

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
June 18, 2012

Members: Don Walters, Chair
Carrie Snyder
Carol Klinger

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. All members were present.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Res. A-65

Temp. Ord. A-67

Discussion

Temp. Res. A-65

A resolution expressing the Council's support for the Summit County Food Charter as promulgated by the Summit Food Policy Coalition, and declaring an emergency.

Jerry Egan, 1490 Westdale in Akron, thanked Council for considering this legislation. Summit County Food Charter has a vision that Summit County would be home to a vibrant food industry. It is important to have access to healthy food. He appreciates the steps the City has taken in supporting the Giant Eagle and Acme improvements. It is important for people to get to a store. Not everyone has a car. Most people live within a ten-minute walk of a bus stop. The SFPC provides education on preparing and cooking foods and supports agriculture as a business. They develop policy preserving farm land and open land. Would be supporting farming by training new farmers and support local food businesses through investment. Mrs. Pyke asked if they worked with Crown Point Conservation. Mr. Egan stated he is on the Board. It is a major fundraiser for them.

Mrs. Klinger moved to bring out A-65 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Snyder. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. No. A-67

An ordinance approving an amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2011, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Truby stated they require an amendment because money is being reallocated from one project to another. They did an interim design for Germaine and Stone and found the cost was over \$1 million. The City cannot do it on its own so they have been trying to secure state funding. This ordinance will allow them to allocate \$195,000 from one category to another.

Mr. Walters commented that this open public meeting would serve as a public hearing on this matter. This is in compliance with the law and notice was properly given. Money from Germaine and Stone would be transferred and used for Portage Crossing. Mrs. Bell added it is categorized as public infrastructure and all notifications have been made. Mrs. Pyke stated that residents have to pay for part of the project through assessments. She asked if the Administration looked at CDBG for Issue 1 money. Mrs. Truby stated they are not at that point yet. They need to review the rules and regulations and also look at the assessments. When the City applies for money, there are additional points given for assessments. If CDBG money is used, points are taken away. Mr. Walters asked, with the new census, if

any of the blocks changed which may affect the low to moderate income areas. Mrs. Bell stated the census does not have it broken down into blocks yet. That will probably be done within the next 18 months. They will know then which block groups will be low and moderate. Any projects currently underway will still be in those groups. Anything new, will have to be categorized under the new grouping. She will let Council know when that is done.

Mrs. Snyder moved to bring out A-67 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.