

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting

July 25, 2022

Call to Order: Mr. Balthis at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Ashton, present; Mr. Balthis, present; Mr. Brillhart, present; Mr. Gorbach, present; Mr. James, present; Ms. Loza, present; Mr. Miller, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mrs. Penta, present; Mrs. Spinner, present; Mr. Stams, present.

Invocation: Mrs. Spinner

Pledge of Allegiance: Ms. Nichols-Rhodes

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 13, 2022, June 27, 2022 and July 11, 2022 Council Meetings, the June 13, 2022 and June 27, 2022 Committee-of-the-Whole Meetings and the July 5, 2022 and July 18, 2022 Special Council Meetings were approved as written.

Reports and Communications: A Fiscal Officer's Certificate (Public Infrastructure Improvements), dated July 22, 2022, submitted by Mr. Bryan Hoffman, Director of Finance.

A Fiscal Officer's Certificate (Brookledge Renovations), dated July 22, 2022, submitted by Mr. Bryan Hoffman, Director of Finance.

A Fiscal Officer's Certificate (Princeton Place Improvements), dated July 22, 2022, submitted by Mr. Bryan Hoffman, Director of Finance.

A letter from Mayor Walters, dated July 18, 2022, regarding the new appointment of Mr. Joseph M. Disantis to the Cuyahoga Falls Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Gorbach moved to recess Council to conduct a meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Council recessed at 6:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

New Legislation
(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. A-83 (Planning & Zoning)

An ordinance accepting the recommendation of the Planning Commission for the construction of a 50,000 square foot Electric Department administration facility for the City of Cuyahoga Falls, located at 222 Cochran Road, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-84 (Finance)

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the maximum principal amount of \$550,000, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs construction, reconstruction and renovation of the municipal Brookledge Golf Course clubhouse, including but not limited to the construction of a 1,800 square foot expansion, acquisition and installation of electrical and HVAC systems, a new roof, doors and windows, and related improvements, construction and replacement of sidewalks and a cart path around the facility, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Balthis stated that in order to avoid a potential conflict, he will be recusing himself from Temp. Ordinances A-84, A-85 and A-86. President Pro Tim Gorbach will be assigning those ordinances.

Temp. Ord. A-85 (Finance)

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the maximum principal amount of \$1,200,000, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, equipping and installing of 3,400 lineal feet of sanitary sewer lines, 3,550 feet of water main lines and 8,000 lineal feet of electrical conduit wiring, related storm sewer lines and retention, erosion control and landscaping, together with all related and necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-86 (Finance)

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$3,495,000, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of various public infrastructure projects, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-87 (Public Affairs)

An ordinance amending the Traffic Control File by providing for installation of various traffic control devices, and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Special Committees

Mr. Balthis moved to approve Mayor Walters' new appointment of Mr. Joseph M. Disantis to the Cuyahoga Falls Board of Zoning Appeals, second by Mr. Gorbach. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Reports of Council's Standing Committees
(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning:

Temp. Ord. A-72

An ordinance authorizing and approving the Preliminary Subdivision Plat for The Glens on Parcel Numbers 0204665, 0204666, 0204667, 0204668, 0204691, 0204817, 0204818, 0204819, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Spinner moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-72, second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Ord. A-73

An ordinance amending Ordinance 125-2021 authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of annual requirements of certain materials, supplies and services for use by the Water and Sewer Divisions during 2022, making the necessary appropriations for the same, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-73, second by Mr. Gorbach. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-74

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts with Core & Main LP, East Jordan Iron Works, Ferguson Enterprises Inc., and Trumbull Industries, without competitive bidding, for the purchase of services, materials, supplies, and equipment for supplies and equipment to be used in infrastructure projects, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-74, second by Mr. Gorbach. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-75 (Sub. Dated 7/18/22)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Superior Drain for emergency sewer repair assistance in the City right of way, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-75 (Sub. Dated 7/18/22), second by Mr. Gorbach. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-76

An ordinance authorizing the Park and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the renovation of Brookledge Golf Club Clubhouse, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-76, second by Mr. Gorbach. Roll Call: Mr. Ashton, Yes; Mr. Balthis, Yes; Mr. Brillhart, Yes; Mr. Gorbach, Yes; Mr. James, Yes; Ms. Loza, Yes; Mr. Miller, Yes; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, Yes; Mrs. Penta, Yes; Mrs. Spinner, Yes; Mr. Stams, No. Motion passed, voice vote (10-1). (Stams)

Temp. Ord. A-77

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Director of Public Safety, to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with International Armored Group US, Inc. to purchase a tactical van, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-77, second by Mr. Gorbach. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public Improvements:

Temp. Ord. A-78

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a modification of Contract No. 8533 with the Thrasher Group, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-78, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-79

An ordinance authorizing the director of public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Cartegraph for the installation and annual subscription costs associated with their web-based software, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-79, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-80

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to execute the 2022 Solar Energy Schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc. and taking of other actions in connection with solar generated energy purchases, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-80, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-81

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts with Emerald Transformer for PCB Remediation in the electric vault at 2800 13th Street, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-81, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public Affairs:

Temp. Ord. A-82

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association, Sergeants and Lieutenants bargaining unit, effective July 1, 2021, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Loza moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-82, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Community Development:

No Report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	August 29, 2022 and September 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
Finance:	September 6, 2022, at 6:35 p.m.
Public Improvements:	Subject to Call.
Public Affairs:	September 6, 2022, at 6:45 p.m.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.

Miscellaneous Business

Ms. Mary Spaugy, Deputy Community Development Director, presented the Second Quarter Economic Development Report. She also informed Council that the City was successful in winning the Brownfield grant for the final remediation of the Mud Run Gun Club.

Mr. Bryan Hoffman, Finance Director, gave an overview of Report 21. They will be receiving the second property tax settlement in the August-September timeframe and will show up in the October report, so that number remains the same at this time. The Local Government Funds are strong. The portion received from the County is up 9.9 percent and the State of Ohio portion is up 12.8 percent. Since interest rates have started to rise from the Federal Reserve, they are starting to see interest income coming in stronger than anticipated in last year's budget, so they are several

months ahead of the budget schedule. The retroactive wage increases with the bargaining unit contract and non-bargaining ordinance are reflected in this report except for Police, Mayor, Directors and Council, which will come in the August-September timeframe. All other retroactive payments are reflected on Report 21 under the Expense side.

Mr. Hoffman stated that the Municipal Income Tax Fund is seeing strong numbers. In comparing June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2021, June of 2022 does not seem as strong. The City received two large net profit payments in 2021 that are throwing the numbers off. One of the items looked at in order to determine the condition of this fund is the withholding tax. Those numbers are up by approximately 14.6 percent over 2021.

Mr. Hoffman stated that in the Leisure Time Fund, the Natatorium charges for services and membership have steadily increased over 2022 by 13.5 percent. Waterworks, through June, has increased by 28 percent. Downview and Brookledge has been relatively flat this year, which could be attributed to cooler weather this spring.

Mr. Hoffman stated that when he last reported the Self-Insurance Fund, there was an increase in Hospitalization and Dental numbers. That is still the case, although that amount has not grown. They are 56.8 percent above the 2021 numbers. There have been several large claimants this year, but they are not reoccurring claims. It is anticipated that those numbers will normalize towards the end of the year.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Gorbach. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Russ Balthis, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council