



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2011  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

**At the request of Council President Connally, the meeting was called to order by Councilmember Miller, Chairman of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, at 1:05 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Chairman Miller asked the Clerk to call the roll. Councilmembers Brady, Gallagher, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Greenspan, Miller and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Mr. Germana and Ms. Simon entered the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken. Mr. Schron was absent from the meeting.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

**Mr. Don Scipione of Acme Express, Inc. addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to him relating to the Information Services Center budget.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) October 17, 2011

**A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2011 meeting.**

b) October 18, 2011

**A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2011 meeting.**

**Chairman Miller reported the following:**

- a) **Requested the following information be submitted to the Finance & Budgeting Committee by November 7<sup>th</sup>:**
  1. **Recommended additions to budgets;**
  2. **Recommended eliminations or reductions to budgets; and**
  3. **Discussion as to the extent to which the reserves may be used.**
- b) **Will continue to provide updates via e-mail regarding the budget process.**
- c) **Revised budget hearing schedule has been provided to add page reference numbers.**

**5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) **R2011-0291: A Resolution adopting the 2012/2013 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.**

**Ms. Jeanne Schmotzer, Clerk of Council, read Resolution No. R2011-0291 into the record.**

- 1) **Sheriff (Bob Reid)**

**Sheriff Bob Reid addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Office of the Sheriff. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Sheriff Reid pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

- 2) **Clerk of Courts (Gerald Fuerst)**

**Mr. Gerald Fuerst, Clerk of Courts, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Office of the Clerk of Courts. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Fuerst pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

- 3) **Medical Examiner (Dr. Thomas Gilson)**

**Dr. Thomas Gilson, Medical Examiner, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Office of the Medical Examiner. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Gilson pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

- 4) **Public Safety and Justice Services (Norberto Colon)**

**Mr. Norberto Colon, Deputy Chief of Staff of Justice, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Colon pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**A brief recess was taken by the Committee, after which Chairman Miller reconvened the meeting.**

- 5) Public Works (Bonnie Teeuwen)
  - i) Engineer/**Sanitary Engineer**
  - ii) Central Services
  - iii) Archives
  - iv) **County Kennel**

**Ms. Bonnie Teeuwen, Director of Public Works, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Department of Public Works. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Teeuwen pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

- 6) Information Services Center (Jeff Mowry)

**Mr. Jeff Mowry, Chief Information Officer, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Information Services Center. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Mowry pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

- 7) Board of Elections (Jane Platten)

**Ms. Jane Platten, Director of the Board of Elections, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Board of Elections. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Platten pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

- 8) County Planning Commission (Paul Alsenas)

**Mr. Paul Alsenas, Director of the County Planning Commission, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the County Planning Commission. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Alsenas pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**A brief recess was taken by the Committee, after which Chairman Miller reconvened the meeting.**

- 9) Soil & Water Conservation District (Janine Rybka)

**Ms. Janine Rybka, District Administrator for the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Soil and Water Conservation District. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Rybka pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

10) Solid Waste Management District (Diane Bickett)

**Ms. Diane Bickett, Executive Director of the Solid Waste District, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Solid Waste District. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Bickett pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

11) The Ohio State University Extension (Marie Barni)

**Ms. Marie Barni, County Director of The Ohio State University Extension, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the OSU Extension. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Barni pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

**No public comments were given.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Mr. Germana, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m., without objection.**