

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting
July 25, 2011

Members: Vince Rubino, Chair
Jerry James
Ken Barnhart

Mr. Rubino called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the April 4, 2011 Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. B-62

Temp. Ord. B-78

Discussion

Temp. Ord. B-62

An ordinance amending Chapter 1115, Title 1, and Section 1131.03 of Chapter 1131, Title 3, Part 11 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls (General Development Code), relating to regulation of crematories, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Guerra asked if there were any questions on this legislation based on the discussion that took place during the public hearing.

Ron Salvatore of Matthews International, 2045 W. Parkway Blvd., Aurora, stated most of these units are being placed in funeral homes because families want the reassurance in knowing their loved ones do not leave the funeral home's control. This will not be disruptive to neighbors or the community. A permit has been issued by the Ohio EPA. They have met all of the requirements, one of which is a monitoring device to make sure the temp is at 1,600° F. Mrs. Pyke asked if anyone outside the facility would be able to tell when cremation is taking place. Mr. Salvatore stated you can tell only if you see heat waves coming out of the flue. Mrs. Pyke stated most people think there is one of the units at the funeral home already. She is in favor of this legislation. Mrs. Colavecchio thanked Mr. Salvatore for taking on this challenge and long-term investment. She appreciated everything the company does in and for the City. Mrs. Hummel echoed Mrs. Colavecchio's statements. This family business is investing a significant amount of money to expand its service in order to meet the needs of the community.

Mr. James moved to bring out B-62 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Barnhart. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-78

An ordinance approving a conditional zoning certificate authorizing the construction and operation of a wind turbine on land adjacent to 3690 Zorn Drive (parcel no. 3501095), and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Guerra stated at the July 19, 2011 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission voted to recommend approval of a conditional use request to construct a 141.25 ft. wind turbine facility by Juzo. It will be located to the south of the Juzo facility near the retention basin. There were three conditions. This is the first turbine in the City. Mr. Guerra reviewed how it will meet Code by comparing the proposed dimensions to the Code requirements.

Walter Zorn, 7228 Boydon, Sagamore Hills, stated the Company has been active in the green movement. They recycle many things and have also been doing solar. They also use hot water from the dye processes to heat the warehouse during the winter. This brought things to a new level for them. They are excited about this project and are looking forward to getting it up and operational. It is a good tool, but it is not a money maker and will take a long time to pay for itself. It is more about what they do to give back to the planet. The turbine will also be a good educational tool. It makes a positive statement and sets a good example. Hopefully, others will follow. They plan to do things with schools for field trips.

Mr. Mader stated he is looking forward to this coming forth. The Juzo Company has been a fantastic addition to the City. Its people are always on the cutting edge of doing things environmentally. Mrs. Hummel stated that tonight there have been two interesting and significant investments by businesses taking place. She thinks that is fantastic, especially in these economic times.

Mr. Barnhart moved to bring out B-78 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. James. Motion passed (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.