

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

**July 14, 2025**

- Call to Order:** Mr. Balthis at 6:30 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Mr. Ashton, present; Mr. Balthis, present; Mr. Brillhart, present; Mr. DeRemer, present; Mr. James, present; Ms. Loza, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mrs. Penta, present; Mr. Siegferth, present; Mrs. Spinner, present; Mr. Stams, present.
- Invocation:** Mrs. Spinner
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Ms. Loza
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the June 23, 2025 Council Meeting were approved as written.
- Reports and Communications:** A Fiscal Officer's Certificate (Wyoga Lake Seasons Road and Intersection) dated July 9, 2025, submitted Mr. Bryan Hoffman, Finance Director.
- A Fiscal Officer's Certificate (Wyoga Lake Road Improvements) dated July 9, 2025, submitted Mr. Bryan Hoffman, Finance Director.
- A Fiscal Officer's Certificate (Princeton Place Improvements) dated July 9, 2025, submitted Mr. Bryan Hoffman, Finance Director.

**New Legislation**  
(First Reading)

**Temp. Ord. B-52 (Finance)**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and enter into agreement a cooperative with the Ohio Development Water Authority for the replacement of the 4" water mains in Brookpark Drive, from Northampton Road to Eleanorora Drive, Eleanorora Drive, from Brookpark Drive East to Brookpark Drive West, Hoffman Drive, from Eleanorora Drive to Woodbrook Road and Woodbrook Road, from Northampton Road to Hoffman Drive, with an 8" water main, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-53 (Finance)**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and enter into a cooperative agreement with the Ohio Water Development Authority for the replacement of the 6" and 8" water mains on Oakwood Drive, from Monroe Avenue to Graham Road, with an 8" water main, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-54 (Finance)**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and enter into a cooperative agreement with the Ohio Water Development Authority for the improvements to the Bailey Road and State Road booster pump stations, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-55 (Finance)**

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with IM Company, LLC., for emergency repairs needed to the first-floor restroom of the downtown pavilion, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-56 (Finance)**

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the maximum principal amount of \$1,310,000, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring, reconstructing, constructing, improving, equipping and installing 3,400 lineal feet of sanitary sewer lines, 3,550 feet of water main lines and 8,000 lineal feet of electrical conduit wiring, related storm sewer lines and retention, erosion control and landscaping along Princeton Place Boulevard, Nottingham Trail, Bainbridge Trail and Kensington Court, together with all related and necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-57 (Finance)**

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the maximum principal amount of \$730,000, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of the construction, reconstruction, widening, improving, grading, draining and resurfacing of Wyoga Lake Road between Steels Corners Road and Seasons Road, together with all related and necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-58 (Finance)**

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of notes in the maximum principal amount of \$4,615,000, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of the design and engineering, construction, reconstruction, widening, improving, grading, draining and resurfacing of, and installation of traffic controls along, and the intersections of State Road, Seasons Road and Wyoga Lake Road, and a traffic study of those roads and related areas, including but not limited to the extension, opening, improving, curbing or changing of the lines and traffic patterns of roads, highways, intersections, streets, bridges (both roadway and pedestrian), sidewalks, bikeways, medians and viaducts, providing signage, lighting systems, signalization, and installation of stormwater and flood remediation facilities, together with all related and necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-59 (Public Improvements)**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition of the Oak Park water tank, located within Oak Park near the intersection of Jefferson Avenue and Thirteenth Street, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-60 (Public Improvements)**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for replacement of the 6” water main in Cedar Hill Road, West Portage Trail to Cedar Hill Circle, and Cedar Hill Circle, with an 8” water main, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-61 (Public Improvements)**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant from the Federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study for the city wide traffic signal improvement project, and declaring an emergency.

**Sub Temp. Res. B-42 (Public Improvements)**

A resolution of intent to appropriate certain property along Wyoga Lake Road between Seasons Road and E. Steels Corners Road, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-62 (Public Improvements)**

An ordinance authorizing the appropriation of certain interests in real property necessary for the improvement of Wyoga Lake Road between Seasons Road and E. Steels Corners Road, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. B-63 (Community Development)**

An ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute and submit the annual action plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for program year 2025, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. James moved to recess Council to conduct a Public Improvements Committee, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Council recessed at 6:39 p.m. and reconvened at 6:43 p.m.

**Reports of Council’s Standing Committees**

(Third Reading)

**Planning & Zoning:**

No Report.

