

MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2011
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
1:00 PM – 5:00 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 1:12 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a) October 24, 2011

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2011 meeting.

b) October 25, 2011

A motion was made by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2011 meeting.

- 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.

Chairman Miller introduced a substitute version of Resolution No. R2011-0291 on the floor.

On a motion by Ms. Connally with a second by Mr. Schron, substitute Resolution No. R2011-0291 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

1) Department of Human Resources (Elise Hara)

Ms. Elise Hara, Director of the Department of Human Resources, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Department of Human Resources. Discussion ensued.

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

Human Resource Commission (Rebecca Kopcienski)

Ms. Rebecca Kopcienski, Administrator for the Human Resource Commission, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Human Resource Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

- 3) Department of Development (Larry Benders)
 - i) Economic Development
 - ii) County Airport, etc.

Mr. Larry Benders, Director of the Department Development, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Department of Development. Discussion ensued.

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

4) Department of Regional Collaboration (Ed Jerse)

Mr. Ed Jerse, Director of the Department of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Department of Regional Collaboration. Discussion ensued.

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

5) Department of Workforce Development (Dave Reines)

Mr. Dave Reines, Executive Director of the Department of Workforce Development, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Department of Workforce Development. Discussion ensued.

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

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Greenspan stated that he is working with Mr. Matt Rubino, Director of the Office of Budget & Management, on a Reserves Replenishment Program.

After questions posed by Councilmembers Rogers, Schron and Brady, Councilmember Miller clarified the process for consideration of decision items and other budget recommendations.

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. Rogers, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m., without objection.