



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
2:00 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 2:05 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

**The following citizens addressed Council in support of the additional funding for the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County budget.**

- a) **Dr. Patrick Runnels, Medical Director for the Center for Families and Children**
- b) **Mr. Rick Oliver, representing Mental Health Services, Inc.**
- c) **Mr. Bari Goggins, representing Beech Brook**
- d) **The Honorable K.J. Montgomery, representing the Cuyahoga County Mental Health Court Initiative. Judge Montgomery also addressed funding relating to re-entry programs.**
- e) **Mr. Carlos Ivan Ramos, representing the Hispanic Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program**
- f) **State Senator Bob Spada, representing the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio**
- g) **Ms. Maureen Dee, representing Catholic Charities Services Corporation**

### 4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

- 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.**

- 1) Public hearing
- 2) Departmental updates/Follow-up from hearings
- 3) Committee discussion regarding decision items

**Councilmembers presented their recommendations for additions and deletions to the 2012/2013 Biennial Budget. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Matt Carroll, Chief of Staff for the County Executive, presented budget recommendations on behalf of the administration. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Carroll pertaining to the recommendations, which he answered accordingly.**

**Mr. Rick Werner, Director of Health and Human Services, provided additional information to the Committee pertaining to budget recommendations for the Department of Health and Human Services. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Mr. Jeff Mowry, Chief Information Officer, addressed the Committee regarding the information technology capital improvements component of the budget for the Information Services Center. Discussion ensued.**

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

**A brief recess was taken by the Committee, after which Council President Connally reconvened the meeting.**

**Council President Connally thanked Mr. Miller for organizing the budget hearings and process.**

**5. MEDICAL MART/CONVENTION CENTER PROJECT UPDATE: 4:00 PM**

- a) Jeffrey Appelbaum, Thompson Hine

**Mr. Jeffrey Appelbaum updated Council regarding construction progress and budget costs in connection with the Medical Mart/Convention Center Project. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Appelbaum pertaining to the project, which he answered accordingly.**

- b) Mark Falanga, MMPI

**Mr. Mark Falanga updated Council regarding the business plan and marketing potential for future events and conferences in connection with the Medical Mart/Convention Center Project. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Falanga pertaining to the project, which he answered accordingly.**

c) Anthony Coyne, Group Plan Commission

**Mr. Anthony Coyne updated Council regarding the progress and planning in creating a unified downtown public space, including the malls connected to the Medical Mart/Convention Center. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Coyne pertaining to the project, which he answered accordingly.**

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

**There was no public comment.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Rogers with a second by Mr. Germana, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m., without objection.**