

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
July 20, 2009

Members: Vince Rubino, Chair
 Kathy Hummel
 Ken Barnhart

Mr. Rubino called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. All committee members were present.

The minutes from the July 6, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation to be Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-68

Discussion:

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

Mr. Demasi stated that the Traffic Committee met and are amending three items. The first was to add a double left turn lane onto Bath Road eastbound at Graham. The second and third ones are to designate Lippman Parkway as a public street and to add stop sign at the Lippman Parkway/Steels Corners Road intersection. Mr. Rubino asked if there will be signage warning people of the change of the double left turn on Bath. Mr. Demasi indicated there will be advance signage up notifying that the change is coming.

Natural Kaboom, 45 Cathedral Lane, asked if a walk/don't walk signal could be installed at Portage Trail and State Road on the Cathedral/Sunoco side of the street. He has clients who are in wheel chairs and they cannot cross there. If they want to go to Marc's, they have to cross State, then Portage Trail, then across State again. Mr. Demasi indicated he will research the file. That was a federal project and the government won't pay for something that isn't warranted. Mr. Barnhart stated he spoke with Chuck Novak about this. He stated Chuck is checking into it.

Committee recommended bring out Temp. Ord. B-68.

Mr. Arrington stated with regard to the hardship ordinance, there needs to be an appointment made by the President of Council. He asked that Mr. James think about it and perhaps make an appointment at the next Council meeting.

Mrs. Ritzinger stated she asked Mrs. Truby to give an update on the State Road Shopping Center. Mrs. Truby stated they've awarded the demolition bid to a wrecking company out of Cleveland, and they have put together a schedule. Within one week, the entire site will be fenced in; August 3 - asbestos removal; August 21 - the demolition ceremony; August 24 – November 30 - the work begins. The hours the crew will be working are Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Notices will be mailed to surrounding residents, schools, churches and businesses. With regard to the Redevelopment Agreement, she would like to introduce it on the 27th so that Council could review it over the August break and be ready to discuss it at the first meeting in September. Mr. Walters asked what the Redevelopment Agreement encompassed. Mrs. Truby stated it contained items regarding performance, types of guarantees, financial commitments, sale prices, type of development, and public and private improvements made to the premises. It also contains language regarding what happens if certain commitments are missed or are not met. The Development Agreement must be approved by Council before things can move forward with regard to which business would be coming into the new plaza.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.