

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Meeting

March 21, 2005

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

Mary Ellen Pyke brought the Public Affairs Committee to order at 6:37 p.m. All member of the Committee were present. The minutes of 2/22/05 were approved as submitted.

Scheduled legislation (second reading): Discussed together.

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| B-45 | An Ordinance changing various job titles with the non-bargaining service of the City and declaring an emergency. |
| B-46 | An Ordinance amending Section 151.08 of the Codified Ordinance and declaring an emergency. |

Virgil indicates these ordinances grew out together. Several months ago the Administration was reviewing the residency requirement for employees. Several positions have changed and several are no longer positions and have been deleted. Job Titles in B45 have been more accurately descriptive of their positions. B46 indicates the residency ordinance and these changes will affect 4 people. These people will have a “grandfather clause” where they can remain where they are, but if they move, they must move into the city. Mr. Gorbach indicates that line 20 gives the mayor the authority to extend the requirement to 90 days, but it may be better to also include City Council's approval. Mrs. Pyke doesn't have a problem with the existing language giving the extension right to the Mayor. Mrs. Hummel asks about the Plans Examiner and the difficulty of getting qualified employees for this position that reside in the city. Mrs. Carr indicates we have filled it with a resident. Mrs. Hummel indicates she would like to keep the salary level where it is. Mr. Arrington indicates there were 16 residency changes included in this ordinance.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. B-45 & B-46

Miscellaneous Business: Public Hearing on the Federal Consolidated Plan

Mrs. Truby indicates this is the first of two meetings. This is the second year for the CDBG. We have \$1,150,000 for the first year and it has continued to drop from the Federal Government. July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 is the period that this covers. The Housing portion includes financing, loans, and rehabilitation. Economic development entails industrial loans. Infrastructure portion deals with the project on Fourth and Chestnut. The Planning Area is the State Road area. The last portion is the Administrative costs. Low and moderate-income people are targeted for 70% of the funds. Monday April 4, 2005 will be the second hearing on the Federal Consolidated Plan. Mrs. Pyke acknowledges Fred Guerra's hard work with the charrettes and the proactive approach with the hard work on this program. She thanks Sue Truby and her Community Development team for a job well done.

Susan Fairweather, 2243 16th Street, asks about the CDBG funds. Mrs. Truby explains the rehabilitation of the house that was recently purchased.

Metro Parks: Susan Fairweather indicates that she is a resident of the Falls and she indicates there are a lot of Metro Parks properties in Cuyahoga Falls. The Sackett Avenue Trailhead adjoins CF in Ward 3 and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony. This trail is so important because it is universally accessible to all people. Handicapped individuals or people with other disabilities can use this trail. There are teams of trail testers with all kinds of handicaps that test the trails. There is a new event called the Spree for All. This is a hiking event through Summit County from May through June that folks could hike several times. We had over 10,000 people take part in this event. The Ohio Erie Canal Initiative is progressing with the City of Akron opening trails this year. Summit County will be built out quickly.

Held Legislation:

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| A-79 | An Ordinance amending sections 1309.26 and 1309.30 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency. |
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The Public Affairs Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.