

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
October 16, 2006

Members: Debbie Ritzinger, Chair
Diana Cola vecchio
Doug Flinn

Mrs. Ritzinger called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of October 2, 2006 were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered:

Temp. Res. A-111
Temp. Ord. A-121
Temp. Ord. A-122

Discussion:

Temp. Res. A-111

A resolution expressing support for the Peachtree III Project on Wyoga Lake Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Ritzinger read A-111 (second reading). Mr. Walters said this ordinance is required to secure GAP funding. The majority is funded by HUD.

The Committee recommended bringing out A-111 for approval.

Temp. Ord. A-121

An ordinance creating the non-bargaining position of Electric Department stockkeeper/purchaser in pay grade 27, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Ritzinger read A-121 (second reading). Mrs. Carr said this ordinance allows for the change in status from bargaining to non-bargaining for the position of stockkeeper/purchaser in the Electric Department. The person in the position is taking on a more supervisory role, and the dollar amount of equipment of materials handled requires management oversight.

Mr. Gorbach asked if there is an increase in compensation. Mrs. Carr said the increase is 3.8%.

The Committee recommended bringing out A-121 for approval.

Temp. Ord. A-122

An ordinance amending Codified Ordinance 103.01 and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Ritzinger read A-122 (second reading). Mrs. Carr said this ordinance allows for the update of the City's flag. The new flag is black and gold with the City seal and eight stars representing the eight wards of the City, along with tag line "Celebrating our Riverfront Heritage". She thanked Mr. Barnhart's wife for assisting with the design.

The Committee recommended bringing out A-122 for approval.

Susan Fairweather, representing the Metro Parks, gave a short presentation on the park system. The November levy request is a replacement of the 0.85 mill levy passed four years ago, plus an increase of 0.61 mills, for a total of 1.46 mills for the next eight years. This is the first requested increase in 12 years. She asked for Council's support.

Mayor Robart said he supports the Metro Parks and appreciates their contribution to the community.

Mrs. Carr spoke regarding the City's Aggregation Program for natural gas. The City is now locked into a rate of \$11.67/mcf. Recently, IGS announced a new rate of \$9.99 for a limited time. Customers who choose to switch to the new rate will drop out of the aggregation program at no charge. The \$9.99 rate has a \$150 cancellation fee included in the terms and conditions should customers choose to leave that program before the contract expires. Aggregation customers who choose to leave the program with IGS altogether may do so free of charge.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

