

# Cuyahoga Falls City Council

## Minutes of the PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Meeting

### December 5, 2005

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

Mary Ellen Pyke brought the Public Affairs Committee to order at 6:21 p.m. All members of the Committee were present. The minutes from November 21, 2005 were approved as submitted.

#### Scheduled legislation (second reading):

B-158	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 1905 6 <sup>TH</sup> 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 it is a dangerous building and there are photos with Mrs. Pyke. The owners of the buildings have been notified and certified letters have been sent over a month ago. The water damage inside is extensive and there are no faucets that are running. The heat is working and there are only four circuits in the board. The order gave the owner (the estate and attorney for the son who was living there) information on the condemnation. The order expires next Wednesday and if we vote on this Monday, we will get costs of demolition and have it completed within two weeks. The cost would be around \$8000-\$10000 by Mr. Bell's estimates. The doors are locked and it is not boarded. Mrs. Hummel asks the status of the probate in PA? Mr. Arrington is not sure where the probate is in PA. There is another sibling and there is some animosity between the two. Mr. Bell does check the house daily and it does not appear anyone is living there. Mr. Bell spoke to the son who was living there and told him of the violations. Is there an official inspection report? Mr. Bell has a small paragraph for the report. The demolition will take a couple of days and the hauling away will take a few days. We will fill in the basement. The executor of the estate is responsible for maintaining the property. Mr. Gorbach asks about the value of the home once the house is demolished. Are we subject to being sued for taking this house down? Mr. Arrington feels comfortable about the process that we have taken.

Jennifer Stancil, 1911 6<sup>th</sup> Street, thanks Council for looking at this matter. I have lived there for 8 years and no improvements have been done other than the front steps. There are no gutters and animals are living and going in/out of the property for 6 years. There are holes in the roof and it worries me to see these types of animals living next door. The man who was living there had a stench that carries far away. There are never any open windows, blinds, and only a couple of lights. As a safety hazard, I would like to see the house come down.

The Public Affairs Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-158

#### Held Legislation:

B-139	An Ordinance amending Section 1371.02 of the codified ordinances, and declaring an emergency.
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#### Miscellaneous Business:

The Public Affairs Committee Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.