

**CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Special Council Meeting**

**December 18, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Mr. Balthis at 6:50 p.m.

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

**Reports of Special Committees**

**Committee-of-the-Whole:**

**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 moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-140, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

**Reports of Council's Standing Committees**

(Third Reading)

**Planning & Zoning:**

No Report.

**Finance & Appropriations:**

**Temp. Ord. B-134**

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.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-134, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-135**

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.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-135, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

**Temp. Res. B-136**

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.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Res. B-136, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-137**

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.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-137, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-138**

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.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-138, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-139**

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.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-139, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

**Public Improvements:**

No Report.

**Public Affairs:**

No Report.

**Community Development:**

No Report.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Mr. Balthis stated that serving on City Council is a real honor and a great opportunity, but there is no question that it certainly comes with challenges and sacrifices that members and their families need to make in order to serve their community. He stated that he would like to take a moment to honor Councilman Miller and his family.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes thanked Mr. Miller for his service and all his committee work, and wished him and his family well. She also wanted to thank her colleagues on Council, Council Clerk Ms. Capriulo, the Administration and all of the City workers. During the budget times, Council gets to see the people who are doing the work, and she is grateful they live in a city where people are dedicated. She also thanked the members of the community who attend the meetings, who e-mail and who call Council, because that's how they learn what the pulse of the City is and Council members really appreciate that. She appreciates each Council member and appreciates working with all of them.

Mrs. Spinner also thanked Mr. Miller for all his service and assistance.

Mayor Walters thanked Mr. Miller not only for his service to the City, but to the country and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Mr. Miller thanked everyone for their kind remarks. It has been a rewarding experience serving on City Council, and he is very appreciative for the support of the residents. Their feedback has been vital for the past eight years. He is grateful to the City employees for all the work they do every single day. At the end of the day, he knows that Council and this Administration want what is best for this community, and the success of this Council, and the success of the Administration is the City's shared success. He stated that he looks forward to those successes and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and very prosperous 2024.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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Russ Balthis, Council President

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Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council