

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

**March 21, 2022**

**Members:** Mary Nichols-Rhodes, Chair  
Tim Gorbach  
Adam Miller

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All members were present.

**Legislation Discussed**

Temp. Ord. A-25

Temp. Ord. A-27

Temp. Ord. A-28

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. A-25**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a parking deck lease agreement with CF Legacy 2020, LLC, for fifty reserved parking spaces in the Red Deck located at 2052 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; authorizing the release of pedestrian access to the overhead walkway to the parking deck, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that the Finance Committee met and, at the Administration's request, sent Temporary Ordinance A-25 back to committee for further discussion.

Ms. Janet Ciotola, Law Director, stated that the Administration requested that the ordinance be sent back in order to make sure all documents were in order and the legal descriptions were attached.

Mr. Gorbach moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-25 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-27**

An ordinance authorizing the Chief of Police to enter into a contract or contracts for the sale or other disposal of in-car video cameras and accessories and declaring an emergency.

Chief Davis presented Temporary Ordinance A-27 to Council. The City of Cuyahoga Falls (City) possesses twenty-two (22) sets of Watchguard in-car video cameras and accessories that were purchased in 2016 and are no longer needed for any public use. New cameras and recording equipment have made the Watchguard equipment obsolete to the City, and it is unfit for the use for which it was acquired. The Watchguard equipment has no value to the City and the Watchguard equipment may be of use to nearby communities for law enforcement purposes.

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The Chief of Police will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts for the sale or other disposal of the obsolete Watchguard in-car video cameras, microphones, hard drives and other equipment that is no longer needed for any purpose.

Chief Davis stated that the Police Department has purchased new body and dash cameras, which left them with Watchguard equipment that is outdated and of no use. There is not much market for used equipment; however, there are some departments in the area that could use spare parts.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that the Watchguard video cameras were purchased in 2016, and Chief Davis has done his due diligence to find a buyer for the old equipment. Chief Davis stated that they have checked auction sites and there have been no bids for that type of equipment.

Mr. Gorbach asked how they were going to advertise the equipment. Chief Davis stated that they are going to reach out to some communities. The City of Stow uses Watchguard equipment. They will be using word of mouth and a statewide memo. Mr. Gorbach asked if these are strictly cameras with no no hard drives associated with it. Chief Davis stated that it is the parts for the cameras. There are no hard drives, and the data is kept separately for record retention. This would only be the parts for the in-car equipment.

Mr. Gorbach moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-27 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-28**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a Compensation Agreement for the position of Electrical Engineer, and declaring an emergency.

The City seeks to fill the position of electrical engineer with a qualified individual possessing the requisite skill, knowledge, training and experience. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a Compensation Agreement for the position of electrical engineer.

Mr. Anthony Zumbo, Service Director, stated that he has nothing to add to what was discussed about this ordinance in Executive Session.

Mr. Gorbach moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-28 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.