

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting of September 22, 2014

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

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: Mrs. Klinger

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Mader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Weinhardt.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting.

Without objection, the minutes of the September 8, 2014 Council meeting were approved as submitted.

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

1. Letter from the Finance Director dated September 19, 2014 informing Council of compensation adjustments for the Mayor, Directors, Council Members and Clerk of Council effective January 1, 2014.
2. From the Finance Director, Report 21 dated September 8, 2014 for the period ending August 31, 2014.

6. Introduction of new ordinances and resolutions.

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

To the Public Affairs Committee:

Temp. Ord. A-89: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts to purchase property located at 1911 Dwight Street and 138 Graham Road, making an appropriation therefor, and to accept grant funds from the Summit County Land Reutilization [sic] for the purchase of the properties and declaring an emergency.

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:

Temp. Ord. A-83: An ordinance accepting the Planning Commission approval, findings and conditions of the Bath Creek Memory Care Assisted Living Facility site plan at 190 West Bath Road located on Parcel 35-06407, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Mader to adopt Temp. Ord. A-83. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None

Mr. Colavecchio called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

Finance & Appropriations Committee:

Sub. Temp. Ord. A-84 (9/15/14): An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, to extend Cochran Road, from approximately 500-ft. west to 800-ft. west of Cavalier Trail, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Iula to adopt Sub. Temp. Ord. A-84. Seconded by Mr. James.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None

Mr. James called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

Sub. Temp. Ord. A-85 (9/15/14): An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract and/or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Perrin Asphalt & Concrete Company for emergency pavement repairs to a portion of Graham Road, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Iula to adopt Sub. Temp. Ord. A-85 (9/15/14). Seconded by Mr. James.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None

Mr. James called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. A-86: 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.

Motion by Mr. Iula to adopt Temp. Ord. A-86. Seconded by Mr. James.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None

Mr. James called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

Public Improvements Committee:

(No report).

Public Affairs Committee:

Temp. Ord. A-87: 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. A-87. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

Community Development Committee:

Temp. Ord. A-88: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Community Development to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement with Menard, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to adopt Temp. Ord. A-88. Seconded by Mr. Pallotta.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. Colavecchio called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

10. Announcement of Schedule of Council Committee meetings.

Planning and Zoning:	Subject to call.
Finance:	Subject to call.
Public Improvements:	Subject to call.
Public Affairs:	Oct. 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
Community Development:	Subject to call.

11. Miscellaneous Business

The President recognized the Finance Director, Brian Hoffman, who discussed the Report 21 for the period ending August 31, 2014. On the revenue side, real estate tax receipts will fall \$173,000 short of budget projections for 2014, and \$137,000 less than actual receipts in 2013, based on reports of the County Fiscal Officer. Admissions tax receipts are higher than last year by \$37,000 year to date. The Local Government Fund will be down about \$50,000 from last year. Estate tax receipts are expected to total about \$100,000 in 2014, but this will be \$55,000 less than expected. Income tax collections are up about 3.2% year to date over 2013. The Income Tax Fund is up \$497,000 year to date over last year. Gasoline excise taxes are up \$10,000 over last year. Sewer taxes

[sic] are up \$148,000 over last year due to new development. The Leisure Time Fund is showing mixed results. The Natatorium revenue is down \$66,000 over last year. The other five facilities have managed well.

On the expense side, everything is tracking according to budget. Total expenses are down about \$380,000 due to salary savings and the delay, to 2015, of a transfer of funds due to and extra pay day in 2015. In the sewer fund, budgetary savings that had accumulated will be expended due to the announced sewer rate increases by the City of Akron. This line item will be challenged. Hospitalization costs continue to be negatively affected by the use of name brand prescription drugs.

The President asked when Mr. Hoffman became aware that the Akron sewer rate increase would be retroactive. Mr. Hoffman stated this was reported in a July meeting and later in August when the bill was received. The President asked how much the bill was. Mr. Hoffman stated he would need to check. The President asked if the bill will be passed on to ratepayers. Mr. Hoffman stated it will be passed on to the ratepayers. The President asked Mr. Hoffman to provide more information on the sewer rate increases at the next Council meeting. Mr. Hoffman agreed to do so. The President asked if the prescription cost increases are due to the number or type of prescriptions, or the provider. Mr. Hoffman stated it was due to the use of name brand prescription drugs. The President asked why generics are not being used. Mr. Hoffman stated it is the employee's choice. The President asked if the choice of name brands is mandated by collective bargaining agreements. The Law Director stated he would check and report back.

The President recognized Dr. Todd Nichols, Superintendent of Schools, who made a presentation in support of Issue 2, a 7.9 mill property tax renewal levy on the November 4th election ballot. The levy raises \$5.8 million per year, which represents 12% of the School District's budget. Dr. Nichols asked Council members host small group discussions to help the district reach their constituents.

The President recognized Mr. Weinhardt, who asked how many of the households in Cuyahoga Falls participate in the school system. Dr. Nichols stated 82% of Cuyahoga Falls households do not have school age children. 77.4% of school age children in the district are attending Cuyahoga Falls schools. Dr. Nichols asked the Council to help the district reach the residents who are not directly involved in the schools.

The President recognized Valerie DeRose, Summit County Emergency Management, and Summit County Sheriff Steve Barry, who made a presentation in favor of Issue 12, a 0.25% sales tax increase for public safety purposes, on the November 4th election ballot. The County must


replace its emergency radio and 9-1-1 systems. The County jail is also understaffed. Ms. DeRose and Sheriff Barry urged the passage of Issue 12 to support these needs.

Motion by Mr. Mader to excuse the absence of Mrs. Klinger. Seconded by Mr. Pallotta. Motion adopted by acclamation.


The President delivered remarks on the occasion of the death of former member of Council Charles Malachosky.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. James to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Iula. Motion adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Mary Ellen Pyke
Council President



Paul A. Janis
Clerk of Council