Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting of September 28, 2015

Call to Order

Mrs. Pyke called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mr. Brillhart

Mr. Colavecchio Mr. DeRemer

Mr. Iula Mr. James Mrs. Klinger Mr. Mader Mr. Pallotta Mr. Rubino Mr. Weinhardt Mrs. Pyke

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Mader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr.DeRemer.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting.

Without objection the minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2015 were approved as submitted.

- 5. Reading of petitions, claims, communications and reports of City officials.
 - Notice dated September 17, 2015 from National Church Residences of Portage Trail Village, LLC that it intends to use low income housing tax credit financing to partially finance the rehabilitation of a 13-storey, 183unit housing development at 45 Cathedral Lane, Cuyahoga Falls, and notifying the Council of its right to provide written comments and objections regarding the project to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency within 30 days of the notice.
 - 2. From the Law Director, the Factfinder's Report dated September 23, 2015 issued by the State Employment Relations Board in relation to the Ohio

Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and the patrol officers bargaining unit in Case Nos. 2015-MED-06-0599 and 2015-MED-06-0600.

- 3. From the Finance Director, Report 21 dated September 14, 2015 for the period ending August 31, 2015.
- 6. Introduction of new ordinances and resolutions.

The following ordinances and resolutions were introduced and referred as follows:

To the Finance Committee:

<u>Temp. Ord. B-78:</u> An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to increase appropriations in the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund and General Fund, and declaring an emergency.

<u>Temp. Ord. B-79</u>: An ordinance providing for supplemental and/or amended appropriations of money for current operating expenses and capital expenditures of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and authorizing the transfer of appropriations within and for the various funds hereinafter set forth, and declaring an emergency.

<u>Temp. Res. B-80</u>: A resolution accepting the amounts and rates of taxation as certified by the Summit County Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies, certifying such authorization to the County Fiscal Officer, and declaring an emergency.

<u>Temp. Ord. B-81</u>: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Notes in the principal amount of \$3,300,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of constructing a community recreation center and acquiring real estate and interests in real estate therefor, and declaring an emergency

<u>Temp. Ord. B-82</u>: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Notes in the principal amount of \$1,800,000, in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing waterlines in Graham Road, together with all appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-83: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to execute a modification of Contract No. 7157 with Perrin Asphalt Company for the annual resurfacing and/or repair of various streets, and declaring an emergency.

To the Public Improvements Committee:

<u>Temp. Ord. B-84</u>: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract and/or contracts without competitive bidding with Kenmore Construction Co., Inc. for emergency service to repair and stabilize the slope failure and storm sewer at Yellow Creek Road, and declaring an emergency.

To the Community Development Committee:

<u>Temp. Ord. B-85</u>: An ordinance appropriating funds for the repayment of monies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for economic development loan activities deemed to be ineligible, and declaring an emergency.

7. Public Hearings.

(None.)

8. Reports of Special Council Committees.

There were no reports of special committees.

9. Reports of Council's Standing Committees

Planning & Zoning Committee:

(No report.)

Finance & Appropriations Committee:

Temp. Ord. B-67: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, for the construction of a concrete floor at the Street/Sanitation Department storage building, located at 2560 Bailey Road, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mrs. Klinger to adopt Temp. Ord. B-67. Seconded by Mr. Iula.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None

Mr. lula called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. B-68: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Bell Equipment Company for the purchase of a front loader for use in the Sanitation Division, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Iula to adopt Temp. Ord. B-68. Seconded by Mr. James.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None

Mr. James called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

Public Improvements Committee:

(No report.)

Public Affairs Committee:

Temp. Ord. B-70: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute the Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding for Job Creation and Retention and Tax Revenue Sharing, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. B-70. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. B-71: An ordinance amending Section 925.06 of the Codified Ordinances to adjust the surcharge, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. B-71. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. B-72: An ordinance amending Section 945.10 of the Codified Ordinances, relating to lots and memorials for Veterans, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. B-72. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: Mr. Pallotta stated that it offers piece of mind to Veteran families that couples will be laid to rest together.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Res. B-73: A resolution expressing support for and urging passage of Issue 12, the Cuyahoga Falls City School District levy, at the general election to be held on November 3, 2015, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Res. B-73. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The resolution was adopted.

