

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
March 19, 2007

Members: Debbie Ritzinger, Chair
Diana Cola vecchio
Doug Flinn

Mrs. Ritzinger called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of March 5, 2007 were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered:

Temp. Res. B-49
Temp. Res. B-50
Temp. Ord. B-51

Discussion:

Temp. Res. B-49

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. Ritzinger read B-49 (second reading). Ms. Syx said this resolution involves a 35-acre parcel at 4610 State Road known as Buckeye Sports. Since the property was used as a shooting range for 15 years, there is a lot of lead in the ground. Developers have expressed interest in the site, but the cost of clean-up is prohibitive. This grant request is for \$2 million and includes clean-up of the entire site.

The Committee recommended bringing out B-49 for approval.

Temp. Res. B-50

A resolution in support of an application to the Clean Ohio Council and, declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Ritzinger read B-50 (second reading). Ms. Syx said this is a companion ordinance to B-49.

The Committee recommended bringing out B-50 for approval.

Temp. Ord. B-51

An ordinance amending the Traffic Control File by providing for installation of various traffic control devices, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Ritzinger read B-51 (second reading). Mr. Sabino said this ordinance allows for the installation of in-street pedestrian yield signs at the mid-block crosswalks on 5th Street at Redeemer School and on Newberry at the Schwebel plant.

Mr. Pat Laub (Schwebel's plant manager), Darrell Casteel (Schwebel's safety coordinator), and Jim Schroeder (Redeemer School principal) spoke in favor of the ordinance. They cited long time safety concerns as the main reason for supporting the signs.

Mrs. Ritzinger asked when the signs would be available. Mr. Sabino said hopefully next week.

Mrs. Pyke asked how the signs will help police officers enforce the law. Mr. Arrington said failure to yield laws were written to help establish fault in an accident.

Mrs. Klinger inquired about the TraffPro school plan study. Mr. Sabino said the 8-week study will inventory school routes with the intention of funneling children to crossing guards at DeWitt, Richardson, Price and Lincoln elementary schools.

The Committee recommended bringing out B-51 for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

