

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
November 6, 2006

Members: Tim Gorbach, Chair
Jerry James
Carol Klinger

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of October 16, 2006 were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered:

Temp. Ord. A-127
Temp. Res. A-128
Temp. Res. A-129
Temp. Res. A-130

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-127

An ordinance enacting Chapter 163 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Transient Accommodations Tax", and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach read A-127 (second reading). Mr. Brodzinski said this ordinance allows for a hotel tax of 3% to be paid quarterly.

Mr. Gorbach referred to line 99: the word "month" should be "quarter". The ordinance will be amended before the vote.

Mrs. Colavecchio asked for gender clarifications on line 129, 130, 131, 157 and 167. Mr. Arrington said he would prepare a substitute reflecting the changes. Mrs. Colavecchio asked about the wording "for the lodging" on line 29. She also asked for clarification of the lodging definition under section 163.08 Registration Certificate. Mr. Arrington said he would provide the definition in the substitute.

Mrs. Klinger expressed concern about the accumulation of taxes imposed on lodging. Mr. Brodzinski said a 15%-20% tax is the norm.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-127 for approval.

Temp. Res. A-128

A resolution proposing to cooperate with the Ohio Department of Transportation and designating local official representatives for the mitigation of the threatened Northern Monkshood plant habitat along State Route 8 in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach read A-128 (second reading). Mr. Demasi said there is a population of plants located along State Route 8 that is affected by roadway salt. The project would include a protective 1,300-foot berm. There is no cost to the City.

Mr. Walters said the rare plant grows in only four states: Iowa, Wisconsin, New York and Ohio.

Mrs. Pyke asked where the plants are located. Mrs. Carr said they are in a very remote area, with video cameras installed to prevent vandalism. She and the Mayor have seen them.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-128 for approval.

Sub. Temp. Res. A-129

A resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application with the State of Ohio Department of Development to support an application for assistance under the Ohio Industrial Site Improvement Fund Program and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach read Sub. A-129 (second reading). Ms. Syx said this application is for the Tamsin Park area at the Seasons, State and Wyoga Lake intersection. The project involves the improvement of streets, sidewalks and street lighting. Application is for \$500,000.

Mr. Gorbach noted that the original application involved the Main Street Public Roadway Infrastructure project and asked about the change. Ms. Syx said there is a greater need in the Tamsin park area.

Mrs. Hummel asked which grant would be used on the Main Street project. Ms. Syx said the 629 roadway application grant, in conjunction with funds provided by CSX for improvement of the Broad Boulevard location.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-129 for approval.

Temp. Res. A-130

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio, Department of Public Safety, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach read Sub. A-130 (second reading). Assistant Fire Chief Moledor said the total grant amount is \$540,000. Mrs. Carr said the federal portion is 75%; the state portion is 12.5%; and the City's portion is 12.5%.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-130 for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

