

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting**  
**December 1, 2008**

**Members:** Mark Ihasz, Chair  
Diana Colavecchio  
Mary Ellen Pyke

Mr. Ihasz called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the July 21, 2008 and July 28, 2008 committee meetings were approved as submitted.

**Legislation Considered**

Temp. Res. A-137  
Temp. Res. A-138  
Temp. Res. A-139  
Temp. Res. A-140

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Res. A-137**

A resolution authorizing the City of Cuyahoga Falls to file an application to the State of Ohio, to participate in the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund and, declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Truby stated the four ordinances represent two separate projects – 4610 State Road, also known as the Buckeye Property, and the State Road Shopping Center. The funding will assist with the environmental issues on these projects. This is the second time the City has applied for funding on the 4610 State Road property. The City is not as far along on this project as it is on the State Road Shopping Center. The purpose of the second resolution is to earn more points on the application. The matching funds would be matched by the developer. Mr. Ihasz asked whether the property owner would still proceed with the project if the funding falls through. Mrs. Truby believed they would. The property owner is very interested in getting this property clean. It would be a huge plus in resale.

*Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. No. A-137.*

**Temp. Res. A-138**

A resolution in support of a Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund (CORF) Project located at 4610 State Road, to have any public and/or private new construction or renovation incorporate materials and methodologies that maximize economic and environmental performance through sustainable design practices, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Truby stated this will provide the City with additional points on the application. An award is all about the total amount of points.

*Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. No. A-138.*

**Temp. Res. A-139**

A resolution authorizing the City of Cuyahoga Falls to file an application to the State of Ohio, to participate in the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Truby stated that A-139 and A-140 is for remediation and environmental issues on the State Road Shopping Center. The applications on both projects are due January 6. The State has indicated the City will hear verbally in May whether it is successful, and the funding would then be available in July. Mr. Ihasz asked if the match would be the selling price of the shopping center. Mrs. Truby indicated it would.

***Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. No. A-139.***

**Temp. Res. A-140**

A resolution in support of a Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund (CORF) Project located at the former State Road Shopping Center, to have any public and/or private new construction or renovation incorporate materials and methodologies that maximize economic and environmental performance through sustainable design practices, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Truby stated that, again, this resolution is for additional points on the application.

***Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. No. A-140.***

Mrs. Pyke asked about the certified letter Council members received from the Ohio Multi-County Development Corp. regarding development of parcel #02-18986 on Charles St. Mr. Guerra stated the Development Corp. is planning to build an apartment building consisting of 14 one-bedroom units and an additional manager's unit. He added that it is something that has been planned for a while. Mrs. Pyke asked why they wanted to know whether Council objected to the project. Mr. Guerra stated it is an apartment building and will be income-qualified. They will be using Housing Development GAP Funding Program funds to build it. Mrs. Pyke asked whether it would be an ADM home. Mr. Guerra stated it is for the handicapped. Mrs. Ritzinger asked where the property was on Charles Street. Mr. Guerra stated it is adjacent to the Summit County Health Department.

Mr. Mader stated that Mr. Frank Tompkins, a City resident, was present and wished to address Council regarding issues in the IT environment. Mr. Tompkins read a letter he wrote to the City requesting that Council agendas be posted on the City website prior to meetings. Mr. Konich indicated the IS Department will be implementing new software that will allow the Clerk, as well as certain other City employees, to post specific information on the website. He is hoping to have things in place for this to begin the second quarter in 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25.

December 1, 2008

An open letter to The City of Cuyahoga Falls elected representatives.

I and many others believe that good government is best achieved with well informed constituents. While the City has developed a good web site that keeps the residents informed about what has happened, and what is happening, there is currently no process for notifying residents about what will happen - specifically, what issues are on the agendas for City Council and the various Council Committees, Boards, and Commissions.

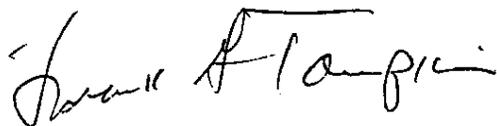
I'm aware that these agendas are often not finalized until the day of the meeting (usually Mondays for Council and the Committees), often later in the day, but with today's high speed computers and networks, there appears to be no technical reason why the various agendas (Council, Committees, Boards, and Commissions) couldn't be made public as soon as they're finalized.

Consequently, I am asking the appropriate Council committee to investigate methods for making meeting agendas available electronically, as soon as they're finalized. Two possible methods would be to post them on an appropriate page on the City's website (perhaps the simplest way), or provide a method for residents to register their e-mail addresses so that the agendas could be e-mailed directly to them as soon as they are finalized (probably a bit more complex in that someone would have to administer the e-mail lists).

One advantage of the latter method is that it would also allow Council members to e-mail ward specific information (ward meetings, etc.) to their constituents in a timely manner.

I made this request to the Mayor and City Council almost 9 years ago (hand delivered on January 25, 2000) and prior to that, I made a similar request to Mr. Broadzinski (in 1999), but no action was taken on either of these requests. I hope this time some action will be initiated.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Tompkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

Frank Tompkins  
Cuyahoga Falls resident