



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026 — 2:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Miller called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Miller asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Sweeney, Casselberry, Gallagher, Schleper, Conwell, Houser, Simon, Kelly and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Meredith Turner was absent.

[Clerk's Note: Councilmember Jones joined the meeting after the roll-call was taken].

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed Council regarding various agenda and non-agenda items.

4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

- a) R2026-0074: A Resolution making an award on RQ7867 to Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,800,000.00 for Building Commissioning Services for the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center Project, effective upon signatures of all parties - 7/31/2029; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5850 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Nichole English, Planning and Program Administrator for the Department of Public Works, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0074. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. English pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Council President Miller asked Ms. English why the Department is requesting this item be passed under second reading suspension of the rules. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2026-0074 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- b) O2026-0001: An Ordinance amending Chapter 703 of the Cuyahoga County Code, entitled Justice Center Capital Projects Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Mr. Erik Janas, Chief of Staff, Executive's Office, addressed the Committee and gave brief remarks regarding Ordinance No. O2026-0001.

Mr. Bob Franz, Managing Director of Stifel Niklas, and the Municipal Advisor for Cuyahoga County and Ms. Rebecca Princehorn, Bond Counsel for Bricker Graydon Wyatt Public Finance Group, addressed the Committee and gave a presentation regarding the Justice Center Capital Project Fund background and rationale for amendments; federal tax considerations and bond rating concerns. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Franz and Ms. Princehorn pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Greg Huth, Assistant Law Director and Senior Counsel, and Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Director of the Office of Budget & Management addressed the Committee and provided clarification regarding amendment language and funding questions posed by Councilmembers pertaining to the item.

Council President Miller stated that the Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m. to continue the dialogue for Ordinance No. O2026-0001 and for the issuance of bonds legislation that is being introduced at this evening's Council meeting, but will be briefly discussed in the following presentation.

Mr. Miller advised his colleagues to submit any proposed amendments to this legislation they may have and sent them to him by the close of business on Friday, March 27, so everyone will know what amendments are up for consideration at next Tuesday's Committee of the Whole meeting.

There was no further legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2026-0001.

5. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION:

- a) authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$984,540,000 for the purposes of costs of capital projects for County corrections center facilities, which shall include the cost of acquiring, including acquiring land and interests in land, constructing, reconstructing, rehabilitating, remodeling, renovating, enlarging, improving, furnishing, and equipping facilities, with related site improvements and appurtenances thereto; authorizing the signing and delivery of a purchase agreement relating to the sale of the bonds and related agreements and certificates.

Mr. Bob Franz Managing Director of Stifel Niklas, and the Municipal Advisor for Cuyahoga County and Ms. Rebecca Princehorn, Bond Counsel for Bricker Graydon Wyatt Public Finance Group gave a brief overview presentation and addressed the Committee regarding the Capital Facility Bonds for the Central Services Campus; the background and context of the current 0.25% sales tax; notes sold for preliminary expenditures; funding needs; not-to-exceed amount; term and security of bonds; financing plan; interest earnings on bond proceeds; new facility efficiencies and bond issue timing. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Franz and Ms. Princehorn pertaining to the presentation, which they answered accordingly.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m., without objection.