



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Schron called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

In accordance with Rule 12F of the County Council Rules, Council President Jones appointed Councilmember Miller as a Member Pro Tem of the Economic Development & Planning Committee.

Mr. Schron asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Schron and Kelly and Committee Member Pro Tem Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Simon, Stephens and Byrne were absent. Council President Jones was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed the committee members regarding funding of various County initiatives.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 10, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0254: A Resolution amending Resolution No. R2023-0349 dated 12/5/2023, as amended by Resolution Nos. R2016-0218, R2018-0067, R2020-0061, R2022-0049 and R2023-0020, which authorized funding in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 to Variety Properties LLC for the benefit of a project located at 11801 - 11825 Lorain Avenue in the City of Cleveland, by extending the Resolution sunset provision from May 31, 2024, to November 30, 2024; converting the funding from a grant to a partially or fully forgivable loan; requiring review and approval of terms by the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Paul Herdeg, Director of the Department of Development; Ms. Melissa Ferchill Swingos, President and Mr. Steve Luca, Vice President of Real Estate Development & Acquisitions for the MCM Company Inc.; and Ms. Kelly Flamos, Owner/Developer of the Variety Theatre Complex, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0254. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Herdeg, Ms. Ferchill Swingos, Mr. Luca and Ms. Flamos pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2024-0254 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2024-0264: A Resolution adopting the 2024 Economic Development Plan in accordance with Section 7.05 of the Cuyahoga County Charter and Section 801.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Herdeg addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0264. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0264 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Schron adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m., without objection.