

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee**

June 15, 2026

Members: Rachel Loza, Chair
Brian Ashton, Vice Chair
Gary DeRemer, Frank Stams, Marie Willis-Guarneri

Ms. Loza called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the April 20, 2026 Public Affairs meeting were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-42

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-42

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

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance A-42 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 (west) side of 2nd Street, from Falls Avenue to Francis Avenue.

Amending the Traffic Control File to remove the parking prohibition on the odd (east) side of 2nd Street, from Falls Avenue to Francis Avenue.

Amending the Traffic Control File to remove the center two-way turn lane on 2nd Street, from Chestnut Boulevard to Francis Avenue.

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

Mr. Demasi stated that they are planning to resurface Second Street from Broad Street, south to where it meets Front Street, as part of this year's paving program. As part of that resurfacing, they were tasked to take a look at the existing pavement markings and parking schemes and see if they could provide any improvements to those to ultimately provide more parking and better parking

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in that area. The first is the Engineering Department's proposal to prohibit parking on the even side of Second Street on the west side, from Falls Avenue to Francis Avenue. In addition, they would then remove the parking prohibitions on the odd side from that same several blocks making it much safer by not having to cross the street when walking downtown. The last item in Section 1 is a request to remove the center two-way turn lane on Second Street from Chestnut Boulevard to Francis Avenue. In that area, there is no parking allowed south of Chestnut Boulevard because of the center turn lane of one lane in each direction beyond that and there is no place for anybody to park. They propose to remove the center turn lane and shift the center line over to the west a little bit to provide enough room to have parking on the east side. They propose just going down to Francis Avenue, because south of Francis Avenue to Front Street is downhill.

Mr. Ashton moved to bring out Temp. Ordinance A-42 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. DeRemer. Motion passed (5-0)).

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.