

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

**October 2, 2023**

**Members:** Rachel Loza, Chair  
Michael Brillhart  
Adam Miller

Ms. Loza called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the September 18, 2023 Public Affairs Committee Meeting were approved as written.

**Legislation Discussed:**

Temp. Res. B-109

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Res. B-109**

A resolution supporting Issue 17, the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Replacement Levy, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Lisa Kamlowksy, Assistant Superintendent, Summit DD, and member of the Citizens Levy Committee, presented Temporary Resolution B-109 to Council. In 1967, Boards of Developmental Disabilities were created in Ohio under House Bill 169 including the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board. Through the work of legislators and other stakeholder groups, including families and community-based organizations, public policy changes like the Americans with Disabilities Act have been developed to support and maximize the independence of people with developmental disabilities to create a more inclusive society. The Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board has made investments to support individuals so that residents with disabilities may live more independently and find meaningful employment.

The City of Cuyahoga Falls is honored that the Summit County Board of Developmental Disabilities chose to expand their operations within the City and looks forward to collaborating on many exciting projects in the near future. The City of Cuyahoga Falls desires to show support for Issue 17, a ballot initiative that helps to provide the necessary funding for Summit County Developmental Disabilities. The City of Cuyahoga Falls encourages the community to support Issue 17 on November 7, 2023.

Ms. Kamlowksy thanked the City of Cuyahoga Falls and Mayor Walters for welcoming the Summit DD and its employees since they moved into the building in May of 2022. The increase in property taxes to homeowners will be \$3.58 per month per \$100,000 of assessed valuation as of November 2023 evaluation.

Ms. Loza stated that the services offered by Summit DD to many children and adults are incredible and essential across the county. She loves that there is no waiting list for their services. She asked

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if the increase of \$3.58 per \$100,000 of appraised value is the old property tax, not the new. Ms. Kamlowsky stated that it is on the valuation as it exists in 2023.

Mr. Balthis stated that the important role that Summit DD plays for so many members of their community cannot be overstated. It is important that they all support this issue. Not only does their organization provide amazing services, but they have made an investment in Cuyahoga Falls. He has seen many of their employees downtown and appreciates their presence. They have added a lot of activity and life in an already vibrant place. He is very proud to support the resolution.

Mrs. Spinner thanked Ms. Kamlowsky for the work they do. She is excited to support this resolution and the levy at the polls in November.

Ms. Loza stated that there will be a public hearing on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in order to review the DORA order.

Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Res. B-109 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.