

**CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting**

**March 25, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Mr. James at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Ashton, present; Mr. Balthis, absent; 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:** None

**Reports and Communications:** None

**New Legislation**  
(First Reading)

**Temp. Ord. A-40 (Finance)**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to purchase certain interests in real property from David B. Sr. and Mary Schrembeck, necessary for the improvement of State Road, Seasons Road, and Wyoga Lake Road, and declaring an emergency.

**Temp. Ord. A-41 (Public Improvements)**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the rehabilitation and remodeling of City Hall bathrooms, and declaring an emergency.

**Reports of Council's Standing Committees**  
(Third Reading)

**Planning & Zoning:**

No Report.

**Finance & Appropriations:**

**Temp. Ord. A-36**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with The Cope Salt Company for bulk salt used in the water treatment process, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-36, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

**Public Improvements:**

No Report.

**Public Affairs:**

**Temp. Res. A-37**

A resolution declaring the month of March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Loza moved to adopt Temp. Res. A-37, second by Mr. Ashton. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

**Temp. Ord. A-38**

An ordinance amending the Traffic Control File by reducing the speed limit on Bailey Road from Erie to Front Street, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Loza moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-38, second by Mr. Ashton. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

**Community Development:**

**Temp. Ord. A-39**

An ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Community Development Block Grant Agreement with Polymerics, Inc. for an economic development project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Siegferth moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-39, second by Mr. Ashton. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

**Schedule of Committee Meetings**

Planning & Zoning:	Subject to Call.
Finance:	April 1, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
Public Improvements:	April 1, 2024, at 6:35 p.m.
Public Affairs:	Subject to Call.
Community Development:	Subject to Call.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Mr. Bryan Hoffman, Finance Director, presented Report 21 to Council. In the General Fund, under Property Tax Revenue, they do not receive the first-half settlement until the beginning of May. The numbers that are reflected between 2022 and 2023 would not be correct until they receive the settlement and will be reported in either May or June. Under Admissions Tax, the season at Blossom Music Center has not yet started, so those number are not indicative of what they will be seeing this year. Under Interest Income, they anticipate to continue having a pretty sizeable increase in the Interest Income line for 2024. At this time, they are in negotiations with the unions, so under the expense side of the ledger, they have not entered raises into the Personal Services line item, so costs and things may change as the year goes on. In the Street Construction and Maintenance Repair Fund, the unencumbered fund balance at the end of 2024 is a little over \$1 million. This is mostly due to the mild winter and salt purchases made, so the City is doing well there.

Items of note in the Recreation Leisure Time Fund, the Natatorium this year is up five percent over 2023. Waterworks shows a little bit of revenue as they are still selling passes. The golf course was open in February and had a couple days of play. Those revenues will be in the March numbers. Downview is same story. They will continue to monitor that and, hopefully, see good numbers as they get into summer in those facilities. In the Self-Insurance Fund, this year they are seeing a five-percent increase through February in the Hospitalization and Dental line item which is right on par with what they anticipated. Prescriptions drugs are flat from 2023.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to excuse the absence of Mr. Balthis, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0.)

Mr. Brillhart moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed, voice vote (10-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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Jerry James, President Pro Tem

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Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council