

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

June 14, 2021

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

Roll Call: Mr. Balthis, present; Mr. Brillhart, present; Mr. Gorbach, present; Mr. Iula, present; Mr. James, present; Ms. Loza, present; Mr. Miller, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mrs. Penta, present; Mrs. Spinner, present; Mr. Stams, present.

Invocation: Mrs. Spinner

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Iula

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 24, 2021, Council meeting were approved as written.

Reports and Communications: A Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding New Permit Number 3653205 to Hasan 2 LLC dba Uptown Deli, 3205 State Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44223.

New Legislation

(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. B-42 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract with Thompson Electric, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Second Street and Northland Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-43 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Go Sustainable Energy, LLC for the review of proposals to construct solar panels on municipal buildings, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Res. B-44 (Public Improvements)

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant or loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission for replacement of 6" and 8" water mains in Oakwood Drive, from Graham Road to Monroe Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-45 (Public Affairs)

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

Temp. Ord. B-46 (Public Affairs)

An ordinance amending and/or supplementing Title 5, Public Utilities, Chapter 923.10, Northeast High Pressure Water District Capital Cost Surcharges, to cease collection of the aforementioned charges, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-47 (Public Affairs)

An ordinance amending and/or supplementing Title 5, Public Utilities, Chapter 925.06, Woodridge Sanitary Sewer System Capital Cost Surcharges, to cease the collection of sanitary sewer extension surcharges in the Woodridge Sanitary Sewer District, and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Council's Standing Committees

(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning

No Report.

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Ord. B-24

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor or his designee to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Rail Development Commission and CSX Transportation for grade crossing warning device improvements and implementation of a 4 quadrant light and gate system quiet zone at the Bailey Road/CSX railroad crossing, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-24, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. B-35

An ordinance appropriating Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 funds, in the amount of \$233,720 for the Community Development Block Grant fund, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-35, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. B-36

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to execute a modification of Contract No. 8266 with Perrin Asphalt Company for the annual resurfacing and/or repair of various streets, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gorbach moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-36, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public Improvements:

Temp. Ord. B-37

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a License Agreement, without competitive bidding, with AMP Transmission, LLC for the AMPT 69 kV Conversion Project, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-37, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. B-38

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, with a firm or firms, for concrete pavement repairs to various streets, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-38, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. B-39

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Akron, Ohio, to share the cost of engineering and construction for the resurfacing of portions of Riverview Road, Akron-Peninsula Road, Smith Road and Portage Trail, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-39, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. B-40

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study for the resurfacing of Broad Boulevard, between State Road and 2nd Street, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-40 second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public Affairs:

No Report.

Community Development:

Temp. Ord. B-41

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area agreement with Parfait Properties, LLC, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-41 second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	Subject to Call.
Finance:	June 21, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.
Public Improvements:	June 21, 2021, at 6:35 p.m.
Public Affairs:	June 21, 2021, at 6:40 p.m.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Stams stated that he met two weeks ago with Blossom Music Center officials, Live Nation, the Sheriff's Department and Clerk of Courts, Amber Zibritosky. Police Chief Davis wanted to be at the meeting, but there was a problem with scheduling. The meeting was to address some of the longstanding issues that have plagued Blossom Music Center and the surrounding community with traffic in and out of the concerts. The meeting was productive and positive. He spoke with Chief Davis afterwards and they are on top of things. Mr. Stams stated that with the creation of share riders such as Lyft and Uber, it is getting a messy out there, and he is afraid someone is going to be hurt. He will be talking to the Chief Davis again about maybe dedicating some resources out there, before and after, to control some of the on-street parking prior to and after events.

Mr. Stams stated that, late last week, at Hidden Lakes located at the north end of State Road, there was a severe three-car accident. For the year and a half that he has served on Council, that has been the biggest complaint and concern of the residents of the Hidden Lakes community traveling in and out of that development. Mayor Walters has addressed it personally. He spoke with Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, today. There have been 10 accidents in the last three years. The community there is concerned. He stated that he certainly respects the process of the traffic study that is soon to be reported and certainly respects all the other wards and their issues with traffic. This week, he will be asking the Law Department for a traffic light there in hopes to expedite the process in some way. He wanted to bring that up letting Council and the Administration know he is grateful for the work.

Mayor Walters stated that, after meeting with Blossom Music Center, they did find a way to get Lyft off the street with some access off of Steels Corners Road, and that issue should be improved. Regarding the light at Hidden Lakes, obviously, one accident is too many. Mr. Anthony Zumbo,

Service Director, has already met with the people doing the traffic study. The study is more comprehensive than just the Hidden Lakes area because they cannot just focus on one spot, but it is included in the study. As soon as they receive the information, they are going to share that and see what the remedy is, but, right now, a light at Hidden Lakes is not going help the flow on the corridor; in fact, it may clog it up.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Michael Brillhart, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council