

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

April 11, 2016

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 from the March 14, 2016 Council meeting were approved as written.

Reports and Communications:

A letter dated March 28, 2016, from Prestige Auto Mall to Council making a formal request to appeal the Planning Commission's denial of their conditional use application.

A letter dated April 5, 2016, from the Cuyahoga Falls City School District regarding their hosting of the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative event on April 19, 2016.

New Legislation
(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. A-28 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a modification of Contract No. 7045 with CT Consultants, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord A-29 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract, without competitive bidding, with Clean Air Concepts for the lease and/or purchase of vehicle exhaust capture systems for use by the Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-30 (Public Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the repair and/or reconstruction of concrete pavement at various locations in the City, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Res. A-31 (Public Affairs)

A resolution to support and participate in the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to remove the Gorge Dam along the Cuyahoga River, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-32 (Public Affairs)

An ordinance amending Section 111.01 of the Codified Ordinances, relating to the Rules of City Council, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Res. A-33 (Public Affairs)

A resolution supporting the Administration's application to the United States Department of Transportation for the 2016 TIGER discretionary grant program, and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Council's Standing Committees

(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning

No report.

Finance & Appropriations:

No report.

Public & Industrial Improvements:

Temp. Ord. A-15

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the construction of an access point for kayaks and canoes on the Cuyahoga River at River Front Park, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Iula moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-15, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public Affairs

Temp. Ord. A-27

An ordinance amending Section 945.06 of the Codified Ordinances, and declaring an emergency.

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

Community Development:

No report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	Subject to call.
Finance:	April 18, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Public Improvements:	April 18, 2016, 6:35 p.m.
Public Affairs:	April 18, 2016, 6:40 p.m.
Community Development:	Subject to call.

Miscellaneous Business

Mrs. Pyke stated that she has been asked by the Administration to appoint two individuals to the Volunteer Police Officer’s Dependent Fund. This fund was established to assist dependents of volunteer police officers killed in the line of duty and to assist volunteer police officers that become totally or permanently disabled as a result of an injury occurring in the line of duty. The Ohio Department of Commerce has been tasked with administering this fund. Mrs. Pyke appointed Mr. James and Mr. Miller. Mr. James is the father of a police officer and Mr. Miller served our country as a Marine. Mr. James and Mr. Miller are appointed to the Volunteer Police Officer’s Dependent Fund with no objection.

Mrs. Pyke announced the formation of an ad hoc committee. This committee will consist of Adam Miller as chair, Russ Iona as vice-chair and Mary Nichols-Rhodes as a member. This ad hoc committee will be tasked with holding public meetings to discuss and gather information concerning the best practices for Council to demonstrate their commitment to transparency. These practices could include, but are not limited to, broadcasting Council meetings on the City's radio station or possibly videotaping Council meetings and linking the meetings to the City's website. Finally, this committee will need to investigate and bring back to Council options to replace Council’s failing microphones. Mr. Miller announced the first meeting of the ad hoc committee will be Monday April 25th, at 7 p.m., following the Council meeting.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes made a motion to allow Mr. Dan Conroy and Mrs. Bethany Conroy, 2388 Third Street, to speak before Council, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote. (11-0)

Mr. Conroy stated that he and his wife have lived at 2388 Third Street since August 2014. At that time, the parking lot located next to their home specifically stated there was to be no student parking. Shortly after that, it became a permanent student parking lot. For approximately a year and a half, there have been problems with a huge amount of trash buildup around their house, noise, revving engines, honking horns, profanity, shouting every day; sometimes in the mornings; always after school, especially on sunny days when students congregate around there. The trash ends up in their yard. They hear the noise constantly, even inside the house with all the windows closed.

Mr. Conroy made a request that a trash can could be put in the parking lot, and, more importantly, that some kind of solid, sound-reducing fence could be put up between their property and the parking lot. In the alternative, Mr. Conroy made the request that the parking lot not be used as permanent high school parking. He stated that they had pictures to show to Council.

Mrs. Pyke suggested that they, along with their Council representative, Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, could meet with Administration to find out what type of resolution there would be to this problem. Mrs. Conroy asked if a fence would be a consideration. Mr. Czetli stated that he would be more than happy to sit down with the Conroys and Ms. Nichols-Rhodes to discuss any reasonable solutions there may be. Mr. and Mrs. Conroy thanked Council.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Mary Ellen Pyke, Council President

Dana Capriulo, Council Clerk