

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
October 2, 2006

Members: Debbie Ritzinger, Chair
Diana Cola vecchio
Doug Flinn

Mrs. Ritzinger called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of September 18, 2006 were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered:

Temp. Ord. A-109
Temp. Res. A-110
Temp. Res. A-111
Temp. Res. A-112
Temp. Res. A-113

Discussion:

Mrs. Ritzinger said that A-111 and A-113 would be held per the request of the administration.

Temp. Ord. A-109

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

Mrs. Ritzinger read A-109 (second reading). Chief Conley reviewed the various changes to the traffic control file recommended by the Traffic Committee.

The Committee recommended bringing out A-109 for approval.

Temp. Res. A-110

A resolution of participation authorizing the City of Cuyahoga Falls to join the Summit Suburban Council of Governments and enter into the Co-operative Agreement with the Summit Suburban Council of Governments and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Ritzinger read A-110 (second reading). Mayor Robart said the first mission of the Council of Governments is to form a dispatch center where 6 or 7 communities can band together and share the cost of goods and personnel. He s met with a number of mayors in the area and believes

the agreement will be very beneficial to the City. This resolution is a request for authorization to join the Summit COG.

Mr. Flinn asked if we entered into an agreement for radios with other communities in the past. Mr. Brodzinski said we have participated in a multi-jurisdictional grant for MDT s. Mr. Flinn said he supports the ordinance.

Mrs. Hummel asked about the cost of participation which is listed in the agreement as 50 cents per citizen. If the resolution passes, are we responsible to pay that amount? Mr. Arrington said there will be no charge for anything at this point in time. He will work with the COG to determine the actual future cost.

The Committee recommended bringing out A-110 for approval.

Temp. Res. A-112

A resolution expressing support for Issue 16, an operating levy for the benefit of the Cuyahoga Falls Public Library and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Ritzinger read A-112 (second reading). Mayor Robart said he believes the library is important to the community and its quality of life. He thanked Mr. Gorbach for co-chairing the levy committee with him.

Library Director Kevin Rosswurm gave a short presentation on the need for additional funding. State funding has been significantly reduced over the last five years, increasing the need for local support.

Mr. Gorbach said the Cuy. Falls Library has received many accolades on both the national and state level despite the lack of funding. It is a source of community pride. Despite the internet, the library is still an important resource for residents.

Don Nelsch (North Haven Blvd., Cuy. Falls) said the State gave Summit County \$21.4 million in 2005. The county is responsible for distributing the funds to various communities. He suggested that the Cuy. Falls Library ask the county for additional money. Also, the library's books (accounting) should be open to the public.

Tom Sullivan (Tallmadge Rd., Cuy. Falls) said the library offers free meeting space for non-profit groups, free computer use for the public, and many other valuable services. Most of the people who work at the library also live in the community. He offered to help Mr. Gorbach with the levy campaign.

The Committee recommended bringing out A-112 for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

