

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Meeting

September 12, 2005

Chair: Mary Ellen Pyke; Vice Chair: Terry Mader; Member: Jerry James.

Mary Ellen Pyke brought the Public Affairs Committee to order at 6:40 p.m. All members of the Committee were present.

Scheduled legislation (second reading):

B-123	An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition and removal of demolition debris from dangerous buildings located at 1856 11 th Street and certifying the cost thereof to the County Fiscal Officer for collection in the manner provided by law and declaring an emergency.
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Mr. Bell indicates the roof collapsed on the house located at 1856 11th Street. The garage has collapsed also and the house is not safe. Since it has been declared a health and safety hazard, we are waiting for Dominion to sign off on the gas and we will begin demolition. The residents heard a loud crack/boom and realized the roof of the house had collapsed. Mr. Gorbach asks what this will cost the city? Mr. Bell indicates the current owner wants to do the demolition himself, or have it done himself. He feels he can get it done cheaper. When we demolish the house, we take out the basement walls about 2 feet below grade and fill. We can't leave an open hole.

The second floor is not stable and we have not attempted to enter because of the instability. Mr. Bell says the new owner of the house has gone in, but we posted it as unsafe and now the notices have been removed. We will make sure the notices are put back on the front door tomorrow. Mrs. Hummel indicates the exterior looks OK, who was maintaining the yard? Mr. Bell indicates the new owner lives next door and probably was maintaining the yard. The house is in a terrible mess inside with nasty furniture.

The Public Affairs Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-123

Miscellaneous Business:

The Public Affairs Committee Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.