

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

June 27, 2016

- 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:** The minutes from the June 6, 2016 and June 13, 2016 Council meetings were approved as written.
- Reports and Communications:** A letter dated June 2, 2016 from the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, regarding Major Event Waiver Dates July 18, 2016 through June 22, 2016.

New Legislation (First Reading)

Temp. Ord. A-53 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for overhead line clearance services including tree maintenance, tree and brush removal services, and mowing, for a period not to exceed two years, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-54 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into an energy purchase agreement known as the “2023-2025 Fixed Volume Energy Supply Schedule” with American Municipal Power, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-55 (Public Improvements)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to grant a sanitary sewer easement on a portion of City owned Parcel No. 3506494 to the County of Summit, Ohio, for the purpose of extending sanitary sewer service to the Enclave at Old Mill Pond residential subdivision, and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Council's Standing Committees
(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning

Temp. Ord. A-48

An ordinance accepting the Planning Commission approval, findings and conditions of Decker Manufacturing at 90 Cuyahoga Falls Industrial Parkway located on Parcel 35-05703 and Parcel 35-05898, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Iona moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-48, second by Mr. Rubino. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Ord. A-49

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with WatchGuard Video for the lease and/or purchase of twenty-two (22) in-car video cameras and all necessary accessories for use by the Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger moved to adopt Temp. Res. A-49, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-50

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for city-wide tree removal, trimming, and stump grinding, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Klinger moved to adopt Temp. Res. A-50, second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public & Industrial Improvements:

Temp. Ord. A-51

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the repair and resurfacing of Steels Corners Road from State Road to Wyndham Ridge Drive, in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Iula moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-51, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public Affairs

Temp. Ord. A-52 (Sub. 6/20/2016)

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

Mr. Pallotta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-52 (Sub. 6/20/2016), second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Community Development

No report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	Subject to call.
Finance:	July 5, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Public Improvements:	July 5, 2016, 6:35 p.m.
Public Affairs:	Subject to call.
Community Development:	Subject to call.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Brian Hoffman, Finance Director, stated that there are a few items that he has added to Report 21 this month. Under General Funds, the first one is the admissions tax. One of the reasons that is listed is it is a gauge for the financial health of Cinemark and Portage Crossing. Last year, taxes were collected from Cinemark in the amount of \$9,800. They are doing well and are continuing to grow at that location. One item of note is interest revenue is up \$53,000 over 2015. Interest revenue will probably exceed the budget estimate this year. The General Fund under Policing Services is up over \$32,000. One reason for that increase is that the City has a contract with CVCA for policing services. Under Municipal Income Tax, the income tax revenues collected are up 8.5 percent. That exceeds last month's income tax collections which were up just over 7 percent. In the Leisure Time Fund, Mr. Hoffman stated that charges for services were up approximately 3.6 percent at the Natatorium and 3.3 percent at Brookledge. Charges for services were down at Downview approximately 10 percent. There is a timing issue there with a deposit. Mr. Ed Stewart, Superintendent of Parks, informed Mr. Hoffman that revenues have been up in the parks for all of June.

Mr. Hoffman stated that, on the expense side, July will be the first three-pay month of the year, so the Personal Services line item will start to normalize after July. Under the Self-Insurance Hospitalization line item, claims are up over 60 percent over 2015. There are three large claimants. One claimant has already hit the \$250,000 stop loss, another claimant is getting

very close to that and the third claimant has a high cost factor. The good news is the City does have that \$250,000 stop-loss insurance this year that will help maintain those costs. The bad news is that the stop-loss premium might go up next year. That is an item of concern. Under the Self-Insurance Fund, prescription drugs are down 31 percent over 2015. Part of the work done by the Health Care Committee this past program has contributed to that decrease. From a budgetary standpoint, Mr. Hoffman still believes that the budget that has been put together will be maintained and there won't be any requests for increases and appropriations to cover these costs, but they will be monitoring that closely.

