

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Finance Committee Meeting
December 29, 2003

Members: Mr. Gorbach, Chair
Mr. Schmidt
Mr. Barnhart

Mr. Gorbach called the Finance Committee to order at 6:20 p.m. All members of Committee were present.

The minutes from the December 1, 2003 and December 8, 2003 Finance Committee meetings were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. No. B-168
Temp. Ord. No. B-171
Temp. Ord. No. B-173

Temp. Ord. No. B-168

Mr. Gorbach read B-168 (second reading). Mr. Gorbach made some comments regarding the Exhibit. Judge Hoover had originally requested \$60,000 be set aside for rent due to a need for more room because of an increase in personnel. The Judge understands the need to keep budgets to a minimum and has reduced his request to \$30,000. Mr. Gorbach pointed out the \$1.6 million representing the potential of what we may owe the County. The electric fund roof cost has been determined to be lower than originally anticipated. Mr. Gorbach thanked Mr. Brodzinski for all his work on the budget. He also appreciated everyone's work and input from the Finance Committee and the rest of Council. Costs were trimmed to deal with the extra pay next year.

Committee recommended bringing out B-168.

Temp. Ord. No. B-171

Mr. Gorbach read B-171 (second reading). Mr. Gorbach referenced the Exhibit. The Permissive Tax Fund on page 3 of Exhibit B was reduced by \$6,500. Leisure Time's Capital Outlay was reduced by \$750,000. It was determined they do not need that money for the rest of the year. Mr. Fitzsimmons pointed out he corrected a typo on page 3.

Committee recommended bringing out B-171.

Temp. Ord. No. B-173

Mr. Gorbach read B-173 (second reading). Mr. Gorbach stated the changes are Park & Rec at +4; Street at -2; Community Development at +5, for a net of +7. Mr. Gorbach stated he had indicated at the previous committee meeting that he did not feel we needed the Falls River Square Coordinator. That comment generated a little discussion and he appreciated everyone's comments. He still thought it would be better not to have that position. However, the comments made by Mr. Pierson at the previous meeting struck home. Mr. Gorbach stated he respects Mr. Pierson's knowledge and experience in running large facilities so he was not going to make a motion to change the ordinance. Mrs. Hummel stated she also respected the comments made at the last Finance Committee meeting, especially those regarding River Front. However, she will not be supporting the legislation. She hated to vote against the whole ordinance just because of one item but in view of the 27th pay, cuts to retirement benefits and what we have asked all departments to do to trim their budgets, she does not think adding this position is something she is willing to bear. We are adding seven new positions. It is something we should not be doing.

Committee recommended bringing out B-173.

Finance Committee adjourned at 6:30 p.m.