Cuyahoga Falls City Council Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee

April 21, 2025

Members: Rachel Loza, Chair

Brian Ashton, Vice Chair

Jerry James, Frank Stams, Gary DeRemer

Ms. Loza called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Mr. Stams was absent.

The minutes of the March 17, 2025 Public Affairs Committee meeting were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-28

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-28

An ordinance amending the Traffic Control File, and declaring an emergency.

Police Chief Norfolk presented Temporary Ordinance B-28 to Council. Site-specific traffic control regulations of the City are established and maintained in the "Traffic Control File," a document established and maintained by the Chief of Police pursuant to Chapter 305 of the Codified Ordinances. Section 305.02 of said Chapter requires that amendments to the Traffic Control File be made only through legislation passed by City Council.

Upon the recommendation of the Traffic Committee, the Traffic Control File is hereby amended as follows:

Amending the Traffic Control File to prohibit parking on the even side of Berk Street, between the driveways of 2460 Berk Street to 4th Street.

The Chief of Police will be authorized to note in the Traffic Control File the proper legends. The Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to cause the installation or removal of the proper signage reflecting the above amendments.

Chief Norfolk stated that the Traffic Control Committee met on March 31st. They heard a recommendation brought forward by Mr. Demasi at the request of a resident. They are taking a multiphase approach to make Berk Street safer at Fourth Street. The Committee approved no parking from 2460 Berk Street until the intersection of Fourth Street on the even side of the road.

Ms. Loza stated that anything to make it easier for the residents pulling out of that street is good.

Mr. DeRemer stated that it was well needed there not only for the residents, but for ambulance and garbage truck access. It is a hill and the way it is turned is dangerous, so it is a much-needed change.

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Mr. Ashton moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-28 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. James. Motion passed (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.