

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting

October 14, 2024

- Call to Order:** Mr. Balthis at 6:30 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Mr. Ashton, present; Mr. Balthis, present; Mr. Brillhart, present; Mr. DeRemer, present; Mr. James, present; Ms. Loza, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mrs. Penta, present; Mr. Siegferth, present; Mrs. Spinner, present; Mr. Stams, present.
- Invocation:** Mrs. Spinner
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Mrs. Penta
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the September 23, 2024 Council Meeting were approved as written.

Reports and Communications: A Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding New Permit Number 6511951 to Owen Real Estate Services, LLC, dba Not Napa Wine, 1st Floor and Basement, 1884 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44221.

A Letter from Mayor Walters dated October 1, 2024 regarding his appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Sharpe to the Board of Zoning Appeals filing the unexpired term of Mr. Ed Caruso expiring 12/31/2025.

New Legislation
(First Reading)

Temp. Ord. A-88 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts for the purchase of a Reelmaster 5010-H Hybrid Fairway Mower for use at Brookledge Golf Club, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-89 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into a contract or contracts, with Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. for the professional services necessary to manage the City's risk management and insurance program and for the purchase of public entity insurance coverages, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-90 (Finance)

An ordinance setting the compensation of the Mayor, Members of Council, Council President, and Clerk of Council commencing January 1, 2026 and January 1, 2028, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-91 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association, Patrol and Community Service Officers bargaining unit, effective July 1, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-92 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association, Sergeants and Lieutenants bargaining unit, effective July 1, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-93 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Utility Workers Union of America, Local 399, effective July 1, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-94 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 494, effective July 1, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-95 (Finance)

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 2662, effective July 1, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-96 (Finance)

An ordinance creating the positions of Specialist, Digital Media Geographic Information System Technician and Safety and Training Compliance Manager; amending Exhibit "A" of Ordinance 41-2024; and establishing compensation levels for employees of non-bargaining of the City Cuyahoga Falls effective July 1, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-97 (Finance)

An ordinance amending Ordinance 79-1987 and repealing Ordinance 122-1993 in connection with job classifications, positions, and compensation of various positions within the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-98 (Finance)

An ordinance establishing policies and procedures within the municipal corporation of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Ord. A-99 (Public Affairs)

An ordinance amending the Traffic Control File, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Res. A-100 (Public Affairs)

A resolution supporting Issue 40, the Summit County Children Services Levy at the General Election on November 5, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Temp. Res. A-101 (Public Affairs)

A resolution expressing support for and urging passage of Issue 29, the Cuyahoga Falls City School District Levy, at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. James moved to recess Council to conduct a meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Council recessed at 6:38 p.m. and reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

Reports of Special Committees

Mr. James moved to confirm Mayor Walter’s appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Sharpe to the Board of Zoning Appeals, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Mr. James moved to dissolve into Executive Session to discuss compensation for non-bargaining employees and to discuss collective bargaining compensation agreements between the City and its collective bargaining units, second by Mr. Brillhart. Roll Call: Mr. Ashton, Yes; Mr. Balthis, Yes; Mr. Brillhart, Yes; Mr. DeRemer, Yes; Mr. James, Yes; Ms. Loza, Yes; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, Yes; Mrs. Penta, Yes; Mr. Siegfert, Yes; Mrs. Spinner, Yes; Mr. Stams, Yes. Motion passes, 11-0. Council dissolved into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.

Mr. James moved to dissolve out of Executive Session, second by Mr. Brillhart. Roll Call: Mr. Ashton, Yes; Mr. Balthis, Yes; Mr. Brillhart, Yes; Mr. DeRemer, Yes; Mr. James, Yes; Ms. Loza, Yes; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, Yes; Mrs. Penta, Yes; Mr. Siegfert, Yes; Mrs. Spinner, Yes; Mr. Stams, Yes. Motion passes, 11-0. Council dissolved out of Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.

Mr. James moved to recess Council to conduct a Special Finance Committee meeting, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Council recessed at 7:52 p.m. and reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

Reports of Council’s Standing Committees

(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning:

No Report.

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Ord. A-81

An ordinance determining to proceed with the acquisition, installation, equipment, and improvement of certain public improvements in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio in cooperation with the Akron Summit County Energy Special Improvement District, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-81, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-82

An ordinance levying special assessments for the purpose of acquiring, installing, equipping, and improving certain public improvements in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio in cooperation with the Akron Summit County Energy Special Improvement District; and approving an Energy Project Cooperative Agreement, a Special Assessment Agreement, and a Supplement to a Standing Payment Agreement in connection with improvements and in such special assessments, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-82, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-83

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, with Survalent Technology Corp. for the replacement of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition platform for the Electric Department, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-83, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-89

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into a contract or contracts, with Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. for the professional services necessary to manage the City's risk management and insurance program and for the purchase of public entity insurance coverages, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-89, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public Improvements:

Temp. Ord. A-84

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Akron, Ohio for the connection of the relocated Gorge Sanitary Trunk Sewer to the Northside Interceptor Tunnel, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-84, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-85

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, with O. R. Colan Associates, LLC, for professional engineering services for the improvements to Wyoga Lake Road, from E. Steels Corners Road to Seasons Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-85, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-86

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts without competitive bidding with Kenmore Construction for the replacement of City storm sewer for emergency repairs at 125 Graham Road, and increasing appropriations, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-86, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-87

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, to construct three (3) dumpster enclosures on Riverfront Parkway, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Penta moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-87, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public Affairs:

No Report.

Community Development:

No Report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Planning & Zoning:	October 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
Finance:	October 21, 2024, at 6:35 p.m.
Public Improvements:	Subject to Call.
Public Affairs:	October 21, 2024, at 6:40 p.m.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.

Miscellaneous Business

Ms. Diana Colavecchio, Community Development Director, reminded everyone that there will be an open house held tomorrow, October 15, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Pavilion, 2085 Front Street. Members of the public will have an opportunity to provide input on the plans for the South State Road and Bailey Road corridors. All members of the community are invited to attend.

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Russ Balthis, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council