

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting

December 11, 2023

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

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

Invocation: Mrs. Spinner

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Miller

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 23, 2023 Council and Committee-of-the-Whole Meetings, November 13, 2023 Council Meeting and November 27, 2023 Council Meeting were approved as written.

Reports and Communications: A letter dated December 4, 2023 received from Mayor Walters regarding his reappointments to the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Library Board of Trustees, Public Art Board and Civil Service Commission.

Mr. James moved to recess Council to conduct a meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole, second by Mr. Brillhart. 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. B-134 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract or contracts with Medical Mutual of Ohio for Stop-Loss Insurance Coverage for the City's self-insured medical and prescription drug plans, for a period not to exceed one year, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-135 (Finance)

An ordinance providing for supplemental and/or amended appropriations of money for current operating expenses and capital expenditures of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and authorizing the transfer of appropriations within and for the various funds hereinafter set forth, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Res. B-136 (Finance)

A resolution requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to make advance distribution of tax receipts payable to the City of Cuyahoga Falls and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-137 (Finance)

An ordinance amending ordinance 58-2022 to hire an additional Secretary I and assign the position to the appropriate pay grade in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2662 and the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-138 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the City's requirement of maintaining the heating, air conditioning, and automatic control systems in the municipal building, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-139 (Finance)

An ordinance creating the position of Assistant Planning Director, updating pay grades for Aquatics Supervisor and Deputy Director of Community Development, correcting classifications for various non-bargaining positions, amending Exhibit "A" of Ordinance No. 7-2022, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. B-140 (Committee-of-the-Whole)

An ordinance amending sections 111.01 and 111.04 of the Codified Ordinances, relating to the rules of City Council, and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Special Committees

Mr. James moved to adopt Mayor Walter's reappointments to the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Library Board of Trustees, Public Art Board and Civil Service Commission, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Reports of Council's Standing Committees

(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning:

Temp. Ord. B-115

An ordinance approving a zoning map amendment for parcels 02- 13736 and 02-17196 located on 6th Street from R-4 Urban Density Residential to MU-4 Sub-Urban Corridor, as more fully described herein, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Spinner moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-115, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Ord. B-116

An ordinance establishing annual appropriations of money for the current expenses, capital expenditures, and other expenses of the City of Cuyahoga Falls for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-116, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. B-130

An ordinance amending sections 923.01 and 923.02 of Part Five of Title Nine of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, establishing water rates and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-130, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. B-131

An ordinance amending Section 925.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-131, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Public Improvements:

Temp. Ord. B-132

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts for the demolition of a structure located at 357 Steels Corners Road, and removal of demolition debris, and certifying the cost thereof to the County Fiscal Officer for collection in the manner provided by law, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-132, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. B-133

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition of structures located at 600 Sill Avenue, and removal of demolition debris, and certifying the cost thereof to the County Fiscal Officer for collection in the manner provided by law, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-133, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Public Affairs:

No Report.

Community Development:

No Report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	Subject to Call.
Finance:	December 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
Public Improvements:	Subject to Call.
Public Affairs:	Subject to Call.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.
Committee-of-the-Whole:	December 18, 2023, at 6:35 p.m.

Miscellaneous Business

Ms. Tanya Budler, from Rise Together, presented a one-year status report of how her agency, with the City of Cuyahoga Falls as a partner, worked with the local business community over the course to create a plan that pairs newcomers to the city/country and their skills with business owners looking to stabilize and increase their workforce. Some highlights of her presentation included a Young International Student Career Fair attended by 12 employers and over 170 students and that the Next Level Lab at Harvard University, in their search for a community to pilot Project Hire, has selected Cuyahoga Falls as a partner to move this plan into the future for the benefit of new residents and established employers.

Ms. Loza moved to excuse the absence of Mr. Ashton, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Russ Balthis, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council