

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council  
Minutes of the Community Development Committee**

**January 18, 2022**

**Members:** Brian Ashton, Chair  
Michael Brillhart  
Adam Miller

Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Mr. Miller was absent.

The minutes of the January 4, 2022, Community Development Committee meeting and Public Hearing were approved as written.

**Legislation Discussed:**

Temp. Res. B-138

Temp. Res. A-9

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. B-138**

An ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute and submit the Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Program Year 2022, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Peggy Szalay, CDBG Entitlement Administrator, presented Temporary Ordinance B-138 to Council. As a prerequisite to receive the 2022 Program Year Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) allocation, the City is required to submit an Annual Action Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), that outlines the ways in which it plans to utilize its CDBG allocation for Program Year 2022. The City anticipates receiving an approximate allocation of \$645,000 in CDBG funding for Program Year 2022. The Department of Community Development has prepared the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2022 as required by HUD.

The Mayor will be authorized to execute and submit the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2022 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant Program and the Community Development Department is authorized to conduct the programs contained within this document. The Mayor, Director of Finance, Director of Community Development, Director of Law, and any other public officials, individually or collectively as may be appropriate, will be authorized to prepare and execute such other documents, including contracts, and do all other things as necessary or incidental to conducting the intent and requirements of the Community Development Block Grant Program and/or this ordinance.

Mr. Ashton thanked Ms. Diana Colavecchio, Community Development Director for taking the time today to explain the program to him and for her hard work. This is an excellent program that helps many individuals in the community.

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Mr. Balthis stated that these programs are incredibly important for the community. He asked Ms. Szalay if it would be possible to get a breakdown of the total amount of loans outstanding for Economic Development and Housing Rehab. Ms. Szalay stated that she would get those to him as soon as possible.

Mr. Brillhart moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-138 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Ashton. Motion passed (2-0).

**Temp. Res. A-9**

A resolution authoring the Mayor to submit a grant application to the Ohio Department of Development under the 2022 Brownfield Remediation Program for the cleanup/remediation of the former Mud Run Gun Club property located at 333 Pleasant Meadow Boulevard, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Rob Kurtz, Planning Director, presented Temporary Ordinance A-9 to Council. The real property known as the former Mud Run Gun Club located at 333 Meadow Run Blvd. is owned by the Community Improvement Corporation of Cuyahoga Falls. The grant requires a minimum match of twenty-five (25) percent. The Ohio Department of Development 2022 Brownfield Remediation Program requires the applicant to provide authorization from the property owner in order to submit the application. The City of Cuyahoga Falls hereby supports the environmental remediation and cleanup of the former gun club property. Previous environmental studies have been prepared for this property including a Phase I Environmental Assessment (ESA), Phase II ESA and a remedial action plan. The environmental cleanup and reutilization of this property for recreational purposes will be a benefit to the adjacent property, the Mud Brook Watershed, and the City of Cuyahoga Falls.

Mr. Brillhart thanked the Administration and the Community Development Department. The residents of Ward 5 and the whole city will appreciate this and all the efforts that would be put into this. It would be an excellent trailhead.

Mr. Brillhart moved to bring out Temp. Res. A-9 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Ashton. Motion passed (2-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.