

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting
February 1, 2010

Members: Mark Ihasz, Chair
Kathy Hummel
Jeff Iula

Mr. Ihasz called the meeting to order at 10:15 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes from the December 21, 2009 and January 19, 2010 Committee meetings were approved as submitted.

Legislation to be Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-25

Discussion

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An ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Cuyahoga Falls Codified Ordinances, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Arrington stated this is the annual update to the Codified Ordinances required by State law. The Codified Ordinances must be in line with State law. The City's publisher goes through the changes in State law and then goes through the City's Code. Most of the changes were just a word here or there. The document distributed to Council is Exhibit A to the ordinance. He added that the website will be updated as well.

Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. A-25.

Mr. Ihasz stated that a resident wished to speak to Council and Administration on an issue he has been experiencing with the City.

Barry Braunstein, 1405 Buckingham Gate, was present because he was interested in serving the City by helping with the review of the City Charter. He was encouraged by some Council members to request to be on the Charter Review Commission, and he wrote a cordial letter to the Mayor requesting that. He stated the Mayor rejected his request, and he did not agree with comments made by the Mayor to one of the Council members. He wants to be involved in reviewing the Charter because he does not feel there are any checks and balances. As an example, he stated that Council is not permitted to hire independent counsel or an attorney to look into matters. He asked that Council and the Mayor insist that there be checks and balances put in place in the Charter. He will be reviewing the Charter and making recommendations through various Council members. The current process is flawed. There is not enough representation of the people in this City.

Mr. Ihasz asked the Mayor when Council would be receiving the appointments to the Charter Review Commission. The Mayor said he thought Council had already received his letter. He stated he would check to see where the letter is.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.