



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
10:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Turner, Stephens, Simon and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. SILENT MEDITATION

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Stephanie Thomas, Shelter the People Cleveland, addressed Council regarding seasonal shelter funding for calendar year 2024.

b) Paul Sherlock addressed Council regarding homelessness.

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

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) December 5, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting

b) December 5, 2023 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2023 Committee of the Whole and Regular meetings.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

There were no announcements from Council President Jones.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Ronayne extended well wishes and congratulated Councilmember Tuma on his new role as Law Director of the City of Parma; said he looks forward to working with Council on the relocation of the Walton Avenue Seasonal Shelter; expressed his appreciation to the departments and Council for their completion of the biennial budget; spoke about the time and research devoted to understanding all factors related to the financing of the Central Services Campus, so the County could address deficiencies and develop a more modern jail, while ensuring more humane conditions.

9. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE

a) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Resolution Nos. R2023-0377 & R2023-0378.

- 1) R2023-0377: A Resolution amending the 2022/2023 Biennial Operating Budget for 2023 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, offices and agencies, amending Resolution No. R2023-0356 dated 11/28/2023; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Fiscal Officer/Office of Budget and Management

Mr. Miller introduced a proposed substitute on the floor to Resolution No. R2023-0377. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller, with a second by Ms. Turner Resolution No. R2023-0377 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote, as substituted.

R2023-0378: A Resolution amending Resolution No. R2023-0319 dated 12/5/2023, which confirmed the County Executive's appointment of Tanisha Warren to serve on the Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund representing the Great Lakes Region, by changing the unexpired term from 1/23/2024 to 1/23/2025; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

On a motion by Mr. Miller, with a second by Mr. Sweeney Resolution No. R2023-0378 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

b) COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES FOR FOURTH READING ADOPTION

- 1) O2023-0012: An Ordinance amending and codifying Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2007-073101 dated July 26, 2007, and enacting new Chapter 727, Section 727.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code to change the period of time during which the County sales tax shall be levied at the aggregate rate of one and one-fourth percent; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Cuyahoga County Executive Ronayne/ Fiscal Office/Office of Budget and Management and Councilmember Miller

Committee Assignment and Chair: Committee of the Whole – Jones

Ms. Simon introduced a proposed substitute on the floor to Ordinance No. R2023-O2023-0012. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Schron to accept the proposed substitute. The motion failed by a majority roll-call vote of 5 yeas and 6 nays with Councilmembers Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Stephens and Simon voting

in the affirmative and Councilmembers Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Turner, and Jones casting dissenting votes.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, with a second by Ms. Turner, the original legislation for Ordinance No. O2023-0012 was considered and adopted by a majority roll-call vote of 6 yeas and 5 nays with Councilmembers Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Turner and Jones voting in the affirmative and Councilmembers Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Stephens and Simon casting dissenting votes.

[Clerk's Note: The legislation did not receive the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council; therefore, it is not effective immediately.]

- 2) O2023-0013: An Ordinance amending and codifying Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2007-073102 dated July 26, 2007, and enacting new Chapter 727, Section 727.02 of the Cuyahoga County Code to change the period of time during which the County use tax shall be levied at the aggregate rate of one and one-fourth percent; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Cuyahoga County Executive Ronayne/Fiscal Office/Office of Budget and Management and Councilmember Miller

Committee Assignment and Chair: Committee of the Whole – Jones

Ms. Simon introduced a proposed substitute on the floor to Ordinance No. R2023-O2023-0013. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Ms. Simon and seconded by Ms. Conwell to accept the proposed substitute. The motion failed by a majority roll-call vote of 5 yeas and 6 nays with Councilmembers Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Stephens and Simon voting in the affirmative and Councilmembers Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Turner, and Jones casting dissenting votes. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Schron and seconded by Ms. Conwell to table Ordinance No. O2023-0013. The motion failed by a majority roll-call vote of 4 yeas and 7 nays with Councilmembers Schron, Conwell, Stephens and Simon voting in the affirmative and Councilmembers Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Turner and Jones casting dissenting votes. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, with a second by Ms. Turner, the original legislation for Ordinance No. O2023-0013 was considered and adopted by a majority roll-call vote

of 6 yeas and 5 nays with Councilmembers Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Turner and Jones voting in the affirmative and Councilmembers Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Stephens and Simon casting dissenting votes.

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10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Councilmember Sweeney presented a resolution to Councilmember Tuma and congratulated him on his new role as Law Director for the City of Parma.

Councilmember Gallagher thanked everyone for their work over the past 6 years on the new Justice Center/Jail and believes that regardless of how every Councilmember voted on matter, that they can all work together, stay focused and move forward on this critical project.

Councilmember Schron thanked Councilmember Gallagher for the work he did to move the Jail Project forward.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m., without objection.