

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting
December 27, 2012**

Members: Diana Colavecchio, Chair
Don Walters
Jeff Iula

Mrs. Colavecchio called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the December 3, 2012 and December 10, 2012 Committee meetings were approved as submitted.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-123
Temp. Ord. A-114
Temp. Ord. A-116

Discussion

Mrs. Colavecchio moved to dissolve into executive session to review collective bargaining negotiations with the City's negotiating team, which was made at the request of the Administration; second by Mr. Walters. Roll call: Mrs. Colavecchio, yes; Mr. Walters, yes; Mr. James, yes; Mr. Rubino, yes; Mrs. Snyder, yes; Mrs. Klinger, yes; Mrs. Pyke, yes; Mr. Barnhart, yes; Mr. Iula, yes. Motion passed (9-0).

Mrs. Colavecchio moved to dissolve into executive session to discuss certain pending and imminent court actions involving the City, made at the request of the Administration; second by Mr. Walters. Roll call: Mrs. Colavecchio, yes; Mr. Walters, yes; Mr. James, yes; Mr. Rubino, yes; Mrs. Snyder, yes; Mrs. Klinger, yes; Mrs. Pyke, yes; Mr. Barnhart, yes; Mr. Iula, yes. Motion passed (9-0).

Council recessed into executive session at 6:40 p.m.

Mr. James moved to dissolve out of the executive session regarding bargaining negotiations, second by Mrs. Snyder. Roll call: Mrs. Colavecchio, yes; Mr. Walters, yes; Mr. James, yes; Mr. Rubino, yes; Mrs. Snyder, yes; Mrs. Klinger, yes; Mrs. Pyke, yes; Mr. Barnhart, yes; Mr. Iula, yes. Motion passed (9-0).

Mr. James moved to dissolve out of the executive session regarding pending court actions, second by Mrs. Pyke. Roll call: Mrs. Colavecchio, yes; Mr. Walters, yes; Mr. James, yes; Mr. Rubino, yes; Mrs. Snyder, yes; Mrs. Klinger, yes; Mrs. Pyke, yes; Mr. Barnhart, yes; Mr. Iula, yes. Motion passed (9-0).

Council came back into session at 6:56 p.m.

Temp. Ord. A-123

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amendment of Contract No. 6657 with the Utility Workers' Union of America, Local 399, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Janis stated this ordinance authorizes the first amendment of the collective bargaining unit for the utility workers. He urged that Council adopt the ordinance based on the discussion in closed session. Mrs. Colavecchio asked about the blank on line 20 and also the blank for the file number. Mr. Janis stated the union has ratified the contract amendment. He will provide that date to the Clerk. The file number is the same as the ordinance number after the ordinance is adopted.

Mr. Iula moved to bring out A-123 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Walters. Motion passed (3-0).

The Finance Committee recessed at 6:59 p.m. and reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

Temp. Ord. A-114

An ordinance establishing annual appropriations of money for the current expenses, capital expenditures and other expenses of the City of Cuyahoga Falls for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-116

An ordinance providing for supplemental and/or amended appropriations of money for current operating expenses and capital expenditures of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and authorizing the transfer of appropriations within and for the various funds hereinafter set forth, and declaring an emergency.

Regarding A-114, Mr. Brodzinski stated the various changes on Exhibit B refer to the one-time salary supplement with the exception of CDBG fund on page 4. That \$340,000 relates to the timing of a payment being made to Acme. The City does not need those appropriations for last year so he is taking it out.

Regarding A-116, he reviewed the clean-up of 2012 activity. His summary of explanations is attached. Mrs. Colavecchio asked how many people retired in 2012. Mr. Brodzinski stated he thought it was between 15 to 20. Mrs. Carr added there were a lot of retirements at the end of the year because of the changes to PERS. She will verify to make sure. They will also evaluate to see if any of those positions will be filled.

With regard to staffing, Mr. Janis stated he tracked it the way he did last year. He showed what positions were vacant during 2012 and whether those were to be filled in 2013. He did not put totals on the page because if someone moved from one position to another, it would throw off the totals. Mr. Brodzinski will do a count on the number of employees City-wide and get that number to Council. Mr. Walters asked about vacant homes. Mrs. Truby stated the City is very proactive. Banks are very slow but the City is accomplishing more with less inspectors than they have in previous years.

Mr. Walters moved to bring out A-114 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (3-0).

Mr. Walters moved to bring out A-116 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Iula. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.