

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 23, 2015

Call to Order Mrs. Pyke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mr. Brillhart  
Mr. Colavecchio  
Mr. Iula  
Mr. James  
Mrs. Klinger  
Mr. Mader  
Mr. Pallotta  
Mr. Rubino  
Mr. Weinhardt  
Mrs. Pyke

Absent: Mr. DeRemer

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Mader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Mader.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting.

Without objection the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2015 were approved as submitted.

5. Reading of petitions, claims, communications and reports of City officials.

1. From the Dept. of Liquor Control, notice of transfer of D2, D2X, D3 and D6 liquor licenses from Aramark Confection LLC to Legends Music LLC, at 1145A West Steels Corners Road.
2. From the Finance Director, Report 21 dated March 10, 2015, for the period ending February 28, 2015.

6. Introduction of new ordinances and resolutions.

The following ordinances and resolutions were introduced and referred as noted:

To the Planning & Zoning Committee:

Temp. Ord. B-26: An ordinance approving the creation of an individual historic overlay landmark of 2.479 acres at 783 West Bath Road according to Section 1132.21 H, Historic Overlay in the Cuyahoga Falls General Development Code, and declaring an emergency.

To the Public Affairs Committee:

Temp. Ord. B-27: An ordinance amending various sections of the Codified Ordinances to conform to State law, approving the 2014 replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

To the Community Development Committee:

Temp. Ord. B-28: An ordinance approving the Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2015, and declaring an emergency.

7. Public Hearings.

There were no public hearings.

8. Reports of Special Council Committees.

There were no reports of special committees.

9. Reports of Council's Standing Committees

Planning & Zoning Committee:

(No report.)

Finance & Appropriations Committee:

Temp. Ord. B-24: An ordinance amending ordinance 2-2015 authorizing the Directors of Safety and Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase or lease of various vehicles for use by the City, and authorizing the Finance Director to increase appropriations in the Drug Law Enforcement Fund by \$12,000, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mrs. Klinger to adopt Temp. Ord. B-24. Seconded by Mr. James.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. James called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

Public Improvements Committee:

Temp. Ord. B-25: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the annual resurfacing and/or repair of various streets as described in Exhibit 'A' attached hereto, in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Iula to adopt Temp. Ord. B-25. Seconded by Mr. Mader.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. James called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

Public Affairs Committee:

(No report.)

Community Development Committee:

(No report.)

10. Announcement of Schedule of Council Committee meetings.

Planning and Zoning:	April 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
Finance:	Subject to call.
Public Improvements:	Subject to call.
Public Affairs:	April 6, 2015 at 6:35 p.m.
Community Development:	April 6, 2015 at 6:40 p.m.

11. Miscellaneous Business

Motion by Mr. Rubino to excuse the absence of Mr. DeRemer. Seconded by Iula. Motion adopted by acclamation.

The President recognized Mrs. Klinger, who asked to yield the floor to the Finance Director, Bryan Hoffman, to provide remarks concerning Report

21. Mr. Hoffman stated that admissions taxes are projected, after 2 months of experience, to total \$100,000 for the year. The first two months totaled \$8,000. All of these receipts will be paid to Stark. Civil service testing fees have been affected by 215 test applications filed relative to a civil service exam for firefighter. Income tax collections are up 9% YTD over 2014. Collections in the Electric Fund and Storm Drainage Utility Fund have both seen a decrease in revenue that was not expected. The Finance Dept. is investigating the reasons for this. On the expense side, overtime in the Fire Dept. has decreased year over year due to the department staffing up. Police overtime, however, has increased due to various factors including sick leave and injury leave, as well as vacancies. Property tax increases are due to advancements from the County Fiscal officer, not actual revenue. The Street Construction Repair and Maintenance Fund received a portion of 2014 cable television franchise fees in 2015, thus artificially inflating 2015 receipts. Leisure Time Fund receipts from automatic account drafts in February were not received until March, thus affecting the results in that line.

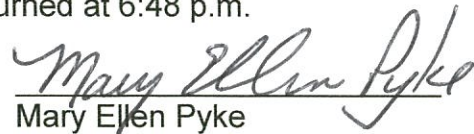
The President asked if the Natatorium has experienced a decrease in revenue since the opening of LA Fitness. Mr. Hoffman stated there has been no decrease. The Natatorium had a strong January and a strong February. The Park & Recreation Department has mounted an aggressive advertising campaign.

The President asked the Law Director to report on whether the Menard's real estate transaction has been executed by Menard's. The Law Director stated that the agreements have not been executed due to environmental issues between Menard's and the owner of the former Giant Eagle property.

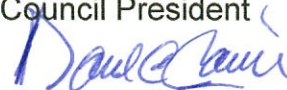
The President asked the City Engineer to report on when the storm sewer underneath the Menard's site would be cleared of dumped cement. The City Engineer stated he would report back with that information.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. James to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Iula. Motion adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Mary Ellen Pyke  
Council President



Paul A. Janis  
Clerk of Council