

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
November 21, 2011

Members: Mark Ihasz, Chair
Kathy Hummel
Jeff Iula

Mr. Ihasz called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the November 7, 2011 committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Res. B-118
Temp. Ord. B-119

Discussion

Temp. Res. B-118

A resolution expressing support for the construction of the Cuyahoga Falls/Silver Lake Police Memorial, and declaring an emergency.

Officer Steve Amos stated in May, 2011, they introduced the unveiling of a police memorial. They started by putting together a committee in January, 2011. Silver Lake was included because they are part of same FOP lodge. This memorial is not just for officers but also for the families and community members. There will be podiums dedicated to officers who died while deployed in the military, officers who retired, and officers killed in the line of duty. They have two retired officers doing the research. The committee recently sent letters to the community with the goal of collecting \$60,000. The money collected would cover constructing and maintaining the memorial and also costs of adding names to the podiums and for the Honor Guard. To date, they have collected \$17,000. They would like to have the groundbreaking next year and have it completed in time for the bicentennial celebration. Mr. Ihasz felt this would be a great addition to the community and he supported this resolution.

Mrs. Hummel moved to bring out B-118 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (3-0).

Temp. Ord. B-119

An ordinance subdividing the City into wards pursuant to the 2010 Federal Decennial Census, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Walters stated this was started pursuant to City Charter which required the ward boundaries to be redrawn. The task began in early September and must be completed by the end of the year. As time went on, the Committee had one proposal, then four. The Committee recommended Proposal A. He received the mete and bounds, which is the legal description of the wards. He indicated that if everyone on Council could receive a copy, it would help. Mr. Ihasz thanked Mr. Walters for the time and effort he put into it. He also thanked Mr. Iula.

Mr. Iula stated he was on the Ad Hoc Committee and is a member of the Public Affairs Committee. He was excited and appreciative to have been appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee. It was the goal to move the least amount of people, and Proposal A did that, however, Proposal C moved less residents and also

moved less land. He appreciates the time Mr. Walters put into his proposal. He spent quite a lot of time on it, as well. During discussions, comments were made many times about the restructuring that occurred ten years ago. He felt bad about what had happened but he is now trying to proceed for the next ten years. He was disappointed that Proposal C was not recommended. He did not feel he could support Proposal A and didn't think it was in the best interest of the City and its citizens. Mrs. Klinger stated that Ward 8 has the largest population of all of the wards with 19% variance from the mean. She did not understand why people had to be moved into Ward 8 and then out of Ward 8. Mr. Mader echoed Mrs. Klinger's comments. From his perspective, Proposal C addressed everyone's issues.

Mr. Walters stated that at the last meeting, Proposal D was the chosen map and now it appears it is Proposal C. The numbers in Ward 6 are smallest but the ward has potential for growing. He did not want to bring up what occurred ten years ago. He was not on Council at that time but the Committee had to start with the framework that was created by the last redistricting. The Committee felt Proposal A was best and he stands behind what the Committee chose.

Mrs. Hummel moved to bring out B-119 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Ihasz. Motion passed (2-1).

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.