

**CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting**

**June 26, 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. Brillhart

**Approval of Minutes:** None.

**Reports and Communications:** Fiscal Officer's Certificate (Parking Garage), Fiscal Officer's Certificate (Sanitary Sewer Lines) and Fiscal Officer's Certificate (Street Improvement)

**New Legislation**  
(First Reading)

**Temp. Ord. B-47 (Finance)**

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Notes in the maximum principal amount of \$6,500,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of improving Front Street, Second Street, Oakwood Drive, Stow Avenue and Broad Boulevard between certain termini, including the improvement, construction and installation of sidewalks, bike lanes, curbs, pavements, waterlines, sanitary sewer lines, storm sewer lines, storm water management systems, signalization, street lighting, turn lanes, and all related improvements and appurtenances, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-48 (Finance)**

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Notes in the maximum principal amount of \$500,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the City's storm and sanitary sewer systems by constructing and replacing storm and sanitary sewer lines, manholes, service connections and laterals on 18th Street between Ohio Avenue and Phelps Avenue, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-49 (Finance)**

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Notes in the maximum principal amount of \$3,000,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of

constructing, reconstructing, improving and rehabilitating the City’s Green Parking Garage, Blue Parking Garage and Red Parking Garage by the construction, improvement and installation of concrete and masonry, the waterproofing of the existing structures, the construction of drainage upgrades, the acquisition and installation of electrical and lighting upgrades, and the acquisition and installation of new elevators and the modernization of existing elevators, and all related improvements and appurtenances, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-50 (Public Affairs)**

An ordinance rescheduling the regular City Council and Council Committee meetings in July, 2017, and declaring an emergency.

Council recessed into Committee at 6:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

**Reports of Council’s Standing Committees**

(Third Reading)

**Planning & Zoning**

No Report.

**Finance & Appropriations:**

**Temp. Res. B-43**

A resolution authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant or loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the improvement of Howe Avenue from Main Street to Buchholzer Boulevard, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-43, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Res. B-44**

A resolution authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant or loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission for replacement of an 8” water main in Bailey Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-44, second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Public & Industrial Improvements:**

No Report.

**Public Affairs:**

**Amended Temp. Ord. B-45 (Dated 6-19-17)**

An ordinance amending the Traffic Control File by providing for installation of various traffic control devices, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta stated that, after receiving feedback from Ward 2 constituents, they have implemented a speed study on the Front Street proposal for on-street parking. He has had discussions with the City Engineer, Mr. Tony Demasi, and with Police Chief Davis. Chief Davis has agreed to hold a special Traffic Committee meeting to bring forth and discuss these findings, so they can be brought to Council for vote prior to summer recess. He also spoke to Lisa King, from the Summit Metro Parks, who is fine with these accommodations.

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Amended Temp. Ord. B-45 (Dated 6-19-17), second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0)

**Temp. Ord. B-50**

An ordinance rescheduling the regular City Council and Council Committee meetings in July 2017, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-50, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0)

**Community Development:**

**Temp. Res. B-46**

A resolution accepting the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council and the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council concerning Enterprise Zone and Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreements within the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Miller moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-46, second by Mr. Pallotta. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0)

**Schedule of Committee Meetings**

Planning & Zoning:	Subject to call.
Finance:	July 10, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Public Improvements:	Subject to call.
Public Affairs:	Subject to call.
Community Development:	Subject to call.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Mr. Bryan Hoffman stated that, in the General Fund, there is nothing new and everything is going according to plan. In the Municipal Income Tax Department, they do see a net positive impact, \$276,000, this year. That's up from last month by about \$30,000 or \$40,000. That will continue to be monitored. In the SCMR, Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund, Fees, License and Permits, they are down about \$26,000. This is the line item that the cable franchise fees are in, so they see nothing alarming there yet. In the same fund, the Hotel-Motel tax is down about \$14,000. In a fund of a couple million dollars, this isn't an enormous number, but it's one of a couple trends that they are keeping an eye on. In the Leisure Time Fund, charges for services at the Natatorium are up almost \$6,400. Brookledge is up a little over \$1,000 and Downview is up a little over \$4,000. They will report on Waterworks next month, as the month of June is the main month and there hasn't been a lot of activity other than passes. In the Self Insurance Fund, Hospitalization and Dental are still up. They do expect to see that normalizing a little bit as only one person has hit the stop loss and they're still seeing that increase. Insurance and Prescriptions are up \$230,000. Mr. Hoffman stated that this is nothing new. He just wanted to do keep it in here as an item that is being continually monitored closely. They are doing what they can to keep costs in check on those items.

Mrs. Pyke stated that she wanted to acknowledge that Mr. Hoffman had sent the information she requested about prescription drugs and the meeting that was held. She asked who drives if employees of the City must use name-brand drug or generic drugs and what specific drugs are driving up these costs. She asked if the City has looked at other health care providers to see what they're doing. Mr. Hoffman stated that there are seven or eight different prescription drugs that drive most of these costs. Their health care benefits consultant works with various other communities doing all they can to make sure these costs are in line and kept in check as best they can. The main driver on who says what drug needs to be prescribed is the doctors, of course, and they prescribe those drugs. It's a difficult line item to manage because of that. Cuyahoga Falls isn't the only community who is seeing those same cost increases. Mrs. Pyke stated that if their plan says that they can't get certain medications, then that will drive the physicians to write for the generic. She asked who the health care consultant is. Mr. Hoffman stated that the City's health care consultant is a company called NFP. They do try to drive employees to a generic drug, if available, and it can be prescribed.

Mr. Iona stated that there was an article in the Beacon Journal about the decline in Hotel-Motel taxes in Summit County. He asked Mr. Hoffman if he has seen any big decline in the City's Hotel-Motel tax. Mr. Hoffman stated that they have seen that trend. This first quarter was down. In total, there are four hotels in Cuyahoga Falls and they are down about \$14,000. It's not an enormous number at this point in time. From the tax revenues coming in, it's a small percentage, about 12 percent, down.

Mr. Pallotta stated that there was an ordinance a while ago to put up some engine brake signs on Route 8 in Ward 6. He asked Mr. Anthony Zumbo, Service Director, if he has any idea when

those are going to go up. Mr. Zumbo stated that this is the first he has heard about it. He doesn't know if he was employed by the City when that passed, but he will find out about it and let Mr. Pallotta know.

Mrs. Pyke stated that she would like to make a correction. Earlier, she had stated Temp. Res. B-45 was seconded by Mr. Colavecchio. It was seconded by Mr. James, so she would request that the record please show that.

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

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Mary Ellen Pyke, Council President

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Dana M. Capriulo, Council Clerk