



## **MINUTES**

### **CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**

**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

**3:00 PM**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.**

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Stephens, Jones, Schron and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Turner was also in attendance.**

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 22, 2023 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2023 meeting.**

#### **5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) R2023-0352: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000, to the City of South Euclid for Year Three of the South Euclid Deer Sterilization Program from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Chief Joseph Mays, Chief of Police for the City of South Euclid, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0352. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Chief Mays pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2023-0352 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- b) R2024-0003: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Greater Cleveland Chapter for the Teen Summit and Cut with a Cop Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Lt. Thomas McMillan, President of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE); and Chief Wayne Hudson, Chief of Police for the City of Shaker Heights, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0003. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Lt. McMillan and Chief Hudson pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0003 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Mr. Jones and Ms. Stephens requested to have their names added as additional sponsors to the legislation.**

- c) R2024-0005: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Black Child Development Institute Ohio for the trauma informed curriculum which privileges the unique strengths and needs of Black children from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Gloria Blevins, President and Executive Director of the Black Child Development Institute Ohio, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0005. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Blevins pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0005 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- d) R2024-0006: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Linking Partnership Opportunities Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Michelle Curry, President of Linking Partnership Opportunities Foundation, Inc.; and Ms. Meredith Hill, representing Lambda Phi Omega, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0006. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Curry and Ms. Hill pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0006 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Ms. Stephens requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.**

- e) R2024-0007: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Alpha Omega Foundation for the Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Marsha Morrell Smith, Chair of the Alpha Omega Foundation; and Ms. Denise Robinson, Secretary of the Alpha Omega Foundation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0007. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Morrell Smith and Ms. Robinson, pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0007 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- f) R2024-0008: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation for the purpose of providing a college tour of Historically Black Colleges & Universities in the Atlanta, Georgia area from the District 9 ARPA

Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Ed Long, Chair of the Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0008. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Long pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2024-0008 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Mr. Jones and Ms. Stephens requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- g) R2024-0009: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Impact Youth, Inc. for operating support from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Shawn Austin, President of Impact Youth, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0009. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Long pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0009 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Mr. Jones requested to have his name added as an additional sponsor to the legislation.**

- h) R2024-0027: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with City of Cleveland, Department of Public Health in the amount not-to-exceed \$682,276.00 for Prenatal and Inter-conceptual Care services to high-risk families in connection with the expansion of the MomsFirst Program for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 3718 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Shawna Rohrman, Associate Director of Invest in Children; and Ms. Lita Wills, Commissioner of Health Equity and Social Justice for the City of Cleveland,**

addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0027. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Rohrman and Ms. Wills pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2024-0027 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.

- i) R2024-0028: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,350,000.00 for fiscal agent and administrative services in connection with Bright Beginnings System and Parent Support Department related Program services for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 3719 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Rohrman; Ms. Karen Minter, Director of Bright Beginnings; and Mr. Tom Wetzel, Parent Support Manager for Bright Beginnings, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0028. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Rohrman, Ms. Minter and Mr. Wetzel pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0028 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.

- j) R2024-0029: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Cuyahoga County Board of Health in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,450,000.00 for Program Administration services for the Newborn Home Visiting Program for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 3725 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Rohrman and Ms. Brandy Eaton, Director of Nursing & Clinical Services for the Board of Health, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0029. Discussion ensued.

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Rohrman and Ms. Eaton pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0029 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.**

- k) R2024-0036: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to PetFix Northeast Ohio, Inc. for the purpose of the Clinic Roof Replacement project from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Christie Lucco, Executive Director of PetFix Northeast Ohio, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0036. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Lucco pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0036 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.**

- l) R2024-0037: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a grant agreement with College Now Greater Cleveland, Contract No. 2611, for the administration and management of debt repayment scholarships and completion scholarships to eligible post-secondary students in connection with the Cuyahoga County Completion Scholarship Program for the period 9/15/2022 – 9/14/2024, to add private four-year institutions in the State of Ohio as eligible institutions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Kittie Warshawsky, Chief External Affairs Officer for College Now Greater Cleveland; Ms. Maggie McGrath, Executive Director of the Higher Education Compact of Greater Cleveland for College Now Greater Cleveland; and Mr. Bob Durham, Chief Scholarship Services Officer for College Now Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0037. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Warshawsky, Ms. McGrath and Mr. Durham pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0037 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.**

**6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m., without objection.**