

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting

July 5, 2005

Members: Mr. Flinn, Chairman; Mr. Barnhart, Vice Chair; Mr. Gorbach, Member.

Mr. Flinn called the Finance Committee to order at 7:10 p.m. The minutes from the Finance Committee meeting of 6/20/05 were approved as submitted.

Pieces of Legislation this evening (second readings):

At the request of the Administration, we will be holding Temp. Ord. B-100 until a later date.

B-100	An Ordinance providing for Health Care Insurance coverage for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, and declaring an emergency.
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B-99	An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the contract for sale of land for private redevelopment with Zaremba, Inc. and related findings and declaring an emergency.
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This was discussed thoroughly in Planning/Zoning Committee this evening regarding the Parcel 107. There was no further discussion.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B 99

B-101	An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of certain reconstruction materials for use in the municipal court during 2005, and declaring an emergency.
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Mr. Brodzinski indicates the renovations are approximately \$20,000 they have successfully completed other renovations totaling \$45,000.00.

Rick Klinger, 1715 17th Street: indicates the renovations are complete. There is an area in the basement we are looking into for future use. The Home Incarceration costs may be needed in the future. The office furniture and other renovations of \$45,000 have been spent to date, which includes benches and chamber accessories from Falls Lumber. The additional \$20,000 would be closely attached to the bailiff area and magistrate benches.

Mrs. Hummel asks if these renovations are meeting their needs? Judge Lisa Coates, 2415 Tire Drive, Hudson. Indicates this has made our court more efficient and brought it up to par. As for being long term, it has helped us for the next two years but she can't project beyond that. Our Community Control Department is in the basement for parolees and doesn't have handicap accessibility, but normally, this isn't an issue.

The committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B 101

B-102	An Ordinance authorizing a grant of funds for the purpose of assisting the Akron Community Health Resources, Inc., Safety Net Dental Clinic, and declaring an emergency.
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Various agencies have been attempting to assist this Akron Dental Clinic. We have been asked for \$15,000. Over the past ten years, 472 residents have used this clinic from the City of Cuyahoga Falls. Many coalitions are coming together to restart the Akron Dental Clinic.

Joyce Tate, 1400 S. Arlington Street, Akron, OH. These facilities are located in poor communities and are for residents who don't have access to dental care. They have lost their benefits, become unemployed, or no longer able to work. There have been 25,000 people helped here over the last

years. Oral Health Care is the highest unmet medical need. This can lead to other health correlations. She asks for our consideration on the importance of this assistance for less fortunate. Mr. Gorbach feels this is a wonderful way to help residents. We are the second largest city in the County and need to step up.

Mr. Barnhart asks the criteria for their services. Mrs. Tate indicates they accept people who don't have insurance. Their fees are based on the number of people in the house, their income, and apply it to a sliding scale. Medical care is around \$15 per visit, and this fee will increase slightly over the next months. Most of the children through the program are on public assistance and are directed to us.

Mrs. Pyke asks how the referrals are made. Mrs. Tate indicates word of mouth, and patients who have chronic health problems. Safety Net also works closely with the schools. Mrs. Pyke suggests a name change to include "Summit County" instead of "Akron". It may encourage suburbs to be familiar and feel their services would be available for them also.

Roly Sequin, 1830 High Bridge. He works with the Interfaith Hospitality of Summit County, which is a non-profit operation that places families without housing. Dental problems for these families can be a big issue and networking with this program would be beneficial.

The committee recommended bringing out TEMP. Ord. B 102

Miscellaneous Business:

Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m.