



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026—10:00 A.M.

Committee Members

Michael J. Houser, Sr., Chair | Dist. 10

Pernel Jones, Jr., Vice Chair | Dist. 8

Patrick Kelly | Dist. 1

Robert E. Schleper, Jr. | Dist. 6

Sunny M. Simon | Dist. 11

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Houser called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Houser asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Houser and Kelly were in attendance. Committee member Schleper was absent, and a quorum was not determined. In accordance with Rule 12F of the County Council Rules, Council President Miller appointed Councilmember Gallagher as a Member Pro Tem of the Community Development and Housing Committee. A quorum was established. Committee members Jones and Simon joined the meeting after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0280: A Resolution making awards to various municipalities in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,698,843.00 for various projects or programs in connection with the FY2027 Community Development Block Grant Program for the period 1/1/2027 – 12/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
 - 1) City of Bedford in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Public Parking Expansion Project.
 - 2) City of Berea in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Kraft Street Improvement Project.

- 3) City of Brook Park in the amount not-to-exceed \$48,843.00 for Cavanaugh Park Playground Replacement Project.
- 4) City of Garfield Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Recreational Center Parking Lot Repair & Resurfacing Project.
- 5) City of Maple Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Maple Heights Boulevard Resurfacing Project.
- 6) City of Shaker Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Winslow Road Traffic Calming Project.
- 7) City of University Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Senior Home Repair Program.
- 8) City of Warrensville Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Green Road Park Public Safety, ADA Restroom & Facility Improvements Project.
- 9) Village of Brooklyn Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Brooklyn Heights Park ADA Lower Restroom Project.
- 10) Village of Newburgh Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Kathy Edwards Park Parking Lot Project.
- 11) Village of North Randall in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Residential Rehabilitation & Preservation Project.
- 12) Village of Oakwood in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Blackburn Road & Weber Park Drive Infrastructure Improvement Project.

Ms. Kellie Glenn, Administrator for the Department of Housing and Community Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0280.

Committee members had no questions for Ms. Glenn pertaining to the item.

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0280 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- b) R2026-0281: A Resolution making awards to various municipalities and agencies in the total amount not-to-exceed \$949,893.18 for various projects or programs in connection with the FY2027 Community Development Supplemental Grant Program for the period 2/1/2027 – 1/31/2028; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and contracts and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) City of Bay Village in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Bradley Park ADA-Accessible Path Addition & Rehabilitation.

- 2) City of Bedford in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Public Parking Expansion Project.
- 3) City of Berea in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for The Kraft Street Improvement Project.
- 4) City of Brooklyn in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Property Maintenance Program.
- 5) City of Euclid in the amount not-to-exceed \$49,893.18 for Mavec Park Sensory Playspace Expansion.
- 6) City of Garfield Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Exterior Home Repair Program.
- 7) City of Maple Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Exterior Home Repair Program.
- 8) City of Middleburg Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA-Compliant Playground Equipment, Phase 2 City Hall Park.
- 9) City of University Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Sidewalk Repair Project.
- 10) City of Warrensville Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Green Road Park Public Safety, ADA Restroom & Facility Improvements.
- 11) Village of Brooklyn Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA-Compliant Restroom Brooklyn Heights Lower Park.
- 12) Village of Highland Hills in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA-Accessible Entrance to Community Room.
- 13) Village of Newburgh Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Park Improvements & Infrastructure Project.
- 14) Village of Oakwood in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Oakwood, Blackburn, Weber Park Infrastructure.
- 15) Village of Walton Hills in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Krick & Hannan Corridor Improvement.
- 16) Jefferson-Puritas Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for “More Alike than Different” Mural.
- 17) First Suburbs Consortium Development Council in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for First Suburbs Bungalow Initiative 2.0.
- 18) South Euclid Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Senior Landscaping & Snow Removal Program.

19) West Creek Conservancy in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Snow to Grantwood Connector Trail.

Chairman Houser introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2026-0281.

Ms. Cynthia Mason, Research and Policy Analyst for County Council, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0281, and stated that the proposed substitute will increase the allocation amount for grant funding and add (6) additional projects. Discussion ensued.

Committee member Kelly asked a question pertaining to the legislation, which Clerk Richardson answered accordingly.

A motion was then made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0281 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council for passage under second reading suspension of the rules, as substituted.

Chairman Houser requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- c) O2026-0011: An Ordinance amending Chapter 704 of the Cuyahoga County Code to repeal the "Maximum Base Funding" limitation on the amounts annually deposited in the County Land Reutilization Fund; and declaring the necessity that this O become immediately effective.

Mr. Ricardo León, President and Chief Executive Officer for the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2026-0011, and gave a brief history of the Cuyahoga County Land Bank. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. León pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Brad Cromes, County Treasurer, addressed the Committee regarding future revenues. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Cromes, which he answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.

There was no legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2026-0011.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Houser adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m., without objection.