

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Planning & Zoning Committee**

July 2, 2018

Members: Paul Colavecchio, Chair
Mike Brillhart
Russ Iona

Mr. Colavecchio called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the March 19, 2018 and April 16, 2018 Planning and Zoning Committee meetings were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-57

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-57

An ordinance accepting the Planning Commission approval, findings and conditions of the site plan for the City of Cuyahoga Falls new Fire Station 3 at 1601 Portage Trail, and declaring an emergency.

Fire Chief Paul Moledor stated that this is a two-part land swap of property that is currently owned by the City and the School District. The City owns the driveway that goes into Bolich Junior High. What they are proposing is to give the driveway area in a land swap to the School and take the back section for the new station. The new station would allow the trucks to enter from the rear and the front. That would be safer for the drivers on Portage Trail, because they can just pull through and would not have to back in.

Mr. Brillhart indicated that there are going to be three bays, and asked what other equipment would be kept at the new station. Chief Moledor stated that, currently, this becomes the center of the city. They are housing a lot of equipment in other areas. This will allow for room to evolve and grow for the life of the station, which is 50 years. Mr. Brillhart asked if the staffing will stay the same as it is now. Chief Moledor stated that there are currently no plans to increase any staffing.

Mr. Gorbach asked if the change in zoning would require Council action. Mr. Fred Guerra, Planning Director, stated that it would. It would have to go through Planning Commission and City Council like any other rezoning. Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that she had concerns about the building being environmentally friendly and having energy savings. She met with both of the chiefs, and they assured her there are a lot of things to be put into place to make sure that it is an energy-saving building in looking towards the future.

Chief Moledor stated that Kate Spires, of MS Consultants, Inc., was present and available for questions. Mr. Colavecchio asked if there are currently any water problems. Ms. Spires stated there are not. Mr. Colavecchio asked if Ms. Spires foresees anything that will have to be done

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regarding drainage that she didn't originally foresee. Ms. Spires stated that she spoke with their civil engineer about a survey that was performed at the beginning of schematic design in March. They will be getting some additional information to make sure that they know the edge conditions. There is an additional concern about tying into the sanitary line. They are trying to get more information about that, so they get that right.

Mr. Brillhart moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-57 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iona. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:41.