

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee

March 16, 2026

Members: Brian Ashton, Chair
Gary DeRemer, Vice Chair
Nikki Cebula, Rachel Loza, Marie Willis-Guarneri

Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. All members were present.

The February 17, 2026 Public Improvements Committee meeting minutes were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-16

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-16

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, with PlayCore Wisconsin Inc., dba Gametime, for the purchase and installation of a splashpad at Valley Vista Park, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Sara Kline, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance A-16 to Council. The purchase by contract of the equipment, services, materials or supplies identified herein is through participation in a contract between the vendor and OMNIA Partners, a cooperative purchasing group, and is thus exempt from competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §125.04.

The Parks and Recreation Board will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts with PlayCore Wisconsin Inc. dba Gametime, on the basis of its proposal dated February 18, 2026, for the purchase and installation of a splashpad at Valley Vista Park.

The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for same from the Recreation Levy Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Ms. Kline stated that Gametime is their preferred vendor. They are on the State bid list and they have had great success with them for playground equipment and other things in the parks. They have a great reputation. They work well with them and they give them a lot of personalized customer service, which is great because each piece and design is unique to the park and neighborhood it goes in. There are a lot of unique water features that are on the splash pads. This is the different company from the other splash pads that have been installed and will be a nice addition to this area. In the past, they have had a lot of challenges with the wading pool, so the splash pad will eliminate those challenges and they will not have to staff it because there is no standing water.

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Mr. Ashton asked if they have an estimate of when the installation process will begin. Ms. Kline stated that the Electric Department is finishing up their project and that takes precedence. They need to have them closer to being finished than they are. They have an architect rendering of the park. Their hope is this fall there will be the shovels in the ground and next spring, they will be open with the splash pad and other amenities.

Mr. Ashton asked if the splash pad will be Phase I. Ms. Kline stated that they intend to start with Phase I, the splash pad, playground equipment, and court surfaces and other amenities. Then with Council's approval in the future, Phase II will feature a revamped parking lot, walking path and other amenities that go with the park.

Ms. Cebula moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-16 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. DeRemer. Motion passed (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.