



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 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 9:08 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Tim Walters, representing the Metanoia Project, addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to him relating to the budget for the Office of Homeless Services.

4. 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) 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM:

- i) Department of Health and Human Services - Administration (Rick Werner)
 - a. HIV Services - Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs (Laurie Atkins)

Mr. Rick Werner, Director of Health and Human Services, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Department of Health and Human Services and for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs. Discussion ensued.

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

- ii) Division of Children and Family Services (Patricia Rideout)
 - a. Tapestry System of Care

Dr. Patricia Rideout, Administrator for the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Division of Children and Family Services. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Rideout pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

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

- iii) Division of Employment and Family Services/Cuyahoga Support Enforcement Agency (Jacquelon Ward and Russ Kaye)
 - a. Fatherhood Initiative (Al Grimes)

Ms. Jacquelon Ward, Interim Administrator of the Division of Employment and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Division of Employment and Family Services. Discussion ensued.

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

Dr. Russell Kaye, Interim Director of the Cuyahoga Support Enforcement Agency, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Cuyahoga Support Enforcement Agency and the Fatherhood Initiative. Discussion ensued.

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

Chairman Miller called the meeting into recess at 12:15 p.m.

- 2) 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM:

Chairman Miller reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Miller requested that Councilmembers submit their recommendations regarding decision items to him by close of business on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

- i) Division of Senior and Adult Services (Tracy Mason)

Ms. Tracy Mason, Administrator of the Division of Senior and Adult Services, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Division of Senior and Adult Services. Discussion ensued.

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

- ii) Division of Community Initiatives
 - a. Office of Homeless Services (Ruth Gillett)

Ms. Ruth Gillett, Program Director of the Office of Homeless Services, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Office of Homeless Services. Discussion ensued.

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

- b. Office of Early Childhood/Invest in Children Program (Rebekah Dorman)

Dr. Rebekah Dorman, Program Director of the Office of Early Childhood, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Office of Early Childhood/Invest in Children Program. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Dorman pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

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

- c. Family and Children First Council (Robin Martin)

Ms. Robin Martin, Program Director of the Family and Children First Council, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Family and Children First Council. Discussion ensued.

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

- d. Office of Re-entry (Luis Vazquez)

Mr. Luis Vazquez, Program Director of the Office of Reentry, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Office of Re-entry. Discussion ensued.

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

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Miller at 4:10 p.m., without objection.