Mayor Walters thanked Council for allowing him to present during the Council meeting. He stated that Honorary Boulevard is a program that he started for people, groups, organizations and non-profits that do amazing things in Cuyahoga Falls by giving back to the community. There's never going to be an end to the people that do that. He's found that the people that do great things for the community do not do it for the recognition; however, when you share the great things that people do, it's contagious and other people, other companies, other organizations say, wow, we can do a little bit of that, too. That is what he certainly encourages Cuyahoga Falls to do. Mayor Walters stated that the recipient for tonight, Acme Fresh Market, recently celebrated their 125th anniversary in the region. At 110 years, they are the longest continuously-operating company in Cuyahoga Falls. They opened their first location, in 1906, at 2215 Front Street, which is, right now, Silver Eagle Antiques. This nomination was submitted by Mr. Libert Bozzelli, probably their most loyal customer in town.

Mayor Walters stated that Acme Fresh Markets has many loyal customers, but he would like to name some things about them that not everyone may not know. To say that they give back to the community is an understatement. In addition to literally providing thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in taxes throughout the years, Acme Fresh Market supports over 900 local nonprofit groups. Specific to Cuyahoga Falls are donations to the Cuyahoga Falls Boy Scout Organizations, Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors, Cuyahoga Falls Cancer Club, Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade, Richardson Elementary School, St. Luke's Church, Cuyahoga Falls Library, just to name a few. Mayor Walters stated that he would like to thank Acme Fresh Market for their contributions to the City of Cuyahoga Falls. They will be presented with an Honorary Boulevard street sign for them to keep, but, immediately following this meeting, everyone is welcome to assemble at Broad Boulevard and Third Street. That is where the sign will hang for three or four months for everybody to drive by and see. Broad Boulevard will be renamed Acme Fresh Market Boulevard. Before he presented Acme Fresh Market with their award, Mayor Walters stated that the principal of Richardson Elementary School, Mrs. Julie Wilson, would like to speak.

Mrs. Wilson stated it was an honor to be asked to speak tonight and thanked Acme Fresh Market for all they do for Richardson Elementary School. Acme has both personal and professional meaning to her. Many members of her family have had jobs and careers at Acme. One of her cousins recently retired from the Bailey Road Acme. There are many parents of the students at Richardson Elementary that have jobs with Acme Fresh Markets and staff members who have children who work at there. The patience that Acme has had with Richardson has definitely not gone unnoticed. When Richardson was built, it was not built, obviously, to be a school with cars. Times have changed and safety has become an issue, so their parents are very

much appreciative of the patience shown by Acme when they drop off and pick up their children. Mrs. Wilson stated that Acme Fresh Market also provides their school with tremendous resources financially, and that has not gone unnoticed. Also, the little things they do for the school, whether it's showing up regularly with trays for the teachers and thanking them with cookies or providing Acme Bucks to their students, means the world to them. One of the highlights for her, since she has been at Richardson, and also the parents and students, was being able to take part in their grand opening celebration with them. On behalf of Richardson Elementary School, their families and the Cuyahoga Falls School District, Mrs. Wilson thanked Acme Fresh Market for all they do. They look forward to having many more years of great partnership and time with them.

Mayor Walters stated it was with great pleasure that he presents Acme Fresh Market with the Honorary Boulevard designation. Mr. Steve Albrecht, of Acme Fresh Market, stated that they are certainly very, very proud to be a good corporate citizen and to be recognized for such. He thanked Mr. Libert Bozzelli an old, old, old friend of his family and, certainly, Acme. Mr. Albrecht thanked Mayor Walters and City Council. He then introduced Mr. Jim Trout, the President of Acme Fresh Market. Mr. Trout stated that, on behalf of the 2,300 Acme associates that work for their great company, he would like to thank Mayor Walters and City Council. Acme is built on the foundation of great people. Everyone in the community knows somebody that has worked for Acme. That is how great organizations are built. As they celebrate their 125th year in business, that is how Acme Fresh Market has been built and will continue to be built, with the brains and work ethic of the local community. Mr. Trout stated to Mayor Walters and City Council that he can't thank them enough for this great opportunity.

Mrs. Pyke stated that, a few years back, she received a dozen roses from Acme that did not have the name of the person who sent them. She called Doug Flynn, to find out who to thank for the roses. Mr. Flynn stated that Acme had sent them out to all their big purchasers. She enjoyed the roses and was happy to receive them, but didn't know if she should be embarrassed. Mrs. Pyke thanked Acme for their commitment to the community.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Mary Ellen Pyke, Council President

Dana Capriulo, Council Clerk