CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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 Conwell, Houser, Simon, Kelly, Sweeney, Gallagher, Schleper and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Jones joined the meeting after the roll call was taken. Councilmembers Turner and Casselberry were absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Loh addressed Council regarding homeless service policies.

b) Councilmember James P. Boyle, Orange Village, addressed Council regarding the Item for Discussion: Objecting to the creation of three residential tax increment financing incentive Districts under Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(C) by the Village of Orange.

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Councilmember Meredith Turner from the Meeting.

4. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

a) R2026-0299: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with The MetroHealth System in the amount not-to-exceed $161,223,420.00 for Correctional Health Care Services for the Cuyahoga County Jail System for the period 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2031; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No._____ and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Erik Janas, Chief of Staff for County Executive Ronayne; Mr. Greg Huth, Interim Law Director; Mr. Nestor Rivera, Chief of Corrections; Dr. R. Douglas Bruce, MD, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of The MetroHealth System; Mr. Harold Pretel, Sheriff; and Ms. Donna Kaleal, Finance Manager, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2026-0299. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Janas, Mr. Huth, Chief Rivera, Dr. Bruce, Sheriff Pretel and Ms. Kaleal pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Gallagher introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2026-0299. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Trevor McAleer addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2026-0299. Discussion ensued.

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2026-0299 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, as substituted.

Councilmembers Schleper, Sweeney, Miller, Kelly, Conwell and Jones requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

5. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

    a) Objecting to the creation of three residential tax increment financing incentive districts under Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(C) by the Village of Orange.

Mr. Michael Chambers, Fiscal Officer; Mr. Benjamin Schaefer, Legislative Affairs Advisor; Mr. Janas; and Mr. Chris Alvarado, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed Council regarding objecting to the creation of three residential tax increment financing districts by the Village of Orange. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Chambers, Schaefer, Janas and Alvarado pertaining to the item, 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 4:39 p.m., without objection.