

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting of October 27, 2014

Call to Order Mrs. Pyke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mr. Colavecchio  
Mr. DeRemer  
Mr. Iula  
Mr. James  
Mrs. Klinger  
Mr. Mader  
Mr. Pallotta  
Mr. Rubino  
Mrs. Snyder  
Mr. Weinhardt  
Mrs. Pyke

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Mader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scout Troop 3170 from Richardson Elementary School.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting.

Without objection, the minutes of the October 13, 2014 and October 20, 2014 Council meetings were approved as submitted.

5. Reading of petitions, claims, communications and reports of City officials.

1. E-mail dated October 14, 2014 from La'Tayana Brown to the Council concerning a utility billing dispute.

6. Introduction of new ordinances and resolutions.

No new ordinances or resolutions were introduced.

7. Public Hearings.

There were no public hearings.

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. A-92: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the principal amount of \$4,850,000, 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.

Motion by Mrs. Klinger to adopt Temp. Ord. A-92. 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.

Temp. Ord. A-93: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the principal amount of \$300,000 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of constructing improvements to portions of State Road and Portage Trail, including, where necessary, constructing or replacing sidewalks and curbs, installing water and sewer lines, constructing turning lanes, installing traffic signals and lighting, and all related improvements, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mrs. Klinger to adopt Temp. Ord. A-93. Seconded by Mr. Iula.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None

Mr. Iula called the question.

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

Temp. Ord. A-94: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the principal amount of \$1,050,000, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying costs of constructing waterlines in Graham Road, together with all appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mrs. Klinger to adopt Temp. Ord. A-94. 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.

Temp. Ord. A-95: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for underground cable, to use in reconductoring the underground sub-transmission circuit from Substation #5 to Substation #10, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mrs. Klinger to adopt Temp. Ord. A-95. Seconded by Mr. Iula.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None

Mr. Iula called the question.

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

Temp. Ord. A-96: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition of buildings and removal of demolition debris at 508 Chart Road, and certifying the cost thereof to the County Fiscal Officer for collection in the manner provided by law, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mrs. Klinger to adopt Temp. Ord. A-96. 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.

Temp. Res. A-99 (Amended): 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.

Motion by Mrs. Klinger to adopt Temp. Res. A-99 as amended. Seconded by Mr. Iula.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None

Mr. Iula called the question.

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

Public Improvements Committee:

(No report.)

Public Affairs Committee:

Sub. Temp. Ord. A-97 (10/20/14): An ordinance amending the traffic control file by providing for installation of various traffic control devices, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Sub. Temp. Ord. A-97 (10/20/14).  
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.

Sub. Temp. Res. A-98 (10/20/14): A resolution expressing support for and urging passage of Issue 2, the Cuyahoga Falls City School District Renewal Levy, at the election of November 4, 2014, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Sub. Temp. Res. A-98 (10/20/14).  
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:

(No report.)

10. Announcement of Schedule of Council Committee meetings.

Planning and Zoning:	Subject to call.
Finance:	Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, and Dec. 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
Public Improvements:	Subject to call.
Public Affairs:	Subject to call.
Community Development:	Subject to call.

11. Miscellaneous Business

The President recognized Mrs. Klinger, who asked the Finance Director to comment on the Report 21 as of Sept. 30, 2014. The President recognized the Finance Director, Brian Hoffman, who stated that revenues will be down for real estate taxes for the year, primarily due to a decrease on collections of delinquent taxes. Annual admissions taxes will be up \$25,000 over estimate due to an extra show at Blossom. Local Government Fund revenue is down about \$3,000 compared to 2013. Income tax collections are up about 3.1% compared to 2013, while fund expenses are down. This produces a positive variance of \$572,000 compared with 2013. Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, which holds all of the City's interest income, is up over last year due to adjustments made at the beginning of the year to the City's investment policy which allowed the City to achieve higher yields on its investments. This fund will be eliminated next year due to findings in the City's audit report. Charges for services in the Sewer and Water funds are up over 2013 mostly due to surcharges resulting from development activity. The Electric Fund is up over 2013 due to the PCF charge. Revenue at the Natatorium is down from last year but the deficit is not as severe as previously reported. The Park & Recreation Director is developing new revenues by selling advertising space at the Nat. A contract with Cascade Auto Group has been signed. Charges for services at Water Works, Brookledge, and Quirk are all positive for the year, although the Quirk Center is subsidized by the General Fund. On the expense side, personal services are up YTD over 2013 due to retro pay, required as part of union and non-bargaining wage increases, that was paid in September. As of September, the total General Fund expenses are YTD \$340,000 under 2013. Current projections for year end are looking very positive due to salary savings. In the hospitalization fund, prescription drug expenses are still much higher than last year, but the trend is not as steep. Costs for next year will be anticipated in the 2015 budget.

Ms. Klinger asked whether personal services will finish the year with a positive or negative variance over last year. Mr. Hoffman stated that this expense category will finish less than last year. Mrs. Klinger asked whether the County has billed the City for the County metered sewer charges. Mr. Hoffman stated that the County has not billed the City for some time. Mrs. Klinger asked when the 2015 budget detail would be provided. Mr. Hoffman stated that it would be e-mailed on Friday, October 31, 2014. The President asked for hard copies to be provided. Mr. Hoffman stated that hard copies will be provided.

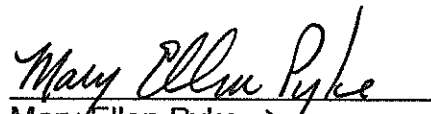
The President asked the Law Director if he had determined whether collective bargaining agreements positively permit employees to buy name brand prescription drugs over generics, and why this issue was not addressed in recent contract negotiations. The Law Director stated that there is a discount in co-pays if the employee chooses generic. The Law Director stated that the growing cost of prescription drugs is a national trend and that he will provide information on this issue from the City's consultant at later date. The President asked who the City's consultant is. The Law Director stated it is Employee Benefits International (EBI).

The President recognized Mr. Weinhardt, who asked why expenditures for personal services are going down. Mr. Hoffman stated some positions were not filled, especially in the Police Department, where qualified applicants could not be found to take open positions. Some of these positions will be filled next year. Mr. Weinhardt asked if the salary savings is a temporary phenomenon. Mr. Hoffman stated it will depend on several factors. The President recognized Mr. Lula, who asked why Brookledge showed a positive variance over last year while Downview showed a negative variance. Mr. Hoffman stated he would check on this.

The President recognized the Assistant Director of Community Development, who announced a public meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 1, 2014 in the Lincoln Room at the Natatorium, to gather community input on the proposed uses of the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Fund.

## 12. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. James to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Lula. Motion adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Mary Ellen Pyke  
Council President

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Clerk of Council