



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Jones, Schron and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Stephens was in attendance after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 MEETING

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0356: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the National Congress of Black Women Greater Cleveland Chapter for the Bring Back the Village Initiative from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Pamela Gray Mason, Secretary of the National Congress of Black Women Cleveland Chapter; and The Honorable Ruth Gray, City of South Euclid

Councilmember and President Emeritus of the National Congress of Black Women Cleveland Chapter, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0356. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Gray Mason and Ms. Gray pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2024-0356 was considered and approved by majority vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, with Ms. Conwell recusing herself from the vote.

Committee members Jones, Stephens and Simon requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- b) R2024-0385: A Resolution authorizing amendments to contracts with various providers for youth workforce employment, education and training services in connection with Comprehensive Case Management Program for the period 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2025, to change the terms and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$7,942,185.69, effective 7/1/2024; 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:

1) For out-of-school services:

- a) Contract No. 3414 with The Kaiser Group (DE) LLC dba Dynamic Workforce Solutions in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000.00.
- b) Contract No. 3634 with Towards Employment in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,578,016.88.
- c) Contract No. 3646 with Ohio Guidestone in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,291,896.81.
- d) Contract No. 3649 with Cuyahoga Community College District in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,775,442.00.

2) For in-school services:

- a) Contract No. 3651 with Cuyahoga Community College District in the amount not-to-exceed \$287,830.00.

Ms. Simon introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2024-0385. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts Administration and Performance; and Ms. Laura Chalker, Deputy Director of Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0385. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Cortes and Ms. Chalker pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2024-0385 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.

- c) R2024-0386: A Resolution making an award on RQ14356 to various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$5,900,000.00 for a summer youth employment program for low-income, TANF-eligible youth, ages 14-24, for the period 11/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Master Contract and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 4786 with Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the amount not-to-exceed \$5,200,000.00.

- 2) Contract No. 4787 with Verge, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$700,000.00.

Mr. Cortes addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0386. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0386 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

d) R2024-0388: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for school/community-based Closing the Achievement Gap services for the period 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024, to extend the time period to 7/31/2025, to make budget line-item revisions, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$642,361.87, effective 1/1/2025; 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:

- 1) Contract No. 2227 with East Cleveland City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$72,415.86.
- 2) Contract No. 2268 with Bedford City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$72,415.86.
- 3) Contract No. 2269 with Cleveland Municipal City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$207,866.71.
- 4) Contract No. 2270 with Cleveland Heights – University Heights City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$72,415.86.
- 5) Contract No. 2271 with Maple Heights City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$72,415.86.
- 6) Contract No. 2272 with Warrensville Heights City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$72,415.86.
- 7) Contract No. 2273 with Garfield Heights City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$72,415.86.

Ms. Kathleen Stewart, Deputy Director of Family & Children First Council, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0388. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Stewart pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0388 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- e) R2024-0389: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3266 with Child Care Resource Center of Cuyahoga County dba Starting Point for the Prevention and Inclusion Program (fka Special Needs Child Care Program) for the period 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024, to extend the time period to 12/31/2025, to make budget line-items revisions, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,841,921.78, effective 1/1/2025; 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. Alyssa Swiatek, Associate Director of the Office of Early Childhood Invest in Childhood, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0389. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Swiatek pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Stephens, Resolution No. R2024-0389 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. PRESENTATION

- a) Protecting Cuyahoga Residents from Scams-Sheryl Harris, Director of Consumer Affairs

Ms. Sheryl Harris, Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs, provided the Committee with an overview of the Department, the number of scams reported in 2024, types of scams and prevention techniques. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Harris pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:19 a.m.