

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

February 7, 2022

Members: Rachel Loza, Chair
Michael Brillhart
Adam Miller

Ms. Loza called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the January 18, 2022 Public Affairs Committee were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-15

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-15

An ordinance amending Section 565.04 (a) (8) of the Codified Ordinances, relating to park rules and regulations, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Janet Ciotola, Law Director, presented Temporary Ordinance. A-15 to Council. Currently, legislation exists that prohibits dogs at certain neighborhood parks. The Cuyahoga Falls Parks and Recreation Board is in unanimous favor of allowing leashed dogs at all neighborhood parks.

Ms. Ciotola stated that this is a clean-up ordinance in Parks and Recreation Department to allow dogs in all city parks. They have been required to be on leash unless they are in a designated dog park.

Ms. Loza asked which parks prohibit dogs. Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that Oak Park was not allowed to have dogs. Once they looked up the old rule established in 1965, they said Oak Park, part of Valley Vista could not have dogs and Linden Park would not have dogs. She attended the Parks and Recreation meeting to plead the case for the dogs for her and Mr. Miller's ward, and they agreed that all parks should be able to have dogs. Mr. Miller was also in favor of dogs being allowed in Landon Park.

Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-15 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.