



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gallagher asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Conwell, Tuma and Kelly were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon entered the meeting after the roll call was taken. Councilmembers Miller and Jones were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 25, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Tuma, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0231: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to the Downtown Cleveland Alliance for the Neighborhood Safety Specialist Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Michael Deemer, President and CEO of Downtown Cleveland, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0231. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2023-0231 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Conwell requested to have her name added as co-sponsor to the legislation.

- b) R2023-0242: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. CM402 with Trinity Services Group, Inc. for jail food services for the Cuyahoga County Jail System for the period 6/15/2020 – 9/30/2023 to extend the time period to 9/30/2024 and for additional funds in the amount of \$7,876,928.00, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$17,740,473.00; 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. Donna Kaleal, Finance Manager; and Mr. Jeremy Everett, Warden, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0242. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Kaleal and Mr. Everett pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2023-0242 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. DISCUSSION

- a) Update from County Sheriff and Warden

Mr. Aaron Reese, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Mr. James Repicky, Special Assistant to the Sheriff; and Mr. Everett, addressed the Committee regarding their previous law enforcement experience and job duties. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Reese, Repicky and Everett pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

- b) Update regarding Juvenile Court staffing

[Clerk's Note: This item was taken out of order and considered prior to Item No. 5a).]

The Honorable Mark Stanton, Magistrate of Common Pleas Juvenile Court Division; and Mr. Timothy McDevitt, Juvenile Court Administrator, addressed the Committee regarding budgetary needs, safety concerns and staffing issues relating to Juvenile Court. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Magistrate Stanton and Mr. McDevitt pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m., without objection.