

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

April 10, 2017

- 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, present; Mrs. Klinger, present; Mr. Iula, present; Mrs. Pyke, present.
- Invocation:** Mr. Iona
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Miller
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the Public Hearings held 2-6-17 and 3-20-17 and the minutes of the Council meetings held 2-21-17, 2-27-17, 3-13-17 and 3-27-17 were approved as written.
- Reports and Communications:** A Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a new application to Target Corp. dba Target Store T 0793, 449 Howe Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44129.
- An invitation from the Police Memorial and Honor Guard Foundation to their annual Police Memorial Service, Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 10 a.m., at the Cuyahoga Falls Civic Center Campus, 2310 2nd Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44221.
- An anonymous letter postmarked March 31, 2017, containing a copy of an editorial page published in the Falls-News Press.
- A letter from John Slagter, Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC, dated April 10, 2017, regarding the City of Cuyahoga Falls Senior, LLC Site Plan.

New Legislation (First Reading)

Temp. Res. B-30 (Public Affairs)

A resolution expressing support for Ohio House Bill 123 which will close an existing loophole and cap the annual interest rate for payday loan lenders, and urging the Ohio Legislature and Governor Kasich to support the same, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Pyke stated that Mr. Pallotta has asked that any Council member who would like to have their name added to Temp. Res. B-30 contact him or the Law Department before April 17, 2017.

Temp. Ord. B-31 (Public Affairs)

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

Temp. Ord. B-32 (Public Affairs)

An ordinance amending Section 933.123 of Title Five, Part Nine of the Codified Ordinances, relating to demand response of retail electric customers of the City's Electric Department, authorizing the Director of Public Service to approve or disapprove customer requests to enroll with a third-party curtailment service provider and/or PJM Interconnection, LLC ("PJM") for PJM's Capacity Only Option demand response program, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-33 (Community Development)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with 2821 Front Street LLC, and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Council's Standing Committees

(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning

Temp. Ord. B-25

An ordinance accepting the Planning Commission approval, findings and conditions of the site plan for the construction of a 62-unit senior apartment complex at 320 Pleasant Meadow Boulevard and on Parcel 3500578, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Iona moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-25, second by Mr. Iula. Roll Call: Mr. Rubino, yes; Mr. Pallotta, yes; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, yes; Mr. Brillhart, no; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. James, yes; Mr. Iona, yes; Mr. Colavecchio, no; Mrs. Klinger, no; Mr. Iula, no; Mrs. Pyke, yes. Motion passed, (7-4).

Temp. Ord. B-26

An ordinance accepting the Planning Commission approval, findings and conditions of the site plan for the construction of a 28,437-square-foot warehouse and parking lot expansion at 89 Cuyahoga Falls Industrial Parkway and on Parcels 35-06268, 35-06252 and 35-05933, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Iona moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-26, second by Mr. Rubino. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Finance & Appropriations:

No Report.

Public & Industrial Improvements:

No Report.

Public Affairs:

Temp. Ord. B-27

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts to purchase property in connection with the Dickerson Run Nature Preserve Project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta stated that the Ohio Public Works Commission Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Grant Board met today to score the project before them to determine which proposals would receive the grant money. On Thursday, April 20th, a decision will be rendered. The City is kind of in a do-or-die situation, so he hopes the City takes first place in this.

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-27, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. B-28

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to apply for and accept a grant from the Department of Natural Resources, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-28, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Community Development:

No Report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	Subject to call.
Finance:	Subject to call.
Public Improvements:	Subject to call.
Public Affairs:	April 17, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Community Development:	April 17, 2017, 6:35 p.m.

Miscellaneous Business

Mayor Walters stated that he would like to make a presentation to the next recipient of the Honorary Boulevard Program. Tonight, he would like to mention some of the things that Western Reserve Hospital has done for the City that border on amazing. When he became Mayor, Mark Bosco, from the hospital, came to his office and asked what Cuyahoga Falls needs from them to help make it a better community. From that day, forward, it has been pretty much nonstop. He stated that he would like to read a list of the programs Western Reserve Hospital has contributed to that probably could not have happened without their support and without their donations. One of the largest programs is the Not Me I'm Drug Free. They supply the pledge cards, T-shirts, yards signs and stickers for these kids. They help with the design work. That program, alone, has been recognized by the Governor's office and the Attorney General's office in Ohio. Western Reserve Hospital sponsors Robbie's Voice, a program on drug addiction that is presented at the high schools; new band uniforms for the Cuyahoga Falls High School Marching Band; the Cuyahoga Falls School Levy Golf Outing and levy ads; Lemonade Day, which is where the schools teach business practices to some of the grade school children, and the Woodridge No Texting and Driving Campaign. They participate in Career Day at Richardson and Woodridge with giveaways for programs at both of those schools; sponsor the garden at Richardson School; donate the food for the spaghetti dinner at the high school fundraiser; sponsor the high school theater program; sponsor the Art Walk; sponsor nearly all high school sports with banners, ads and/or donations; sponsor various events at St. Joe's, such as the recent Mardi Gras; sponsor various events at IHM, including the 5K Run; support Walsh Jesuit and CVCA sports and theater programs; donate first aid kits to the local Boy Scouts for them to distribute; sponsor the food drive at Cuyahoga Falls High School.

