

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting
May 7, 2007

Members: Diana Colavecchio, Chair
Kathy Hummel
Mary Ellen Pyke

Mrs. Colavecchio called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the January 16, 2007 committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Considered

Temp. Res. B-71

Discussion:

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An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a community reinvestment area agreement with Pilot Plastics, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Truby stated that Pilot Plastics was located at 200 Industrial Drive in the Cuyahoga Falls Industrial Park. The \$3.8 million project is for a 65,000 s.f. manufacturing and warehouse facility. They currently employ 94 employees and will be adding 8 more. The project does not require school board approval, only notification which was given on April 4. The company will be donating \$1,000 to the Woodridge Local School District.

Ted Jendrisak, 200 Industrial Drive, stated they have had great success despite hard times in the manufacturing area. They are fortunate to be able to continue growing. They are the prime molders for Little Tikes and they also do housewares such as laundry baskets. Even though their name is not on the product, the items are all over the country. He has been in business in the City since 1980. He indicated that the eight new jobs will be added over a three-year period.

Mrs. Colavecchio stated she was in favor of this project and thanked Mr. Jendrisak for his donation to Woodridge schools.

Mr. Gorbach stated his company is located within the same industrial park and that Pilot Plastics is a good neighbor. He has toured the plant a few times and finds it very interesting and informative. He is very impressed with the company's growth and is 100% in favor of this project.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. B-71 for approval.

Mrs. Truby then introduced Steven Knox, who is the new Housing Division Manager. He started with the City on April 16 and has an extensive background in housing, including manager of the government service division of CGI International and AMHA.

Mrs. Pyke stated she has met Mr. Knox and is impressed that he is already so knowledgeable with the City's Code.

Mr. Walters asked about the structure of the Department and who should be contacted regarding violations. Mr. Knox stated they are in a training mode but if Council members contact him, he will take care of it. Eventually, the department will be divided into ward and area and will be covered separately by the inspectors.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.