Temp. Res. B-74: A resolution expressing support for and urging passage of Issue 19, the Woodridge Local School District levy, at the general election to be held on November 3, 2015, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Res. B-74. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The resolution was adopted.

Community Development Committee:

Temp. Ord. B-77: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Community Development to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with Buckeye Sports Center, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to adopt Temp. Ord. B-77. Seconded by Mr. Pallotta.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: Mr. Weinhardt thanked the committee and the Community Development Department for focusing development

efforts on the State Road corridor, which will be a major improvement to the city.

Mr. Colavecchio called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 11-0. The ordinance was passed.

10. Announcement of Schedule of Council Committee meetings.

Planning and Zoning:

Subject to call.

Finance:

October 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Public Improvements:

Subject to call.

Public Affairs:

Subject to call.

Community Development: October 5, 2015 at 6:35 p.m.

11. Miscellaneous Business

The President recognized the Mayor, who made a presentation awarding the "honorary boulevard" award to Jeff and Cathy Straughan.

The President recognized Finance Director Bryan Hoffman regarding Report 21. Mr. Hoffman stated that this year has been very predictable. Interest revenue in the General Fund has been strong, budgeted at \$218,000 but projected to finish at \$285,000. This revenue will be moved from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund or Debt Service Fund as provided in a 1965 ordinance. Admissions taxes through August are at \$64,902, which is on pace to finish at the projected amount of \$86,000. The Local Government Fund was cut by the Ohio legislature again, redirecting this money to townships. Local Government receipts will be reduced by \$40,000. Municipal income tax collections are up about 5.5% to date. The SCMR Fund has been affected by a 2.5% reduction in revenue from licenses and permit fees, although it is up about 5% this month. The majority of this revenue is cable television franchise fees. In the Leisure Time Fund, Natatorium revenue is up 5.1% YTD; Water Works had a poor spring but a strong July and August. Brookledge and Downview had a good July and August, but they have not been able to make up for the wet spring. Strong revenue performance in the Leisure Time Fund will allow the City to accelerate pay down of existing debt. This will be presented next week. In the Electric Fund, the cost of power has been less than predicted, due to the delay in AMP hydropower plants coming on line. These plants are now expected to come on line in October. The City has borrowed to implement the rate stabilization plan approved by City Council in order to mitigate rates when these plants come on line, but the amount of borrowing is less than expected. The Self-insurance Fund has experienced a 4% reduction in medical and dental costs YTD.

The President asked if there has been a change in the City's policy of charging late fees for late payment of municipal income taxes. Mr. Hoffman stated that the City has hired an Income Tax Administrator. Fee notices were sent out over the summer. Some of those fees were reduced after taxpayers provided documentation. No policies have been changed. The President asked if the late fee is \$25 regardless of the amount owed, and whether a late fee would be charged for improperly rounding down to the nearest dollar. Mr. Hoffman stated that the late fees are set by ordinance and they are being imposed pursuant to the ordinance. The President asked to whom the aggrieved taxpayers should be referred. Mr. Hoffman stated that taxpayers should be referred to the Income Tax Department.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to enter into executive session in order to confer with the City's negotiating team regarding collective bargaining negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Mader. The Clerk called the roll:

Yes: Mr. Brillhart No: (None.)
Mr. Colavecchio
Mr. DeRemer
Mr. Iula
Mr. James
Mrs. Klinger
Mr. Mader
Mr. Pallotta
Mr. Rubino
Mr. Weinhardt
Mrs. Pyke

Motion carried. The Council entered executive session at 7:05 p.m.

The Council reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to terminate the executive session. Seconded by Mr. Mader. The Clerk called the roll:

Yes: Mr. Brillhart No: (None.)
Mr. Colavecchio
Mr. DeRemer
Mr. Iula
Mr. James
Mrs. Klinger
Mr. Mader
Mr. Pallotta
Mr. Rubino
Mr. Weinhardt
Mrs. Pyke

Motion carried. The executive session was terminated.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. James to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Iula. Motion adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Mary Ellen Pyke Council President

Paul A. Janis Clerk of Council