CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026 — 2:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Miller called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

[Clerk's Note: Councilmember Conwell, Turner and Simon joined the meeting during Executive Session.]

A motion was made by Mr. Casselberry, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous voted to excuse Councilmember Pernel Jones from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed Council regarding the Women's Homeless Shelter.

[Clerk's Note: Item No. 5.) was taken out of order and considered before Item No. 4.a); b); c) and d)].

4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

a) R2026-0094: A Resolution 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; authorizing and approving related matters; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Committee Assignment and Chair: Committee of the Whole – Miller

Mr. Bob Franz, Financial Advisor, Stifel Niklas; Mr. Greg Huth, Assistant Law Director and Senior Counsel and Ms. Nichole English, Planning and Program Administrator, Department of Public Works, addressed Council and provided additional information regarding the Capital Facility Bonds. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Miller introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2026-0094. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Ms. Conwell, with a second by Mr. Casselberry, the substitute to Resolution No. R2026-0094 was accepted by unanimous vote.

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney and seconded by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2025-0095 was considered and approved by unanimous roll call vote, as substituted, to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

b) R2026-0095: A Resolution authorizing a revenue generating agreement with City of Euclid at a per diem rate of $234.00 through 12/31/2026 and then increasing to $257.00 through the remainder of the contract term for inmate housing services in the total anticipated amount of $1,900,000.00 for the period 5/1/2026 – 12/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5761 and all other documents consistent with said agreement and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Miller announced that this legislation was originally referred to the Committee of the Whole because the Public Safety and Justice Affairs Committee did not take place on the normal date and time. We would like to refer this legislation to the full Council for tonight's meeting and then re refer the item to the Public Safety and Justice Affairs Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Casselberry, with a second by Ms. Simon, and approved by unanimous vote, Resolution No. R2026-0095 was referred to the full Council agenda with the intent to re refer it to the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee.

c) R2026-0110: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 4263 with the Gilbane Building Company dated April 23, 2024, for additional funds in the amount not to exceed $752,353,406.00, to establish a guaranteed maximum price in the amount not to exceed $806,314,787.00, for a total contract value of $810,706,406.00 for design-build services for the County Central Services Campus, to include the County corrections center and the offices of the County Sheriff, effective upon signature of all parties; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Jeffrey Appelbaum, Managing Director of Project Management Consultants, LLC, and Ms. Nichole English, Department of Public Works, addressed Council and provided additional information regarding the Cuyahoga County Central Services GMP Amendment. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner Resolution No. R2026-0010 was considered and approved by a unanimous roll call vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

d) R2026-0111: A Resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount not to exceed $73,225,000 to provide funds to pay the costs of remodeling, renovating, rehabilitating, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving the facilities of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, 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; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

No Legislative action was taken on this item.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Pending or imminent court action

Clerk's Note: Item No. 5.) was taken out of order and considered before Item No. 4.a); b); c) and d)].

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Casselberry, and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent court action and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Miller at 2:14 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Gallagher, Schleper, Houser, Kelly, Sweeney, Casselberry and Miller.

[Clerk's Note: Councilmember Simon, Turner and Conwell joined the meeting during Executive Session.]

The following additional attendees were present: Senior Counsel Gregory Huth; Assistant Law Director Katherine Gallagher, Chief of Operations and Community Innovation, Civil Division Chief David Lambert; Prosecutor Michael O'Malley; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Mark Musson; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Brendan Healy; Nora Poore and Brendan Doyle; Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni, Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer and Special Counsel Michael King and Research and Policy Analyst Laura Black.

At 2:57 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Miller then reconvened the meeting.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m., without objection.