

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

December 7, 2020

Members: Russ Balthis, Chair
Susan Spinner
Adam Miller

Mr. Balthis called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the November 2, 2020 and November 16, 2020 Public Affairs Committee were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-95

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-95

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Director of Public Safety, to enter into a Mobile Field Force Multi-Jurisdiction Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement with various political subdivisions within Summit County, and declaring an emergency.

Police Chief Jack Davis presented Temporary Ordinance A-95. The City of Cuyahoga Falls, Police Department, and the law enforcement agencies of various political subdivisions within Summit County (“Participants”) have determined that they can make a more efficient use of their powers and resources by providing a higher quality of law enforcement services to the public through the coordination of existing governmental units to other jurisdictions. The City of Cuyahoga Falls and Participants each may own and maintain a Mobile Field Force (“MFF”) unit, but may provide their MFF units and staff for operational assistance across jurisdictional lines within Summit County, Ohio. The City of Cuyahoga Falls and the Participants have the authority under the Ohio Revised Code Sections 505.43, 737.04 and 3345.041 to enter into this operational assistance agreement for law enforcement cooperation and assistance that crosses jurisdictional lines within Summit County, Ohio. The Mayor, as Director of Public Safety, will be authorized to enter into a Mobile Field Force Multi-Jurisdiction Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement with various political subdivisions within Summit County, Ohio.

Mr. Balthis thanked Chief Davis for taking some time to explain this ordinance. Chief Davis stated that what this ordinance does is formalize an agreement between many of the different departments in the area in case the City would need assistance for any large-scale event. This will give them an opportunity to train and work together. There are other types of cooperative agreements with other entities. With some of the large-scale events going on, it is an insurance policy to get more help in case the City would need it. By the same token, they would be offering help to some of the other smaller departments around here that may need it. This puts it into an ordinance which formalizes it.

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Mr. Balthis stated that any way the City can work with communities around it and save resources and increase training, especially to improve public safety, is important and a great idea. He stated that he appreciates the Police Department, the City and all the surrounding communities working together.

Mrs. Spinner moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-95 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.