

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

**November 16, 2020**

**Members:** Russ Balthis, Chair  
Susan Spinner  
Adam Miller

Mr. Balthis called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. All members were present.

**Legislation Discussed:**

Temp. Ord. A-84

Temp. Res. A-85

**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. A-84**

An ordinance amending the Traffic Control File by providing for installation of various traffic control devices, and declaring an emergency.

Police Chief Davis presented Temporary Ordinance A-84 to Council. Upon the recommendation of the Traffic Committee, the Traffic Control File will be amended as follows:

1. Move the “No Parking between these Signs” sign located at 2115 10th Street on the east side of the street to 2103 10th Street, remaining on the east side.
2. Prohibit parking on the south side of Ashland Avenue between 644 and 700 Ashland Avenue.
3. Prohibit parking on the curve across from 725 Ashland Avenue on Ashland at the intersection of Ashland Avenue and Charles Street.
4. Prohibit parking on east side of Alanson Circle.
5. Update the traffic file for Redwood Development as follows: Prohibit parking on the even side of Redwood Drive. Prohibit parking on the even side of Aspen Place. Prohibit parking on the even side of Poplar Lane.
6. Update the traffic file for Woodland Preserve as follows: Prohibit parking on the south side of West Woodland Drive. Prohibit parking on the south side of South Woodland Drive. Prohibit parking on the south side of East Woodland Drive.
7. Prohibit parking on the west side of North Steels Circle.
8. Prohibit parking by posting signage “No Parking Here to Corner” 200 feet from the Cedar Hill/Cedar Woods Drive intersection on the north side of Cedar Woods Drive.
9. Prohibit parking at the dead end of Prange Drive on school days from 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

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

Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-84 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mrs. Spinner. Motion passed (3-0).

**Temp. Res. A-85**

A resolution approving the Summit County Solid Waste Management Plan prepared by the Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority dba ReWorks, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Marcie Kress, Executive Director, Summit/Akron SWMA, presented Temporary Resolution A-85 to Council. The Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls will adopt the Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority (ReWorks) Solid Waste Management Plan, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of Council. The Clerk of Council will be directed to send a copy of this ordinance to the Executive Director of ReWorks upon approval. Ms. Kress stated that they are not looking to increase the generation fee. They are funded by a generation fee. For every ton of trash generated in Summit County, they receive \$5. There is no increase of this fee for the duration which will run.

Mr. Balthis stated that they have an executive summary of their plan on their website. There is a lot of information, and he would encourage everyone to check that out. The public hearing is tomorrow, so that will be another great opportunity to get more information.

Mrs. Spinner asked for clarification on the necessary steps for ratification by a percentage of the public. Ms. Kress stated that they are in the process of meetings like this one with township trustees and councils to get approval. It is through them they receive ratification. Sixty percent is the minimum. They try to be higher, but they need to reach 60 percent per the Ohio EPA.

Mr. Balthis asked if Cuyahoga Falls is one of first communities she has spoken to. Ms. Kress stated that, due to the unique circumstances presented to them, they have a strategic plan committee which is crucial in the development of the solid waste plan to explore the options. She was given the directive to start attending meetings immediately. She met with County Council. This is probably her fifth or sixth meeting. She has several more for this week and several more for next week. Virtual meetings have been convenient.

Mrs. Spinner moved to bring out Temp. Res. A-85 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

Mayor Walters stated that he would like to give a storm update. The City brought in the full contingent of electric crews. As of 8:30 this morning, they had poles down, wires and trees down all over the city. There were 81 separate instances of damage, mainly trees taking down power lines that needed cleared and reconnected. Of those 81, there are just a handful left where AT&T

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needs to install a pole so the City can attach the service. They were up most of the night, Anthony Zumbo, Teresa Hazlett, Michael Dougherty and all the workers. The electric crews were up in bucket trucks and climbing poles in 50-mile-an-hour winds. There is a lot of damage throughout the city, but no injuries that he is aware of. Trees across the road have been cleared out of the roadway to be cleaned up at the later date.

Mr. Anthony Zumbo, Service Director, stated that he does not have any additional comments, other than to echo words of thanks to all of the members of the Electric and the Street Department that were out working in those adverse conditions yesterday. Once again, they did a great job for the citizens of Cuyahoga Falls.

Mr. Balthis stated that he would echo Mayor Walter's and Anthony Zumbo's thanks for all the men and women in the Street Department and the Electric Department and the safety forces who were providing services in a dangerous environment.

Mr. Gorbach stated that he would like to thank dispatch. He had a tree knock his power line down. The dispatcher put him on hold briefly and then answered the call apologizing for the delay. They were under a lot of stress and were busy, and he did not want to forget to acknowledge and thank them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.