Western Reserve Hospital provides new equipment and training for the Police and Fire Departments, sponsors Safety Town for the young children each year; sponsors the Police Memorial each year; sponsors the First Responders Day each year; sponsors the Dan Crabtree 5K Run; equips the police with Narcan in their cruisers, making Cuyahoga Falls the first community in Summit County to have Narcan in every police cruiser; sponsors the drug take-back for unused medication through the Police Department as well as the hospital; sponsors food for Police and Fire several times throughout the year; sponsors Suicide Prevention Night; sponsors Shop With a Cop for children that can't afford to get things for their family; sponsors the Toys for Tots with the Police Department; sponsors Operation Coats for Kids with the Fire Department; sponsors Kohl's Warriors, the anti-drug campaign similar to Robbie's Voice; sponsors the Relay for Life to fight cancer; sponsors the Natatorium 5K each year; sponsors the 10 o'clock Talks at the Natatorium, which is about healthy practices for employees and citizens; sponsors the health machines for in the lobby of the Natatorium that control data to monitor improvements; sponsors events at the YMCA; sponsors and teaches free CPR at the Natatorium; sponsors, along with Gojo, the new antibacterial wipes at the Natatorium; sponsored the City Logo Contest, helping with the rollout and the ballots. They sponsor the Envelope of Life. It's not just for elderly people; it's for all ages. There have been real-world times when that has come in handy. They sponsor the City Art Project and Adopt-a-Spot. They sponsor Falls Downtown Fridays, Falls Better Block and the

holiday blood drive in collaboration with the City. They sponsor the Kayak race, the second annual one coming up April 22; monetarily support various Park and Recreation programs; sponsor the Battle of the Badges for the Falls Cancer Club; sponsor the Good Neighbors; sponsor the Cuyahoga Falls Historical Society and make countless donations to churches by sponsorships, raffle baskets, giveaways and food. It is an amazing facility that not only provides world-class care, but the benefits to the community and residents is unparalleled. The sign has already been hung at Broad Boulevard. Mayor Walters invited Cathy Romito to accept the Honorary Boulevard sign on behalf of the City of Cuyahoga Falls.

Mr. Pallotta asked if there is a completion date on the new place mats that were promised earlier in the year. Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, stated that they are in the process, right now, of opening the purchase order and then will go down and place the order. In the next few weeks, they will have new place mats. Mr. Pallotta stated that they will be updated with the right boundaries for the wards.

Mr. Iona stated that one April 22nd, the Akron Aeros/Akron Rubber Ducks will have been in Akron for 20 years. They've had an usher that's been there for 20 years, Mr. Jack Kilway. He worked at Acme. When he retired, he worked a variety of jobs, plus he's been the longest usher there. He is retiring. On that night, they're going to have a Jack Kilway bobblehead night. Mr. Iona asked if Mayor Walters and the Law Department could do something that he could deliver to him. He's a Ward 8 resident and has lived in the Falls for a long time. Mayor Walters stated that they can do a proclamation honoring him. He would be happy to do that and be in attendance on April 22nd, as well.

Mrs. Pyke stated that Council has received a lot of feedback from the public about the potholes. It happens every spring, but it seems to be very bad this winter. She asked if there is a more aggressive way they could tackle these potholes or if would it be beneficial to bring in a company to help the City. Mr. Anthony Zumbo, Service Director, stated that this year has been extraordinarily bad for potholes, because they came out deep freeze early and then had subsequent freezes after that. At this point, he is not sure that bringing in another company would really help. There are three crews out now. They are looking at getting another hot box to use in lieu of the dura patcher for now. It has been difficult because all the asphalt plants aren't up and running yet, so they can't get the hot mix that stays in the holes better. As they're firing up in the next couple weeks, they should be able to more aggressively get to them. Mrs. Pyke stated that it seems the residents that have the sump pumps that are tied into the holes in the curb seem to be areas where, after it is patched, the sump pumps release the water and there is a freeze-thaw. She asked if they have looked at any type of program to target those areas to get those sump pumps tied directly into a catch basin. Mr. Zumbo stated that he is unaware of that, but doesn't know if they would want to tie them right into the catch basin. Mrs. Pyke stated that, in the past, they had done a few collector pipes where it takes it over to the storm water, so it no longer has a release point into the curb. Mr. Demasi stated that there is a program that has tied downspouts into a nearby catch basin. There are two or three of those done a year. There are probably hundreds of locations where that can be done, but, because of the scope of the other work that has to be done, only two or three of the worst ones are done each year.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Mary Ellen Pyke, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Council Clerk