

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council  
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee**

**September 20, 2021**

**Members:** Russ Balthis, Chair  
Rachel Loza  
Jeff Iula

Mr. Balthis called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the July 19, 2021, Public Affairs Committee were approved as written.

**Legislation Discussed:**

Temp. Ord. B-77

Temp. Ord. B-78

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. B-77**

An ordinance amending Section 145.01(b) of the Codified Ordinances, relating to the members of the Traffic Committee, and declaring an emergency.

Police Chief Davis presented Temporary Ordinance B-77 to Council. Currently, legislation exists that names a representative of the Communications Department to the Cuyahoga Falls Traffic Committee. Due to organizational changes within the City, a representative from the Information or Technology Services Department is needed on the Traffic Committee to best address technical traffic issues. The members of the Committee will be as follows: one member of Council; a representative of the Police Department; a representative of the Law Department; a representative of the Engineering Department; a representative of the Communications Information or Technology Services Department; a representative of the Street Department; and one resident of the City to be appointed by the Mayor. The members of the Committee shall meet and elect a chairman and hold regular meetings to be called at the time and place to be determined by the chairman.

Mr. Iula moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-77 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Loza. Motion passed (3-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-78**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Director of Safety, to sell to Akron Children's Hospital Police Department a used 2016 Ford Utility Interceptor SUV, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. John Campbell, Superintendent of Motor Vehicles, presented Temporary Ordinance B-78 to Council. The City possesses a 2016 Ford Utility Interceptor SUV that is no longer needed for use by the City of Cuyahoga Falls Police Department. Akron Children's Hospital has offered to purchase the vehicle for \$3,000 for use by its police department. A directed auction was conducted for other municipalities, but there was no interest in the vehicle from other municipalities due to

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its mileage. Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) is the reasonable value of the vehicle based on its mileage. The Mayor, as Safety Director, will be authorized to sell for the sum of \$3,000 to Akron Children's Hospital, a used police car for use by its police department.

Mr. Balthis asked what the process is if they were not selling it to Children's Hospital.

Mr. Campbell stated that the normal path for the sale of police cars includes removing and replacing the fittings to return it to factory condition. This process takes an average of 14 to 18 hours of shop time to complete. Since the refitting of components will not be necessary for the sale, the charge back supports the slightly lower price to Children's Hospital. The garage did remove the police graphics and installed a second-row seat. The rest of the car was left intact with lights, siren, center console, front barrier and rifle mount.

Mr. Balthis asked if, in this particular case, the vehicle was offered to any municipalities, but there were no offers from any other police departments because of the high mileage. Mr. Campbell stated that they are not interested in the car that has amount of mileage.

Ms. Loza moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-78 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.