**Finance & Appropriations:**

**Temp. Ord. B-38**

An ordinance providing for supplemental appropriations for operational expenditures of the City of Cuyahoga Falls in the General Fund, Civil Service Commission, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-38, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-39**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Director of Public Safety, to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Atlantic Emergency Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment for use by the Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-39, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-40**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Director of Public Safety, to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Breathing Air Systems, Inc. for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment for use by the Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-40, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Public Improvements:**

**Temp. Ord. B-41**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the replacement of the Air Handling Units on the Municipal Building, located at 2310 2nd Street in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-41, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Res. B-42**

A resolution of intent to appropriate certain property along Wyoga Lake Road between Seasons Road and East Steels Corners Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to withdraw Temporary Resolution B-42 and replace it with Temporary Resolution B-42 (Sub. Dated 7/14/25), second by Mr. James. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0)

**Temp. Res. B-42 (Sub. Dated 7/14/25)**

A resolution of intent to appropriate certain property along Wyoga Lake Road between Seasons Road and East Steels Corners Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Res. B-42 (Sub. Dated 7/14/25), second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-43**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Director of Public Safety, to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition and replacement of Fire Station 4 and construction of a new training facility and training prop, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-43, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-44**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a modification of Contract No. 8984 with DLZ Ohio, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-44, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-45**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with United Survey Inc. for the lining of storm sewers in the City right of way, emergency. and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-45, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Res. B-46**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for Federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) for the signal improvement of Barney's Busy Corners, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Res. B-46, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-61**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept financial assistance in the form of a grant from the Federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Funds programmed by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study for the city wide traffic signal improvement project, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-61, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Public Affairs:**

**Temp. Ord. B-47**

An ordinance providing an amendment to the Charter of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, originally adopted by the electorate on November 3, 1959, and amended from time to time, to be submitted at the next General Election on November 4, 2025, which amendment will revise Article IV, Section 2, “Composition and Term,” and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Loza moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-47, second by Mr. Ashton. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-48**

An ordinance providing an amendment to the Charter of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, originally adopted by the electorate on November 3, 1959, and amended from time to time, to be submitted at the next General Election on November 4, 2025, which amendment will revise Article IV, Section 5, “Vacancies and Absences,” and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Loza moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-48, second by Mr. Ashton. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-49**

An ordinance providing an amendment to the Charter of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, originally adopted by the electorate on November 3, 1959, and amended from time to time, to be submitted at the next General Election on November 4, 2025, which amendment will revise Article II, Section 7, “Vacancy in the Office of the Mayor,” and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Loza moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-49, second by Mr. Ashton. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Temp. Ord. B-50**

An ordinance providing amendments to the Charter of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, which amendments will remove obsolete language in Article III, Section 5, “Director of Public Service,” and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Loza moved to adopt Temp. Ord. B-50, second by Mr. Ashton. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Community Development:**

**Temp. Res. B-51**

A resolution accepting the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council and the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council concerning Enterprise Zone and Community

Reinvestment Area tax exemption agreements within the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Siegfert moved to adopt Temp. Res. B-51, second by Mr. Ashton. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

**Schedule of Committee Meetings**

Planning & Zoning:	Subject to Call.
Finance:	July 21, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
Public Improvements:	July 21, 2025, at 6:35 p.m.
Public Affairs:	Subject to Call.
Community Development:	July 21, 2025, at 6:40 p.m.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Mayor Walters stated that they have some visitors from Columbus. The reason they are here is Council just passed Temporary Ordinance B-43, which is the new fire and training facility. In the beginning, they reached out to Senator Roegner's office to see if they could get some help from the State. Knowing this was a regional project, they felt it was a worthy project. Senator Roegner actually brought in Representative Roemer and Senator Weinstein. They met with them with the final result being a \$3 million grant from the State.

Senator Kristina Roegner thanked Mayor Walters, City Council and staff for having them here this evening. After the train derailment in East Palestine, it became apparent that it was necessary to have safety services that knew what they were doing and could respond quickly. Mayor Walters invited her out to the Northampton Town Hall and explained what the vision was. He also gave her a package that had letters from different municipalities and even The University of Akron stating how important this training facility would be not only for Cuyahoga Falls, but the whole region. She reached out to other senators and representatives and said it needs to be a delegation effort. Her office drafted the amendment. They distributed it to the other representatives and the senators and they submitted it as one of their top priorities. The \$3 million grant in Summit County was certainly one of the biggest received in Summit County. She thanked the Administration and Council for their vision and vote on Temporary Ordinance B-43. She looks forward to the groundbreaking and, more importantly, seeing it in action. It's going to be doing great thing for all of Northeastern Ohio.

Senator Casey Weinstein thanked Mayor Walters and Council. Whenever they would meet when he was representing this district, he would always say it is all happening in the Falls, and attending the first 45 minutes of this meeting validated it. They have so much going on all the time. He appreciates Senator Roegner doing this and bringing it all together. There is really power in their Summit County delegation when they work together. This is a great example of both sides coming

together and getting something done. He is very honored to play a small role and thankful to see this moving forward and cannot wait for the groundbreaking and for what this is going to do for so many Ohioans

Representative Bill Roemer stated that it is wonderful to be here again. This project ranked as the third-largest project in Summit County after a project in downtown Akron and a project at the Akron-Canton Airport, so the \$3 million was very significant. It was fortuitous timing. The House was allocated a pot of money, and the Senate was also allocated a pot of money. They were able to double that. The House allocated \$1.5 million and then the Senate did the same thing, so they are very excited. The City's team did an excellent job of developing the issue and bringing them through to fruition. They are very proud that they were able to do this.

Mr. Balthis stated that this is a great example of people working together for public safety where everybody did good work. The Administration did a great job of putting together the project, but there are a lot of great projects that do not get funding, so he appreciates all the work they were able to do to get it over the finish line.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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Russ Balthis, Council President

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Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council