

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting of April 27, 2015

Call to Order Mrs. Pyke called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call

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

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Mader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Iula.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting.

Without objection the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2015 were approved as submitted.

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

1. From the Finance Director, Report 21 dated April 16, 2015, for the period ending March 31, 2015.
2. From the Mayor, a letter dated April 21, 2015 informing the Council of his nomination of Terry Gehring to the Planning Commission, to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2019.
3. From the Mayor, a letter dated April 21, 2015 informing the Council of his nomination of Jake Ricker to the Board of Zoning Appeals, to a full term ending December 31, 2019, and Deborah Monaco to the Board of Zoning Appeals, to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018.

6. Introduction of new ordinances and resolutions.

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

To the Finance Committee:

Temp. Ord. B-32: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety to enter into a contract or contracts without competitive bidding with Physio-Control, Inc. for the maintenance of the heart monitors equipment, [sic] and declaring an emergency.

To the Public Affairs Committee:

Temp. Ord. B-33: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition of buildings and removal of demolition debris at 2573 Northampton Road, and certifying the cost thereof to the County Fiscal Officer for collection in the manner provided by law, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-34: An ordinance authorizing the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation to apply for and enter into an agreement for the Summit County Community Grant for the professional services for the Keyser Park Farmstead design and development; [sic] authorizing the payment of the local share, 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:

Temp. Ord. B-30: An ordinance accepting the Planning Commission approval, findings and conditions of the major site plan for Cascade Auto Group's new Audi Terminal at 4191 State Road (Parcel 35-00711), and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Mader to adopt Temp. Ord. B-30. Seconded by Mr. Rubino.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None

Mr. James called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

Finance & Appropriations Committee:

(No report.)

Public Improvements Committee:

Temp. Ord. B-31: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for professional services necessary for design engineering to upgrade Substation #5, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Iula to adopt Temp. Ord. B-31. Seconded by Mr. Mader.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None

Mr. Mader called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. 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:	Subject to call.
Finance:	May 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
Public Improvements:	Subject to call.
Public Affairs:	May 4, 2015 at 6:35 p.m.
Community Development:	Subject to call.

11. Miscellaneous Business

The President recognized the Mayor with respect to his nominations to the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Mayor stated that Jake Ricker resides at 2931 – 8th Street, and will be serving in

a new 5-year term expiring December 31, 2019. He is born and raised in Cuyahoga Falls and is the branch manager at PNC Bank. He has served on the Chamber of Commerce, including as its President. He has been nominated as the 2015 Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. Deborah Monaco resides at 1340 Broad Blvd. She will fill Mary Nichols-Rhodes unexpired term ending December 31, 2018. She is a graduate of Kent State Univ. and Ohio State school of law. She has served as a magistrate in Domestic Relations Court. She is a business owner. Terry Gehring resides at 1550 – 20th Street. Mr. Gehring served for 15 years on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The President thanked the nominees for their willingness to serve in these important roles.

Motion by Mr. Brillhart to approve the nominations to the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals as requested in the Mayor's letters dated April 21, 2015. Seconded by Mr. James. Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0.


The President recognized the Finance Director Bryan Hoffman with respect to Report 21 for the period ending March 31, 2015. Mr. Hoffman stated that an unexpected real estate tax revenue refund in the amount of \$61,000 will be received from the County Fiscal Officer. Income tax revenues are up 10% year-over-year from 2014. Unexpected revenue shortfalls in the Electric fund in the first months of this year, reported previously, have been attributed to a timing anomaly caused by unexpected warm weather in late 2014. The unexpected warm weather in November and December caused collections to fall in January and February, when bills for those months were paid. March and April revenues appear to be normal. The Finance Dept. is continuing to monitor this. Membership revenue in the Leisure Time Fund is up 4.8% year-over-year from 2014. Aggressive marketing has improved membership performance at the Natatorium. On the expense side, overtime in the Fire Dept. has been less than expected. Overtime in the Police Dept. has been higher than expected, due to shift-covering necessary due to short staffing. New recruits hired to fill open positions are still being trained. In Building & Grounds, natural gas usage in City Hall and Natatorium has been higher than expected due to the cold winter. However, fuel usage has been down \$115,000 year-over-year from 2014 due to lower fuel costs. Parts and repair service costs are up, due to the cold winter. There are two timing issues to be explained. In the Sewer Fund, treatment charges from City of Akron were not paid until April 3. In 2014 this bill was paid on March 24. In the state highway improvement fund and income tax funds, expenditures for salt will be reimbursed from later in the year.

The President recognized Mr. Colavecchio, who asked about specific dollar amounts for natural gas usage. Mr. Hoffman stated the dollar amount difference is only \$2,000 to \$3,000.


The President recognized Mr. Weinhardt, who asked if the increase in natural gas expenditures at the Natatorium exceeded the new income from memberships. Mr. Hoffman stated that the natural gas expenditures were less than the new income. Membership revenue was up about \$46,000 while natural gas expenditures were up only a few thousand dollars as previously stated.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. James to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Iula. Motion adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



Mary Ellen Pyke
Council President



Paul A. Janis
Clerk of Council