



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

2:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Miller, Sweeney, Byrne, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Stephens, Kelly and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Conwell and Simon joined the meeting after the roll call was taken.**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**The following individuals addressed Council regarding Resolution No. 2024-0180: A Resolution determining to submit to the electors the question of replacing the excise tax on the sale of cigarettes for the purpose of funding arts and cultural facilities and programs in the County:**

- a) **Donna Dabbs, Greater Cleveland Urban Film Foundation**
- b) **Sonia Winner, Cleveland Museum of Natural History**
- c) **Amy Cronauer, Museum of Contemporary Art – Cleveland**
- d) **Michael Gill, Collective Arts Network**
- e) **Megan Gargano, The Movement Project**

### 4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) **R2024-0180: A Resolution determining to submit to the electors the question of replacing the excise tax on the sale of cigarettes for the purpose of funding arts and cultural facilities and programs in the County; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.**

**Ms. Jill Paulsen, Executive Director of Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and Mr. Jeremy Johnson, President and Chief Executive Officer of Assembly for the Arts and Assembly for Action, addressed Councilmembers and provided a presentation for Public Funding for Arts & Culture regarding Resolution No. R2024-0180. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Paulsen and Mr. Johnson, pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2024-0180 was considered and approved, as substituted, to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Ms. Turner requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.**

- b) O2024-0004: An Ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 703 of the County Code establishing a Justice Center Capital Projects Fund within the General Fund, and directing the deposit of specified sales and use tax proceeds therein; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

**Mr. Greg Huth, Assistant Law Director and Senior Counsel, introduced a proposed substitute to Ordinance No. O2024-0004. Discussion ensued.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.**

**Mr. Schron introduced a proposed amendment to Ordinance No. O2024-0004. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Schron provided clarification regarding the proposed amendment he is sponsoring and requested the item be read into the record. Mr. Schron then made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kelly, to amend the previously approved proposed substitute submitted by the Law Department, by incorporating additional modifications to Section 703.02. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Michael King, Special Counsel for Council, addressed Councilmembers regarding the changes in the proposed amendment introduced by Mr. Schron. Discussion ensued.**

**Council President Jones recommended the item be held for further discussion.**

**There was no legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2024-0004.**

- c) O2024-0005: An Ordinance amending Chapter 501 of the Cuyahoga County Code; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

**There was no legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2024-0005.**

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Personnel matters, including:
  - i) The appointment or employment of a public employee
- b) Pending or imminent court action

**A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel matters and pending or imminent court action and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Jones at 4:13 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Miller, Sweeney; Byrne; Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Turner, Stephens, Simon, Kelly and Jones.**

**The following additional attendees were present: Assistant Law Director and Senior Counsel, Gregory Huth; Assistant Civil Division Chief David Lambert; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Mark Musson; Jerad J. Zibritosky, Chief Counsel – Contracts & Transactions, Law Department; Cuyahoga County Audit Committee Chair Michael Abouserhal; Keith Libman, Audit Committee; Fiscal Officer Michael Chambers; Human Resources Director, Sarah Nemastil; Chief of Operations and Community Innovation Katherine Gallagher; Daniel J. McMullen, Partner at Calfee; Chief Information Officer Andy Johnson;**

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m., without objection.**