

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole
December 18, 2023

Members: Mr. Balthis, Chair
Mr. Ashton
Mr. Brillhart
Mr. James
Ms. Loza
Mr. Miller
Ms. Nichols-Rhodes
Mrs. Penta
Mr. Siegfert
Mrs. Spinner
Mr. Stams

Mr. Balthis called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. Mr. James was absent.

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-140

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

Mr. Balthis presented Temporary Ordinance B-140 to Council. Section 111.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls will be hereby amended to read in full as follows (new text underlined; deleted text in ~~striketrough~~):

Committee Membership -The President shall next appoint a Committee of four (4) members of council at least one of whom must not be of the majority party (unless all members identify as the same party), who, together with the President, shall constitute a Committee on Committees and Seating, on which Committee the President shall have power to vote.

Committee Structure - All Standing Committees shall consist of an odd number of persons, but not less than ~~three (3)~~ five (5) members on each Committee. At least one member of each Committee must not be of the majority party, if any. The President of Council shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees, but cannot take part in any vote of any Committee. The standing Committees shall be as follows: Finance and Appropriations, Public and Industrial Improvements, Public Affairs, Planning and Zoning and Community Development.

Mr. Balthis stated that the rule that is currently in place that requires all committees have at least one member from the minority party. Due to the outcome of the 2023 election, there will not be a minority party member, so a change needs to be made to that effect. In the event there is a minority party on Council in the future, the original rule will go back into effect. The second change increases the members of each committee from three to five, which will allow for increased discussion between committee members and ensures a quorum when conducting committee meetings.

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Mr. Brillhart moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-140 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Ashton. Motion passed (10-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.