

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Public Affairs Committee Meeting
October 21, 2003

Members: Mr. James, Chair
Mr. Gorbach
Mr. Flinn

Mr. James called the Public Affairs Committee to order at 8:20 p.m. All members of Committee were present.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. No. B-147

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Mr. James read B-147 (second reading). Chief Conley stated the Traffic Committee was recommending these three changes. Mr. Bauer asked if the light at State Road was near the Dales. Chief Conley stated it is approximately 30 yards from the Dales. Mr. Bauer wondered how that would affect people getting out. Chief Conley stated he did not think it would cause a problem. Mrs. Pyke asked Chief Conley what should Council members tell constituents about speeders. She thinks doubled fines may help curb speeding. Chief Conley is in the process of changing how community policing works. Right now, they have four officers. He proposes to put in six with four directed towards concerns of citizens, Council and Administration. Mr. Gorbach stated he appreciated the adjustment on Graham Road.

Committee recommended bringing out B-147.

Other Business

John Carner, who lives at the corner of Stone and Myrtle Drives, stated he has a problem with excessive traffic violations on Myrtle. He gave statistics on incidents he observed of speeding, rolling through the stop sign at Myrtle and Stone, and just ignoring the stop sign totally. He felt more stricter penalties and better signage would help with this problem. Mrs. Pyke stated this was a perfect example of where community policing officers can act in a proactive way. Mrs. Hummel stated she echoes that and indicated she observed Mr. Sabino taking notes regarding the signage issues. Chief Conley would check into it. Mr. James stated that these issues do need to be addressed and it appears that Chief Conley is on track.

Public Affairs Committee adjourned at 8:40 p.m.