

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

April 25, 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. Rubino

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the March 28, 2016 and April 11, 2016 Council meetings were approved as written.

Reports and Communications: An invitation from the Cuyahoga Falls and Silver Lake Police Memorial & Honor Guard Foundation to their annual Police Memorial Service, Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 10 a.m. at the Cuyahoga Falls Civic Center Campus

New Legislation

(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. A-34 (Planning & Zoning)

An ordinance authorizing and approving the Preserve at Salt Creek Final Subdivision Plat on Parcel 37-00484 and Parcel 37-00485, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-35 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Harris Systems USA, Inc., for the professional services necessary to install, maintain and operate an enterprise software system/cloud, including associated software licensing, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-36 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract and/or contracts without competitive bidding with Best Commercial Energy Services, Inc., for the purchase of an air conditioning system retrofit, and accessories necessary for proper operation of the HVAC system in the City Municipal Building, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-37 (Community Development)

An ordinance approving the Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for fiscal year 2016, and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Council's Standing Committees
(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning

No report.

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Ord. A-28

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

Mrs. Klinger moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-28, second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord A-29

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.

Mrs. Klinger moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-29, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public & Industrial Improvements:

Temp. Ord. A-30

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.

Mr. Iula moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-30, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public Affairs

Temp. Res. A-31

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.

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-31, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-32

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

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-32, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Res. A-33

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.

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Res. A-33, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Community Development:

No report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	May 2, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Finance:	May 2, 2016, 6:35 p.m.
Public Improvements:	Subject to call.
Public Affairs:	May 2, 2016, 6:40 p.m.
Community Development:	May 2, 2016, 6:45 p.m.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Hoffman stated that most items on Report 21 have not changed much over the past few months. In the General Fund, one item that has increased from 2015 was outside service charges for police. Those are due to a contract for policing services with CVCA and other schools in the city. Interest revenue is up \$28,000, through March, over the original budget estimate of \$404,000. Under Property Tax, the settlement report was received early last week and has not been completely reviewed. That will be reported on next month. The income tax deadline of April 18th has passed, so there will be more accurate numbers to report next month. In the Income Tax Fund, there were tax revenues of 8.1 percent through March. In looking at that number, \$234,000 of the \$427,000 increase is due to current tax collection. That is about 4.4 percent on current tax collections.

Mr. Hoffman stated that, in the SCMR Fund, there was a grants line item that was not budgeted. The final settlement for the May 12, 2014 flood was received from the State of Ohio at the beginning of March. In communicating with the State, it was realized that there were additional items and costs that could be claimed. The major item was the street sweeping materials. Those costs were added in the final settlement. Those final settlement numbers are in the Stormwater Fund, the Capital Projects Fund and a couple other funds.

Mr. Hoffman stated that in the Leisure Time Fund, charges for services are up 1.6 percent. Because of the mild winter this year, Brookledge is up 21 percent and Downview is up 56.7 percent through March. Those numbers tend to fluctuate, percentage-wise, pretty drastically based on weather. Those numbers are expected to normalize. In the Personal Services line item, it is indicated that there were three pays in January 2015 and two pays in 2016. That number will normalize in July. In the Self Insurance Fund, hospitalization charges were up last month and they are up about the same this month. That is expected to normalize a little bit through March. The initial shock was services rendered in December. In speaking with the health care consultants, those claims are over and above normal claims. Those are expected to be at the stop loss at the beginning of the April. The City's stop-loss insurance is \$250,000. Mr. Hoffman stated that one of the loans that had to be paid back to CDBG was paid in full in April. Over \$56,000 was paid back, so that liability is no longer outstanding. That will be reflected on next month's report. Payments are still being made on the other loan with CDBG.

Mr. Balthis stated that he, Mayor Walters, Police Chief Davis and Fire Chief Moledor all serve on the Summit County Opiate Task Force. By way of background, the opiate and heroin epidemic cost Summit County 147 lives just in 2015. The task force is encouraging everyone to be active in doing what they can to help to end the epidemic. One important thing that everyone can do is getting rid of unwanted and outdated prescription drugs and properly disposing of those and not sharing them with family, friends or coworkers. Mr. Balthis stated that the Administration, along with Chief Davis, has implemented a drop box at the police station, available at all times, where people can properly dispose of prescription drugs. On Saturday, April 30th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Summit County Opiate Task Force is having county-wide event encouraging people to turn their drugs in properly. Western Reserve Hospital is one location where people will be able to go and properly dispose of any unwanted, unneeded or expired prescription drugs.

Mayor Walters stated that there was a special guest in the audience tonight. Allison Allen is a Cuyahoga Falls resident and attends Redeemer School. She was kind enough to donate her entire allowance to the Canton Police Department; specifically, the K-9 Unit. They did not have a bulletproof vest for one of their K-9 officers, Jethro. He was shot, unfortunately, and lost his life in January. She was also honored at a Cavaliers' basketball game against Detroit. Mayor Walters stated that the City was proud of Allison for setting a great example for others, and presented her with a plaque that reads, "This is in grateful recognition of your compassionate commitment to ensure that police K-9 officers have the equipment necessary to safely carry out their duties." She was also given a medal that has the City of Cuyahoga Falls' seal on one side and "Hero" on the other side. Mayor Walters stated that all of the City of Cuyahoga Falls' K-9 Units have vests. Because of her donation and those of others, the Canton Police Department now has vests for all their K-9 Units, as well. Captain Perry, of the Cuyahoga Falls K-9 Unit, stated that he knew K-9 Jethro and the officers in Canton. They are very appreciative of what Allison has done. He brought K-9 Lylou to the meeting. She is a department-certified dog who is replacing K-9 Kilo, who is now over 10 years old. He also brought some new baseball cards for Allison.

Mrs. Pyke stated that she would like to remind Council that the first AD Hoc Committee meeting will be held this evening after Council's regular meeting. It is a working committee. There is no legislation that will be discussed. The committee will be bringing before Council, hopefully at the end of July, beginning of September, information on how Council can best serve the public in getting information out to them from City Council.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Mary Ellen Pyke, Council President

Dana Capriulo, Council Clerk