

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting**  
**May 7, 2007**

**Members:** Tim Gorbach, Chair  
Jerry James  
Carol Klinger

Mr. Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. Mrs. Klinger was absent.

**Legislation Held:**

Temp. Ord. B-65

**Legislation Considered**

Temp. Ord. B-72

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**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. B-72**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts for the purchase of real property located on Sixth and Seventh Streets, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Carr stated the City applied to FEMA for funding to assist with the purchase of these properties which are located in a low area of the City. That funding has come through. The City reached an agreement with four of the six homeowners. The remaining two do not wish to sell. She feels that the City can still work with those four properties to do a drainage plan. The reason for the urgency to pass the legislation is due to two of the homeowners closing on new homes the following day and they need the funds to purchase their new homes. The City will be reimbursed by FEMA in approximately four to five weeks. She added that the City gives \$500 to each homeowner and also covers the closing costs.

Mr. Gorbach felt the City should do what it can to help the homeowners close on their new homes, especially as it appears this is the only thing holding them up. The time difference is only a couple of weeks.

Mr. Walters stated that the properties appear to be in good condition and wondered if anything could be salvaged. Mrs. Carr stated that an appraiser makes a deduction for anything the homeowner takes that is salvageable. None of the homeowners want to salvage anything. Once the City owns the properties, it can donate the salvageable items to a nonprofit organization or use the items itself. She added that the properties will not be burned down. Mr. Walters confirmed that the final cost to the City will be 12.5% of \$451,000.

*The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-72 for approval.*

**Temp. Ord. B-64**

An ordinance providing for health care insurance coverage for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Arrington stated the City has completed all collective bargaining for the 2005-2008 cycle. The same changes that are implemented to the bargaining employees are applied to non-bargaining employees. Since the legislation was originally submitted to Council, two changes have been made. The first is the removal of the premium to cover stepchildren. The other concerns the spousal eligibility premium which is now 1/7 of the Cobra rate from 1/3 in the original legislation. Mr. Gorbach confirmed that the in-network and out-of-network copays remained the same as the original ordinance and added that it goes into effect on June 1.

***The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-64 for approval.***

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.