

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Meeting

October 4, 2004

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

Mary Ellen Pyke brought the Public Affairs Committee to order at 6:58 p.m. All member of the Committee were present. The minutes from September 20, 2004 Public Affairs Committee meetings were approved as submitted.

Scheduled legislation (second reading):

A-144	A Resolution urging the Ohio Parole Board to deny any request for parole made by Samuel Herring for his crimes against Phyllis Cottle, and declaring an emergency.
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Mr. Arrington indicates this a resolution at the request of Mrs. Pyke and another resident that wanted to know if the city could do anything about his potential parole. He was sentenced to 300 years in prison, but the Board will consider parole every 10 years. This will send to the Parole Board our desires to keep Mr. Herring behind bars. Mrs. Pyke indicates this was a barbaric crime. Mrs. Hummel indicates Mrs. Cottle had another commitment and was unable to attend this evening. She did convey that she was pleased to see the city support this legislation. She has gone on with her life and talks to people about Post Traumatic Street Syndrome.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-144

Held Legislation:

A-137	An Ordinance creating Chapter 1306 of the codified ordinances, titled "Point of Sale Inspections", and declaring an emergency.
A-129	An Ordinance amending Sections 927.01 and 927.99 and repealing Section 927.02 of the Codified Ordinances, and declaring an emergency.
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.

Miscellaneous Business:

John Konich of Information Services provided an eGovernment Strategic Vision covering everything electronic (internet online, website, public safety communications, email and wireless access). The wireless capabilities would network access anywhere in the city, monitor utility performance, provide police and fire streaming video/photos, and provide Internet access to residents along with phone and cable service. CFO, Cuyahoga Falls Online, will be our portal and we will offer the Cuyahoga Falls One Card for proof of residency, access to the Natatorium/Waterworks. There is even the future potential to put money on these cards for minors, by their parents. Residency will be verified annually and the cards will be distributed from the Natatorium.

Don Nelsch, North Haven Blvd., cautions Council not to get too excited over BP or Broadband through Power Line service. Mr. Konich indicates there have been changes with this technology over the last six months and states we will not go into this if there will be any interference with other radio frequencies. According to Mr. Nelsch, the radiation requirements are not being met and current studies are being cancelled.

Valerie Wax Carr, Service Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Infiltration/Inflow Analysis. This presentation included the typical inflow of water from a roof drain & sump pump. Footer Drains run all

the way along the foundation's footer below the level of the basement floor and carries groundwater away from the houses to the storm sewer. Older homes built before 1964 may have the footer drain directly tied into the sanitary sewer. Previous studies in other communities have shown that a footing drain connection from a single home could contribute as much as 10 gpm during a storm. For a storm lasting 4 hours, one footer drain could contribute as much as 2400 gallons of water into the sewer. In order to disconnect the footer drain, a sump pump needs installed in the home and connected to the disconnect footer drain. The sump pump would re-direct groundwater into the drain line which handles downspout water. When installing a check valve, it is recommended to disconnect the footer drain and reroute to new sup, and install sump pumps. This requires only limited construction in the street, wit pip construction between the sidewalk and street. Costs are reduced associated with unnecessary treatment of rainwater. Homeowners will be responsible for maintenance of their sump pumps. The cost for improvements as required by the current legislation is approximately \$8 ft to extend downspout to the street, \$2,000-\$3000 to install a sump and sump pump, redirect footer drain to line that handles downspout water, and \$800-\$1000 to replace sewer lateral with 6" PVS pipe, providing there is no extreme obstruction.

Neil Bever, 1740 9th Street, have resided in his current home for 40+ years and suddenly he has a problem. He isn't comfortable with a "certificate" to be able to sell his house. He feels better communication on what the Administration would be helpful to the residents and would like to see clear routine eminence be subsidized from the city to help with some of the costs. He also thanks the city for recognizing the problems and taking action. Please don't mistake my negative comments as resistance. I am grateful the city is willing to head up this project.

Mayor Robart states that resident have expressed concern with sewage in their basements. This Council and Administration are focused to fix this thing. We will step on toes along the way, but feel we need to aggressively take this one to help reform our infrastructure.

The Public Affairs Committee Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.