

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting
April 10, 2006**

Call to Order: Mr. Walters at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Mrs. Hummel, present; Mr. Gorbach, present; Mrs. Colavecchio, present; Mr. James, present; Mrs. Ritzinger, present; Mrs. Klinger, present; Mrs. Pyke, present; Mr. Barnhart, present; Mr. Flinn, present; Mr. Mader, present; and Mr. Walters, present.

Invocation: Mrs. Colavecchio

Pledge: Mrs. Pyke

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 27, 2006 were approved as submitted.

Reports and Communications:

None.

**New Legislation
(first reading)**

Temp. Ord. A-48 (*Public Improvements*)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts with an engineering firm or firms to provide professional engineering services for storm and sanitary sewer improvements, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-49 (*Public Affairs*)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a license agreement with Riverside Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, owner of property located at 1989 Front Street, for the use of a portion of the City's property to install a monument sign and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Res. A-50 (*Public Affairs*)

A resolution expressing support for Issue 11, an operating levy for the benefit of the Cuyahoga Falls Public Library and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-51 (*Public Affairs*)

An ordinance providing for the numbering and inclusion into the Charter of a provision approved by the electorate in November, 2005, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-52 (Public Affairs)

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

Mrs. Ritzinger moved to suspend the rules to hold a committee meeting on the same night as Council to discuss A-50, second by Mrs. Colavecchio. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Mr. Walters recessed Council for a Public Affairs Committee meeting. Mrs. Ritzinger called the committee to order at 6:32 p.m. The minutes of the committee meeting of March 20, 2006 were approved as submitted.

Mrs. Ritzinger read A-50 (second reading). Mrs. Hummel said the library receives no local funding, and state funding has decreased 22% since 2001. She introduced Kevin Rosswurm, Director of the Cuy. Falls Library.

Kevin Rosswurm said that last year, the library charged out 772,000 items and served 352,000 customers. It was named the 11th best public library in its population category and the 3rd best in the state. After the November levy failed, hours were cut back 13 hours per week. The library receives only state funding, and it has been reduced by \$465,000 since 2001. Beginning last year with the state income tax reform, the source of that funding will go down 4.2% a year for the next 5 years. The levy is only for operating funds 1.3 mills or \$39.81 per \$100,000 tax value. The levy is needed for computer services, books, and other materials. The Cuy. Falls Library is the only one in our area that is not supported at least partially with local funds. The library is a pillar of the community and contributes to the vitality of the community.

Mrs. Ritzinger said she supports the resolution.

Mr. Flinn said the library is an important quality of life issue. Since publicly funded institutions should be scrutinized, the current library board has expressed a willingness to provide information to voters as to how the levy money will be spent. He supports the resolution.

Mr. Gorbach said that in view of state funding cuts, the levy is essential and he supports it.

Louis Schott (144 Grant Ave., Cuy. Falls) asked what the total budget will be for next year after the state reduces its funding. Mr. Rosswurm said he knows what the levy income will be, but he doesn't know for certain what the state contribution will be.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. A-50 for approval.

The Committee adjourned at 6:48 p.m., and Mr. Walters announced that the Council meeting was back in session.

Reports of Council's Standing Committees

Planning & Zoning

No report.

Finance & Appropriations:

Mr. Gorbach said he had spoken to Mrs. Truby, Mr. Schley and members of the Cuy. Falls Historical Society prior to the meeting. It was decided that A-45 and A-46 would be tabled this evening to allow Mrs. Truby to meet with the owners of a Front Street property that may be more suitable for the Society's needs than the Cook St. location. If an agreement can't be reached within the next two weeks, Council will vote on A-45 and A-46 as presented. Mr. Gorbach moved to table A-45 and A-46, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public & Industrial Improvements:

Temp. Ord. A-47

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the repair of the southwest Municipal Building stairwell and retaining wall, located at 2310 Second Street, in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

The Clerk read A-47 (third reading). Mr. James moved to adopt A-47, second by Mrs. Ritzinger. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public Affairs:

Temp. Res. A-50

A resolution expressing support for Issue 11, an operating levy for the benefit of the Cuyahoga Falls Public Library and declaring an emergency.

The Clerk read A-50 (third reading). Mrs. Ritzinger moved to adopt A-50, second by Mr. Flinn. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Community Development:

No report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning	Subject to Call
Finance	Subject to Call
Public Improvements	April 17, 2006 at 6:15 p.m.
Public Affairs	April 17, 2006 at 6:20 p.m.
Community Development	Subject to Call

Miscellaneous Business:

None.

Mr. Flinn moved to adjourn, second by Mrs. Klinger. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Don Walters, Council President

Barbara White, Clerk of Council