



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024
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 and Kelly were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon was in attendance after the roll call was taken. Councilmembers Miller, Sweeney and Jones were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 16, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Kelly and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0032: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000, to the Catholic Charities Corp. for the purpose of the Migration and Refugee Service Immigration and Legal Services program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Adriana Coppola, ILS Associate Director of Migration and Refugee Services for Catholic Charities; and Mr. Joseph Cimperman, Director of Global Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0032. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2024-0032 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Miller requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- b) R2024-0033: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$200,000, to the Village of Newburgh Heights for the purpose of the Enhanced Home Maintenance Grant Program from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

The Honorable Trevor Elkins, Mayor of the Village of Newburgh Heights, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0033. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2024-0033 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Conwell and Mr. Sweeney requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- c) R2024-0034: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$200,000, to the Village of Newburgh Heights for the purpose of funding Safety Forces from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Elkins addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0034. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2024-0034 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Update from County Sheriff

Mr. Harold Pretel, Sheriff, addressed the Committee regarding overtime usage and the Downtown Safety Patrol unit. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Brendan Doyle, Special Counsel for County Executive Ronayne, addressed the Committee regarding the cost of the unit. Discussion ensued.

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

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m., without objection.