

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

May 22, 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. James
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the Council meeting held 5-8-17 were approved as written.
- Reports and Communications:** A letter dated 5-22-17 from Mayor Walters regarding the conversion of Front Street and Second Street from one-way to two-way.

New Legislation

(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. B-37 (Planning & Zoning)

An ordinance accepting the Planning Commission approval, findings and conditions of the site plan for the construction of an 18,000 square foot showroom-warehouse for State 8 Motorcycles at 100 Cuyahoga Falls Industrial Parkway on Parcel 35-05933, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-38 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing payment of the moral claim of Robert Watkins as approved by the Claims Commission, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-39 (Public Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to execute a modification of Contract No. 7463 with Perrin Asphalt Company for the annual resurfacing and/or repair of various streets, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-40 (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 on Towpath Boulevard in the City, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-41 (Public Affairs)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute the Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding for Job Creation and Retention and Tax Revenue Sharing, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-42 (Public Affairs)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a license agreement with Front & Center LTD for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a pedestrian walkway next to the Falls Theater, which is partially located on Parcel No. 02-02851, and declaring an emergency.

Council recessed into a Planning and Zoning Committee meeting at 6:36 p.m. and reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

Reports of Council's Standing Committees

(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning

Temp. Ord. B-37

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Mr. Iona moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-37, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Finance & Appropriations:

No Report.

Public & Industrial Improvements:

No Report.

Public Affairs:

No Report.

Community Development:

No Report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	Subject to call.
Finance:	June 5, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Public Improvements:	June 5, 2017, 6:35 p.m.
Public Affairs:	June 5, 2017, 6:40 p.m.
Community Development:	Subject to call.

Miscellaneous Business

Mayor Walters stated that he was here tonight to issue a proclamation for an awareness month. May is awareness month for Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, a group of genetic disorders involving mutations in connective tissue characterized by looseness in stability and dislocations of the joint, skin that bruises, scars and tears easily, unpredictable arterial and organ rupture, internal bleeding, shock, stroke and premature death. It's estimated that prevalence of all types of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome is 1 in 5,000 births worldwide. Mayor Walters stated that this proclamation is to bring awareness and to help others with this syndrome.

Ms. Cassidy Oberacker stated that she has lived in Cuyahoga Falls since January of 2013. During that time, it's been a real struggle for her. She has been living in senior and disability housing for the last year and a few months now. It took until her mid-20's for her to be diagnosed with EDS and she went through many incorrect diagnoses before she was properly diagnosed. She finally saw a geneticist and was diagnosed with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. She became part of a very large worldwide community and a family who understands what she goes through daily, which are dislocations of every single joint in her body, gastrointestinal discomfort and upset, gastroparesis and other serious medical symptoms. Living with EDS has a lot of challenges. She may look perfectly healthy. The truth be told, she suffers with a great deal of pain. She hopes that she has brought some awareness to everyone so that the next time they hear the words Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome they realize that they are rare, but not as rare as they think. Mayor Walters then presented Ms. Oberacker with a proclamation designating May 2017 as Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month in Cuyahoga Falls and encouraging all residents in this observance. He thanked Ms. Oberacker for her courage and for bringing this to everyone's attention. Mrs. Pyke thanked Ms. Oberacker for coming and stated that it touched her heart and the hearts of everyone in the room.

Mr. Hoffman stated that he has passed out Report 21 talking points tonight and will go over those now. The revenue side is where they're seeing most of the activity. Under Real Estate Tax, the City did get their first-half settlement. That is in line with the budget. This year, they're doing their desk review of property taxes and they should see any adjustments next year. Under the Municipal Tax Fund, April 18th was Tax Day and they did see a significant rebound in income tax collections, mostly in the individual tax filing and in the withholding tax. Research has shown that, in 2016, they had some soft periods of time in the economy that then kind of picked up towards the fourth quarter. In income taxes coming in the first part of the year, there were some decreases in revenue, but there were also some decreases in the refunds going out. From a net

profit standpoint is where there was most of that activity. Companies are coming back in line with what they're seeing on their revenue sides and making corrections there. In moving forward, they will track that very closely, but it's been positive and coming in within budget. In the SCMR fund, under Fees, Licenses and Permits, these are the cable franchise fees that the City receives. They receive about \$700,000 a year in cable franchise fees. Over time, that has continued to decrease. It is continuing to track a little bit lower this year. In the Leisure Time Fund, charges for services are up at the Natatorium by \$1,500 last month. They were down a little and they're seeing a flattening of the trend. The Natatorium is full and has a lot of members. They are reaching sort of a breaking point with people coming in. There has been a lot of revenue with the Silver Sneakers Program Brookledge is up \$26,000, about 15 percent through this point last year. Waterworks is up a little bit from last year, and that's all in the yearly passes. Waterworks is set to open soon and they will continue to see how that does as the summer goes on. Downview is up is, as well. Mr. Hoffman stated that, on the expense side, things are coming in as normal. One item of note is, in the Workers Compensation Fund, they did indicate that they're giving back another billion dollars from the Workers Compensation Fund, and that's going to have a little over \$300,000 impact on the City, which is a positive thing on the expense side.

Mrs. Pyke asked if they are still seeing an increase in prescription drug costs. Mr. Hoffman stated that it is still up a little bit. It was discussed at the Health Care Committee meeting in the past month and they are tracking it. It is primarily a few drugs that haven't come on this year that people are taking that correspond with some of the health issues that they have seen this year. They are getting close to hitting their limit of \$250,000, so they hopefully should see that start to normalize with both medical and prescription through the year. At this point in time, he doesn't have any reason to believe that it will become a budget issue. Mrs. Pyke stated that the last time they spoke, she asked Mr. Hoffman for information on the Health Care Committee. Mr. Hoffman apologized for forgetting to send that information and stated that he will send it. Mrs. Pyke also asked for the minutes for those committee meetings and information as to the difference in the balance in prescription drugs for this period. Mr. Hoffman stated that that information is located on page 16 of Report 21. Last year at this time, there were \$324,282 worth of costs compared to \$484,482 worth of costs at this time, for a difference of over \$150,000.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Mary Ellen Pyke, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Council Clerk