

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting

April 27, 2026

- Call to Order:** Mr. Balthis at 6:30 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Mr. Ashton, present; Mr. Balthis, present; Mr. Brillhart, present; Mrs. Cebula, present; Mr. DeRemer, present; Ms. Loza, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mr. Siegferth, present; Mrs. Spinner, present; Mr. Stams, present; Ms. Willis-Guarneri, absent.
- Invocation:** Mrs. Spinner
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Ms. Nichols-Rhodes
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the February 23, 2026 and April 13, 2026 Council meetings were approved as written.
- Reports and Communications:** A Notice from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control regarding New Permit Number 10013580-2 to Triple Crown Lounge, LLC, 2237 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44221

New Legislation
(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. A-34 (Planning & Zoning)

An ordinance accepting the recommendation of the Planning Commission for the construction of a 26,000 sq. ft. addition for the Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (CVCA) located at 4687 Wyoga Lake Road, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-35 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the installation of a pre-fabricated ADA compliant restroom at Valley Vista Park, and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Council's Standing Committees
(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning:

No Report.

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Ord. A-27

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 8” water main in Bailey Road, from Myrtle Avenue to McShane Drive, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-27, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. A-28

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the replacement of the 8” water main in Bailey Road, from Myrtle Avenue to McShane Drive, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-28, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. A-29 (Sub. Dated 4/20/26)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to amend Contracts numbered 8762 and 8762A with CTI Engineers, Inc. for additional professional engineering services related to the Water Treatment Plant improvements, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-29 (Sub. Dated 4/20/26), second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. A-30 (Sub. Dated 4/20/26)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to execute a modification of Contract No. 9481 with Perrin Asphalt Company for the annual resurfacing and/or repair of various streets, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-30 (Sub. Dated 4/20/26), second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. A-31

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purpose of purchasing a Megger Relay Test Set, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-31, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. A-32

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts without competitive bidding with Patriot Engineering and Environmental, Inc. for removal of underground storage tanks on Front Street, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-32, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Public Improvements:

No Report.

Public Affairs:

Temp. Ord. A-33

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

Ms. Loza moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-33, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Community Development:

No Report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	May 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
Finance:	May 6, 2026, at 6:35 p.m.
Public Improvements:	Subject to Call.
Public Affairs:	Subject to Call.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Bryan Hoffman, Finance Director, presented Report 21 to Council. He stated that on, March 31, 2026, the property tax revenues were not settled. They did receive the first-half settlement, so they have a revised number and he will go into more detail next month. This month, in the Local Government Fund, they are up 6.7 percent on the County side and 8.2 percent on the State of Ohio side. They are continuing to see some favorable numbers and trends on that. In the Income Tax Fund on page 4 of the report, they are continuing to closely watch the income tax numbers as they come in this year. They are anticipating flat income tax revenues for the remainder of this year. In the Leisure Time Fund, for the Natatorium, they are still trending at a 4.6-percent increase to revenue. Water Works at is at 14.6 percent. Those are all presale. The Water Works facility should open up on Memorial Day weekend. Brookledge and Downview are still seeing favorable

numbers. In the Self-Insurance Fund, they did see upticks this month. There has been a trend over the last several years where claims have gone up during the first part of the year and then start to settle down and end up right around budget every year. Hospitalization and Dental are up 29.9 percent over last year's numbers and Prescription Drugs are down 14.9 percent. That 14.9 percent being lower than last year is primarily due to changes to coverage on prescription drugs that was made through the Health Care Committee to start 2026.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, stated that tomorrow at the Main Akron Library on South High Street is the next dam update progress meeting. Representatives from the team will be there to give an update on the progress of the sediment removal. It is at 6:00 p.m. and there is free parking at the downtown facilities.

Mr. Christopher Pregi, 540 E Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, addressed Council concerning a proposed municipal resolution supporting Ohio House Bill 303, the Community Energy Act.

Mr. Stams stated that he applauds Mr. Pregi for coming before Council. He asked Mr. Pregi if he has a vested interest in Ohio House Bill 303. Mr. Pregi responded that he absolutely has an interest in it, and his interest is being a civic architect. He sees systems that other people cannot, and he wants to help people as much as he can with the abilities that he has. Mr. Stams asked if he would please send the information he provided Council to his email address.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to excuse the absence of Ms. Willis-Guarneri, second by Mrs. Spinner. 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 6:50 p.m.


Russ Balthis, Council President


Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council