

## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
1:00 PM**

### **CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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

**The meeting was called to order by Council President Connally at 1:00 p.m.**

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

**The Clerk called the roll. Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Conwell, Jones, Connally, Rogers and Simon were in attendance. Mr. Schron was absent. A quorum was determined.**

#### **3. CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – Bonita Teeuwen**

**Council President Connally noted for the record that she received a copy of Ms. Teeuwen's license accrediting her as a Professional Engineer.**

**Ms. Bonita Teeuwen, nominee for the position of Director of Public Works, was called upon to deliver an opening statement. Ms. Teeuwen provided background into her education, experience and qualifications for the position.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Teeuwen pertaining to her experience and expertise, which she answered accordingly.**

**Questions and concerns were raised by Mr. Greenspan regarding the confirmation process to follow. Mr. Greenspan stated for purposes of clarification that though the Committee may vote in the affirmative to move a nomination to the full Council for consideration, it does not commit the Council to confirm the candidate.**

**Mr. Brady raised concerns regarding potential restructuring that would affect the newly created Department of Public Works and the conflict it would create with the County Charter and Council's role in establishing divisions and departments.**

**Mr. Gallagher suggested that Council President Connally meet with County Executive FitzGerald to address this matter. Discussion ensued.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Germana and approved by unanimous vote to refer the County Executive's nomination of Ms. Bonita Teeuwen as the Director of Public Works to the full Council for consideration.**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There was no public comment.**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m., without objection.**