

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council  
Minutes of the Community Development Committee**

**September 21, 2020**

**Members:** Meika Penta, Chair  
Rachel Loza  
Jeff Iula

Ms. Penta called the meeting to order at 8:47 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the July 20, 2020 Community Development Committee were approved as written.

**Legislation Discussed:**

Temp. Ord. A-59

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**Discussion:**

**Temp. Ord. A-59**

An ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Agreement with Kyocera SGS Precision Tools, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Diana Colavecchio, Community Development Director, and Ms. Peggy Szalay, CDBG Entitlement Administrator, presented Temporary Ordinance A-59 to Council. Kyocera SGS Precision Tools, Inc. is an industrial manufacturer of solid carbide cutting tools currently operating in both Cuyahoga Falls and Munroe Falls, Ohio. Kyocera SGS Precisions Tools, Inc has requested assistance in the form of a CDBG matching economic development grant to purchase necessary equipment to efficiently manufacture carbide cutting tools at their Marc Drive campus location in Cuyahoga Falls. The request for matching CDBG grant funds will help alleviate some of the financial burden caused by COVID-19. The City desires to enter a CDBG economic development agreement with Kyocera SGS Precision Tools, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to assist with the purchase of its necessary equipment.

Mr. Jeffrey Zaucha, CFO of Kyocera SGS Precision Tools, gave an overview of the project's progress to Council.

Mr. Brillhart stated that he very appreciates the investment in the City of Cuyahoga Falls. The buildings and the campus are exceptionally beautiful.

Mr. Gorbach stated that he also has been running a business during these challenging times. He is happy they are pushing things and hopefully seeing some light in all of this. It is good that they were able to prove to their corporate company that this is a good time to make an investment. Mr. Gorbach thanked Mr. Zaucha for all he is doing and for staying in Cuyahoga Falls.

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Mr. Iula moved to bring out Temp. Ordinance A-59 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Loza. Motion passed (3-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-60**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Amended Economic Development and Lease Agreement with Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board (“Summit DD”); authorizing the Mayor to transfer real property located at 2361 Second Street to Summit DD; and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a real property purchase agreement with Anthony E. Mandato and granting a future access easement to Summit DD, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Diana Colavecchio presented Temporary Ordinance A-60 to Council. The Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board (“Summit DD”) is a political subdivision created under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5126 that provides services for children and adults who live with developmental disabilities and are residents of Summit County. The City and Summit DD previously entered into an Economic Development and Lease Agreement dated October 1, 2019 for the relocation of one hundred (100) jobs in exchange for the City constructing parking lot improvements to accommodate the expansion of Summit DD’s operations in the City of Cuyahoga Falls. After further review and planning, Summit DD desires to construct an approximate (7,000) square foot addition onto its existing structure at Second Street in order to accommodate the relocation of an additional 30 jobs and additional parking lot space to said location. Due to Cuyahoga Falls Development Code new construction restrictions (setbacks, etc.), the square footage of the land mass will need to be increased to accommodate the size of the newly constructed addition. The City desires to assist Summit DD in relocating the additional 30 jobs to the City and adding additional parking lot spaces by transferring ownership of one parcel and purchasing an additional parcel so that Summit DD has the necessary space to construct its addition.

Mr. Trunk, Superintendent, Russ DuPlain, IT Director, and Lisa Kamlowksy, Assistant Superintendent, attended via Zoom on behalf of Summit DD.

Mrs. Penta stated that she was glad police training used the housing that is slated for demolition. The expansion will bring more jobs and will help the businesses that are downtown. Adding more facilities and more community outreach opportunity for the residents is an added treasure to the City. She is happy to see that the growth is beyond what was initially originally brought to Council.

Mr. Balthis stated that he is extremely excited for this project. This is something that is great for the city on so many levels. The support for the businesses and the additional parking is incredibly needed. The cherry on top of this is the amazing organization that Summit DD is and the important services they provide people all over Summit County, including Cuyahoga Falls.

Mr. Iula stated that he would like to echo what Mr. Balthis stated. It is great for Summit DD to come down and to bring over 100 new employees and build up Front Street.

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Mrs. Penta stated that she would like to welcome Rachel Loza. This was her first committee, and she did very well.

Ms. Loza moved to bring out Temp. Ordinance A-60 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.