

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
March 6, 2006

Members: Debbie Ritzinger, Chair
Diana Colavecchio
Doug Flinn

Mrs. Colavecchio called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. Mrs. Ritzinger was absent.

The minutes of the February 21, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered:

Temp. Ord. A-28
Temp. Ord. A-29

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-28

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

Mrs. Colavecchio read A-28 (second reading). Police Captain Davis reviewed the six changes itemized in the ordinance.

Mr. Flinn said he was pleased with item#5 regarding Second St. and Northland. Mrs. Hummel agreed, then asked what prompted the change at Wyoga Lake and Seasons Rd. Captain Davis said the four-way stop will help prevent accidents at the intersection. Mrs. Hummel said this may be a good candidate for a roundabout. Mr. Mader agreed.

Mrs. Pyke referred to item #6, replacing the traffic signal at Tallmadge and Searl with flashing beacons and installing a stop sign for Searl. She distributed flyers to residents informing them of the change and received no response. She recommended that signs be installed warning people of upcoming traffic signal changes.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-28 for approval.

Temp. Res. A-29

A resolution expressing support for the Cuyahoga Falls Cougars, a minor league basketball team and declaring an emergency.

Marc Cook, owner of the Cougars, said he is grateful for the City's support. Coach Lee Cotton agreed, said the team would do everything in its power to make the City proud.

Mrs. Colavecchio said she attended the exhibition game and welcomes the Cougars to Cuyahoga Falls.

Mayor Robart said he attended the exhibition game with the Cleveland Browns and found the game very exciting. The team scored an amazing 178 points, which demonstrates their talent. He said the team members are not only great athletes but also good citizens who represent our City well.

Mr. James said he will not be voting on this ordinance since he is employed by the Cougars organization. He applauded the efforts of Mr. Cook and Coach Cotton in assembling such a great team and asked them to introduce the players and staff individually.

Mrs. Klinger said she attended the exhibition game and was impressed by the good attendance. She thanked Mr. Cook and Coach Cotton for their efforts. Mr. Flinn agreed, saying it was very exciting to watch. Mr. Gorbach thanked the team and wished them the best of luck.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. A-29 for approval.

Don Luscher, Executive Director of Stewart's Caring Place (Cancer Wellness & Resource Center) gave a short visual presentation. He thanked Mayor Robart for participating in a fundraiser for the center which involves ten other area mayors in a mock election. A \$1 donation on behalf of each mayor equals 1 vote. If Mayor Robart wins, he will run in the Roadrunner Akron Marathon.

Mayor Robart said that Stewart's offers quality cancer care. He recommended touring the center to see firsthand what a great job they do.

Mrs. Colavecchio said she is familiar with Stewart's since the late husband of one of her friends received care there. She supports the center wholeheartedly and thanked Mr. Luscher for coming.

Mr. Gorbach asked how long the center has been in operation and where it obtains funding. Mr. Luscher said the center was established in October 2004 and receives its funding from a variety of sources including foundation grants, local hospitals, fundraisers and donations from individuals. The center doesn't take insurance or fees from government entities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

