

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee**

May 1, 2017

Members: Vic Pallotta, Chair
Adam Miller
Jerry James

Mr. Pallotta called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-36

Discussion:

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An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition and removal of demolition debris from dangerous buildings located at 1738 4th Street and certifying the cost thereof to the County Fiscal Officer for collection in the manner provided by law, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta stated that he has forwarded pictures to each Council member so they have an idea what the building looked like. Mr. Demasi, City Engineer, stated that this ordinance permits the City to demolish the dangerous home and the dangerous garage. The property was built in 1914 and is currently owned by Goldman Sachs. The structure was condemned by Summit County on March 7th due to structural deficiencies, including holes in the roof. Following demolition, the cost will be certified by the Finance Department to the property owner and the cost of the demolition will be reimbursed to the City through taxes.

Mrs. Pyke stated that there is still a lot of work that needs to be done on many of the homes in Ward 2. While sometimes the neighborhood will celebrate that these houses are coming down, they must remember what it does to a neighborhood as the houses get to that point. She stated that Janet Ciotola, Assistant Law Director, is great with getting in there and trying to get those properties taken care of. Ms. Ciotola stated that if there are a voluminous number of housing violations, the City sets it out so that each time they come back to court, the property owner must make another repair. They are also made aware of City programs, whether it's CDBG, Brush with Kindness, or Habitat for Humanity and are encouraged to fill out the paperwork.

Mrs. Pyke stated that she would encourage all members of the public, if they get to a point where they can no longer take care of their home, to contact their council member or contact the Administration. There are organizations out there to help them. To improve the community, the community needs to come together to take care of each other. She has gotten a lot of complaints about this home and garage. While she is glad that the home is coming down, she is not glad that the home had gotten to the point that it must be taken care of like this.

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Mr. Pallotta stated that he would like to draw attention to the new Cuyahoga Falls Ward Boundary Maps. The Engineering Department did an excellent job. They took responsibility for the accuracy and they picked a local printer to print them.

Mayor Walters stated the he would like to thank the press for their great editorial of the Downtown Transformation Project.

Mr. James moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-36 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.