

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Meeting

April 4, 2005

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

Mary Ellen Pyke brought the Public Affairs Committee to order at p.m. All member of the Committee were present. The minutes of 3/21/05 were approved as submitted.

Scheduled legislation (second reading):

B-53	An Ordinance creating and establishing a pay range for the position of Collection Specialist, and declaring an emergency.
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Joe indicates this is for a new position of collection Specialist that is replacing a retired employee from an Account Clerk II. They will manage delinquent accounts of over \$500,000. They will handle all correspondence, bank withdrawals, judgments and direct withdrawal from their bank accounts. The first three months, we are up 10% ON collections. This is a non-bargaining position and pay grade 19. The number of bodies will stay the same in the Income Tax Division. Kathy asks about the staffing report. Drop in Account Clerk II to Collection Specialist actually occurred last year. We may have already done it but if not we will correct the Staffing Report. The salary is \$42,000 with fringe benefits.

The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-53

B-54	An Ordinance amending the Traffic Control File by providing for installation of traffic control devices, and declaring an emergency.
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Jack Davis indicates that this is for “No parking here to corner” on Davis St. This is the Preston area and a pick up area for children and will enhance visibility. Mary Ellen indicates the Traffic Committee unanimously voted to accept this change.

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Miscellaneous Business:

Bolich traffic changes: Lt. Gramley indicates the Principal at Bolich wanted to look at the traffic pattern within the school due to the increased number of students that will be coming next year. Instead of coming off 13th St, he wanted to bring them off of Portage Trail and exiting through 13th Street. This morning was the first day and it went very well. This afternoon was more jammed, but we will address this immediately. We are going to continue working this everyday this week to correct the traffic flow. Students were sent home notices of the traffic change. Trafpro will be looking at the lights and the timing.

April 18 is the next Public Hearing on the CDBG Funds and there was a misprint in the Falls News according to Mrs. Truby.

Mary Ellen indicates we will be addressing B45-46 next week without any changes. Kathy inquires as to why were they held. Valerie indicates she was trying to be efficient in reorganizing the departments and needed to refer to the codified ordinances. They will be addressed as is, with no amendments.

Held Legislation:

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 7:10 p.m.