

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Public Affairs Committee Meeting
March 17, 2003

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

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. All members of Committee were present.

The minutes from the March 3, 2003 Public Affairs Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Mrs. Carr wanted to announce that the City is doing a special leaf pickup. Residents should have their leaves raked to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on March 31. Notices have been placed in utility bills and mentioned in the newspaper. There is no schedule as to when and where they will start. There will be three crews and they will continue until the leaves are picked up. She wanted to emphasize that once the crew passes through an area, that's it and the residents will then have to bag their leaves. She also said they are making this available because of the late dropping of leaves and the snow that quickly followed. It is not an annual program.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. No. B-49
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DISCUSSION

Temp. Ord. No. B-49

Mr. James read B-49 (second reading). Mr. Guerra stated this is a conservation easement of five to six acres. The long-range plan is to develop the area to include some walking trails in the City. Mrs. Klinger asked if there was a map showing where the properties were located. Mr. Guerra stated he had one but it wasn't too clear. He would get a better copy to members of Council. Mr. Flinn asked who would own and maintain the trails. Mr. Guerra stated it was only an easement so the City would not actually own the land and pointed out that the trails were not anything that would happen soon. Mr. Flinn asked if they would follow Mud Brook and Mr. Guerra stated they would. Mrs. Hummel asked if this easement was in lieu of a payment or in addition to payment. In the past, companies have been required at each stage of development to give payment in lieu of land. Mr. Arrington stated it was in addition. Mr. Guerra stated it is still owned by the developer but the City would have the right to use it. The land

cannot be built on but the area would allow the City to do something in the future. Mrs. Klinger stated if it is land that cannot be developed, then it comes off the tax maps. Mr. Guerra indicated he did not have the stipulations with him but would get copies of them. Mr. James asked if there was a general time frame. Mr. Guerra stated it was something the City has talked about for years. There are no immediate plans. Mrs. Truby stated she has had extensive conversations with Mr. Pierce and that this was in the 5-year plan and in the Metro plan. Mr. Flinn asked how long the easement lasted. Mr. Guerra indicated there is a time frame but nothing within the seeable future. He would get the actual date for Council.

Committee recommended bringing out B-49.

Temp. Ord. No. B-50

Mr. James read B-50 (second reading). Mr. Arrington stated that last summer the City began a project to look into a new application process for cell towers. They hired a consultant to draft legislation to tighten regulations on City towers. They originally anticipated the process taking 90 days. Council was asked to approve an interim process while the final regulations were worked on. They would like to renew those interim rules until the ordinance is finalized.

Mr. Guerra stated the ordinance is a complicated ordinance and they have been working on it constantly. They are now getting to a point where they should soon be able to take it to the Planning Commission, and, in fact, the Planning Commission will be discussing the ordinance tomorrow night in working session. He hopes to have something to Council in another month or two. He stated they should have given themselves more time at the start. Mr. Gorbach asked if there was a deadline in the first legislation. Mr. Arrington stated it expired in September. Mr. Gorbach asked for a copy of that legislation. Mr. Arrington stated it was 84-2002 and he would get Council members a copy.

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Other Matters before Public Affairs

Mrs. Klinger stated she wanted to invite Council members to the Morley Health Center tomorrow night at 6:00 regarding the Alden property landfill. The Center is located next to Quaker Square. She stated that Council needs to show up in force to show support in opposition to the construction demolition of the landfill. Mr. Terry Mader was present and stated that the Akron City Health Department was lost as to the process and was deferring to the EPA for help. The Health Department was relying on the applicant's licensed engineering firm. Councilman Horrigan has support from Akron Administration to stop the project, which also needs to go through rezoning. If the projects meets all technical criteria, it can go forward. It appears they will get it. They want to show that the public is against it and would appreciate anyone coming down. He stated the

meeting is basically a presentation by the Akron Health Department to its Board of Commissioners, who has the authority to deny the license, but the Commissioners can only taken into account the technicalities. Mr. Gorbach asked if it was a voting meeting. Mr. Mader stated it is a regular monthly meeting that is open to the public but they do not have to give permission to the public to speak. The media is also invited. Mrs. Hummel stated she would be unable to attend since she would be attending the Planning Commission meeting at that same time. Mrs. Pyke asked Mr. Mader if the Alden property could be accessed from Portage Trail Ext. Mr. Mader indicated it could not. The only entrance is next to Dr. McLaughlin's office at the top of North Hampton Road. Mrs. Pyke also stated she could not attend the meeting but would like to show her support.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55