CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting

October 12, 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, absent; Mr. Siegferth, present; Mrs. Spinner, present; Mr. Stams, present; Ms. Willis-Guarneri, present.

Invocation: Mrs. Spinner

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Ashton

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 14, 2026 Council meeting and Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, and the September 21, 2026 Special Council meeting and September 28, 2026 Council Meeting were approved as written.

Reports and Communications: None

New Legislation
(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. A-78 (Community Development)
An ordinance creating the Park Ridge Incentive District; declaring improvements to the parcels within the Incentive District to be a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation; requiring the owners of those parcels to make service payments in lieu of taxes; establishing a municipal public improvement tax increment equivalent fund for the deposit of those service payments; specifying the public infrastructure improvements that benefit or serve parcels in the incentive district; providing for compensation payments; and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Res. A-79 (Finance)
A resolution accepting the amounts and rates of taxation as certified by the Summit County Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies, certifying such authorization to the County Fiscal Officer, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-80 (Finance)
An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contracts with MoxFive, LLC, Storm7 Labs, LLC, and Mullen Coughlin, LLC for cybersecurity protection and related services; and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-81 (Finance)
An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of light fixtures which will illuminate City-owned property on the banks of the Cuyahoga River; and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-82 (Finance)
An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Virginia Transformer for the purchase of a substation transformer, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-83 (Public Improvements)
An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the Blossom Glen Detention Basin Retrofit, and declaring an emergency.

Reports of Special Committees

Temp. Ord. A-75
An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, with LightShift Energy for a 10-megawatt battery energy storage system, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Stams moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-75, second by Mrs. Spinner. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Reports of Council's Standing Committees

(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning:

Temp. Ord. A-71
An ordinance authorizing and approving the Final Plat for a residential conservation overlay subdivision for Park Ridge Preserve, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Spinner moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-71, second by Mr. Siegferth. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Ord. A-72
An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to execute a modification of Contract No. 9464 with Spano Bros. Construction, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brillhart moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-72, second by Mrs. Spinner. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. A-76
An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into a contract or contracts, with Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. for the professional services necessary to manage the City's risk management and insurance program and for the purchase of public entity insurance coverages, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brillhart moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-76, second by Mrs. Spinner. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Ord. A-77
An ordinance authorizing the Director Of Public Service to enter into an agreement with the Village of Silver Lake, Ohio for the continued provision of water services for an additional term, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brillhart moved to amend Temporary Ordinance A-77 with Temporary Ordinance A-77 (Sub. Dated 10/12/26), second by Mrs. Spinner. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0)

Temp. Ord. A-77 (Sub. Dated 10/12/26)
An ordinance authorizing the Director Of Public Service to enter into an agreement with the Village of Silver Lake, Ohio for the continued provision of water services for an additional term, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brillhart moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-77 (Sub. Dated 10/12/26), second by Mrs. Spinner. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Public Improvements:

No Report.

Public Affairs:

Temp. Ord. A-73
An ordinance amending Chapter 505 "Animals and Fowl" of the Cuyahoga Falls Codified Ordinances, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Loza moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-73, second by Ms. Willis-Guarneri. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Temp. Res. A-74
A resolution expressing support for and urging the passage of Issue 6, a proposed tax levy for the Cuyahoga Falls City School District, at the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Ashton moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-74, second by Ms. Willis-Guarneri. Motion passed, voice vote (9-0-1). (Loza)

Community Development:

Temp. Ord. A-70
An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with American Shim & Die, Inc., dba Spirol Precision Products, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Siegferth moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-70, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	October 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
Finance:	October 19, 2026, at 6:35 p.m.
Public Improvements:	October 19, 2026, at 6:40 p.m.
Public Affairs:	Subject to Call.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.

Ms. Spaugy stated that Temporary Ordinance A-78 assigned to the Community Development Committee needs to be held for discussion until November 2nd according to Ohio law.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Peter Kirk, of 2255 Winter Parkway, Apt. 128, addressed Council regarding the City's 26 Flock cameras. A Ward 7 resident for approximately eight and a half years, he argued that the cameras provide no community benefit and may violate the Fourth Amendment by enabling warrantless surveillance. He expressed concern about the size and accessibility of the database, taxpayer funding, and reported misuse of similar systems elsewhere, while clarifying that he was not alleging misuse in Cuyahoga Falls.

Mr. Kirk urged Council not to renew the Flock contract, which was scheduled for renewal in early January. He said he would continue discussing the issue with residents and asked Council to oppose warrantless surveillance.

Mr. Balthis thanked Mr. Kirk and invited him to speak with Police Chief Norfolk after the meeting about the City's use of the cameras. Law Director Janet Ciotola was also available to explain the emergency procedure included in the ordinance.

Mrs. Spinner moved to excuse the absence of Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Mr. Brillhart moved to adjourn, second by Mrs. Spinner. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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Russ Balthis, Council President

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Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council