

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Meeting

November 1, 2004

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

Mary Ellen Pyke brought the Public Affairs Committee to order at 6:36 p.m. All member of the Committee were present. The minutes from October 18, 2004 & October 25, 2004 Public Affairs Committee meetings were approved as submitted.

Scheduled legislation (second reading):

A-158	An Ordinance amending Section 509.03 of the Codified Ordinances, and declaring an emergency.
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Virgil indicates this is an ordinance that covers a large amounts of offenses. Recently, an individual was convicted of a loud stereo offense. When her employer did a background check, she was found guilty of "intoxication" under this title. Virgil would like to remove this word so people convicted of this disorderly conduct will not have the label of intoxication.

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-158

A-159	An Ordinance amending the traffic control file by providing for installation of traffic control devices, and declaring an emergency.
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Chief Conley indicates these are two sections around the CF High School. During the opening of school we have a large influx of traffic. This doesn't affect Stow Street. The North side of 3rd and 4th needs to have the North Side prohibit parking. This would allow better flow and a thoroughfare for emergency vehicles.

Mr. Flinn would like to see the prohibition for a limited number of hours in order to provide parking for the churches in the area. Since the expansion of the roadways (turn lanes), we have had a positive response. Mr. Conley states the intent is to keep the traffic flow open to the high school. If the churches are having a wedding/funeral, we try to accommodate them.

Debbie indicates this is a mess and it is impossible to pick up your kids from schools. There is a danger when turning. Mrs. Hummel asks if there was discussion at the traffic committee to limit the time in the morning for parking? This would preclude kids from parking there while they are coming to school. Mrs. Ritzinger indicates limitations during the morning would help. By 7:15 a.m. the parking along the street is full. Mr. Flinn hates to circumvent the traffic committee, but by eliminating this you will just push the people to another street. Mary Ellen indicates now that Marching Band is over; this has provided 200 parking spaces at CFHS. Mr. Conley states during festivities at the high school, the intent was to keep the traffic flowing through this area. Parking is at a premium and we need to keep the area open.

Mary Ellen will go back to traffic committee and work with Virgil for a substitute ordinance on Monday limited the times for parking in this area.

Don Nelsch, North Haven Blvd., wouldn't it make more sense to have 2 hour parking limitation? No parking 7-8 and two hour parking only along with the setback?

The committee recommends bringing out Temp. Ord. A-159

Miscellaneous Business:

Mrs. Truby and Mr. Guerra conducted a “Sign” presentation regarding the commercial businesses in various areas of the city. She outlined the criteria and current evaluation of over 670 commercial signs. Virgil indicated that little “policing” of political signs has been done by the city.

Mary Ellen Pyke confirms that signs are not allowed in the city’s right of way nor on any telephone/electrical poles.

Mrs. Truby confirms there are churches that have “Soup” signs that are not in compliance with our sign code ordinance and we will be carefully discussing these. There have been letters sent to businesses & churches notifying them of the ordinance.

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 7:52 p.m.