

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting**

**July 6, 2021**

**Members:** Tim Gorbach, Chair  
Mary Nichols-Rhodes  
Jeff Iula

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

The minutes of the June 21, 2021, Finance Committee meeting were approved as written.

**Legislation Discussed**

Temp. Ord. B-49

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. B-49**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Director of Public Safety, to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of turnout gear for use by the Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

Fire Chief Chris Martin presented Temporary Ordinance B-49 to Council. The Director of Public Safety will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of turnout gear for use by the Fire Department. The Finance Director will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Capital Projects Fund, line item Capital Outlay.

Chief Martin stated that they typically have more than one pair of turnout gear per firefighter. This is part of an initiative started years ago. Turnout gear is only good for 10 years. They are committed to that for the safety of everyone involved. It is also a part of supplementing sets of gear with second sets which improves turnout time and safety. They are replacing 10-year-old gear with this gear and adding components on other members.

Mr. Gorbach asked if this turnout gear is the same brand. Chief Martin stated that it is the same brand. Findley was bought by Atlantic. They have changed some vendors. The salesmen and support staff that they like now sell a different brand, so they asked if they could intermix. So far, they can, and it has been positive. They will do some shopping around next year and, if there is a better product, they are always going to do the right thing.

Mr. Iula moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-49 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.