that the press is very careful with how they define the Pipeline Grant. Ms. Corrine Wagner, 421 E. Heritage Drive, stated that she would like to extend a comment as to what President Pyke said. She asked if they possibly could put the explanation of the Pipeline Grant in the newspaper, so that the people who read the newspaper won't think it's an Alaskan pipeline that's coming in.

Mr. Pallotta moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-24 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Colavecchio. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.