



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 — 1:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Miller called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Council President Miller stated that the agenda will be taken out of order. Resolutions No. R2026-0154 and R2026-0155 will be considered prior to Resolution No. R2026-0080.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Annette Tucker Sutherland addressed Council regarding the Charter amendment process and various Charter amendment proposals.

Mr. Will Tarter, Jr. addressed Council regarding the Charter amendment proposal to establish campaign finance laws.

4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0080: A Resolution amending the 2026/2027 Biennial Operating Budget for 2026 by providing for additional fiscal appropriations from the General Fund and other funding sources, for appropriation transfers between budget accounts and for cash transfers between budgetary funds, to meet the budgetary needs of various County departments, amending Resolution No. R2025-0350 dated 12/09/25; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Simon and Mr. Gallagher addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2026-0080. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Erik Janas, Chief of Staff for County Executive Ronayne and Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2026-0080. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Janas and McAleer pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly. Mr. Houser requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to R2026-0080.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Gallagher, the motion for Resolution No. R2026-0080 failed by a roll-call vote of 5 yeas and 5 nays with Councilmembers Houser, Simon, Kelly, Sweeney and Gallagher voting in the affirmative and Councilmembers Turner, Casselberry, Schleper, Conwell and Miller casting dissenting votes.

- b) R2026-0154: A Resolution declaring the necessity of submitting to the electors of Cuyahoga County the question of an additional 2.25-mill tax levy for the operation of community programs and services authorized by county boards of developmental disabilities, for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of developmental disabilities facilities, or for both of such purposes in accordance with Section 5705.222 of the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- c) R2026-0155: A Resolution determining to proceed with submitting to the electors of Cuyahoga County the question of an additional 2.25-mill tax levy for the operation of community programs and services authorized by county boards of developmental disabilities, for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of developmental disabilities facilities, or for both of such purposes in accordance with Section 5705.222 of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

[Clerk's Note: Resolution Nos. R2026-0154 and R2026-0155 were read into the record simultaneously.]

Ms. Rachael Sielski, Chief Business Officer for the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities; Dr. Amber Gibbs, Superintendent & CEO of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, addressed Council regarding Resolution Nos. R2026-0154 and R2026-0155. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Sielski and Dr. Gibbs pertaining to the items, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0154 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Councilmembers Miller, Sweeney, Conwell, Turner, Schleper and Casselberry requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to Resolutions No. R2026-0154.

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0154 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Councilmembers Miller, Sweeney, Conwell, Turner, Schleper and Casselberry requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to Resolutions No. R2026-0155.

5. PRESENTATIONS – CHARTER AMENDMENTS OVERVIEW

Council President Miller turned the gavel over to Mr. Schleper, Chair of the Council Operations, Information Technology & Public Transportation Committee.

Mr. Schleper made brief remarks regarding the Charter amendment process and current proposals.

Mr. McAleer and Mr. Michael King, Special Counsel, provided Council with an overview and history of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. McAleer and King pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

[Clerk's Note: Items Nos. 5.)e.) and 5.)f.) were presented prior to Item No. 5.)a.)]

- a) A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article I, Section 1.02 of the County Charter to provide that no tax levied, extended, or renewed by the County shall go into effect until such question has been submitted to, and approved by, the electors of the County; and to provide for the manner of submitting such question to the electors.

Mr. Gallagher provided an overview of the proposal and Mr. King addressed Council regarding amending Article I, Section 1.02 of the County Charter. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. King pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- b) A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article III, Section 3.09 of the County Charter to require the County Council to establish campaign laws by ordinance including, without limitation, campaign finance regulation, donor disclosure requirements, and enforcement.

Mr. Sweeney provided an overview of the proposal to amend Article III, Section 3.09 of the County Charter to require the County Council to establish campaign laws. Discussion ensued.

- c) A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article XVI of the County Charter to provide that the Sheriff be elected quadrennially commencing at the 2028 countywide general election, and providing for the qualifications and powers and duties for the office of the Sheriff.

Mr. Sweeney provided an overview of the proposal and Messrs. King and McAleer addressed Council regarding amending Article XVI of the County Charter to provide that the Sheriff be elected quadrennially commencing at the 2028 countywide general election, and providing for the qualifications and powers and duties for the office of the Sheriff. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. King and McAleer pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

- d) A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article II, Section 2.03 and Article VI, Section 6.04 of the County Charter to

require that County Council confirm the County Executive's removal of members of boards, agencies, commissions and authorities as are (1) created by or pursuant to the Charter or (2) as are provided by general law to be appointed by boards of county commissioners.

Ms. Simon provided an overview of the proposal to amend the County Charter to require that County Council confirm the County Executive's removal of members of boards, agencies, commissions and authorities. Discussion ensued.

- e) A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article XVI to provide the County Executive the power to suspend, discipline, or remove the Sheriff; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

County Executive Ronayne addressed Council regarding the proposal to provide the County Executive the power to suspend, discipline, or remove the Sheriff. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of County Executive Ronayne pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- f) A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Sections 4.01 and 5.06 of the County Charter to delineate the powers and duties of the Prosecuting Attorney and Director of Law; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

County Executive Ronayne and Mr. Michael O'Malley, Prosecutor, addressed Council regarding the proposal to amend Sections 4.01 and 5.06 of the County Charter to delineate the powers and duties of the Prosecuting Attorney and Director of Law. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Ronayne and O'Malley pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Schleper turned the gavel back over to Council President Miller.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Collective bargaining matter, including:
 - i) a collective bargaining agreement between Cuyahoga County and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc., covering approximately (8) employees in the classification of Court Security Officer for the period 1/1/2025-12/31/2027;

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney seconded by Mr. Kelly and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining matters and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Miller at 4:26p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Turner, Jones, Schleper, Kelly, Sweeney, Casselberry and Miller. The following additional attendees were present: Law Director Rick Manoloff, Assistant Law

Director Rebecca Divoky, Senior Manager of Compensation and HRIS John Kennick, Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni, Special Counsel Michael King and Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer.

At 4:40 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Miller then reconvened the meeting.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m., without objection.