



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST 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 1:12 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Miller asked the Clerk to call the roll. Councilmembers Jones, Rogers, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron Conwell and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Ms. Simon 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) Mr. Orlando Howard, representing St. Vincent Charity Medical Center – Rosary Hall**
- b) Ms. Kelli Cover, representing St. Vincent Charity Medical Center – Rosary Hall**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) November 7, 2011

A motion was made by Ms. Connally, seconded by Mr. Schron and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting.

- b) November 9, 2011

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2011 meeting.

5. 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) Discussion of proposed budget amendments

Committee Assignment and Chair: Finance & Budgeting – Miller

Mr. Miller called upon Mr. Wade Steen, Fiscal Officer, to address Council in regard to the bond rating process and the potential for the County to obtain a AAA bond rating. Discussion ensued.

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

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

Mr. Miller introduced several written amendments to Resolution No. R2011-0291 on the floor. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Greenspan introduced the following verbal amendment on the floor:

The intent of Council is to maintain a Health and Human Services Levy reserve to expenditure ratio of not less than 15% throughout 2012 and 2013. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Mr. Germana, the verbal amendment was approved by unanimous vote.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Simon, the remaining amendments introduced by Mr. Miller to Resolution No. R2011-0291 were approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Miller then turned the gavel over to Mr. Schron, Chair of the Economic Development & Planning Committee, to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. O2011-0049 into the record.

- b) O2011-0049: An Ordinance authorizing the County Executive to establish an Economic Development Fund for the purpose of investing in job growth and economic development in Cuyahoga County; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

- 1) Matt Rubino, Director, Office of Budget & Management
- 2) Nate Kelly, Deputy Chief of Staff, Development
- ~~3) Larry Benders, Director, Department of Development~~

Committee Assignment and Chair: Economic Development & Planning – Schron

Matt Rubino, Director, Office of Budget & Management and Mr. Nate Kelly, Deputy Chief of Staff, Development, addressed the Committee regarding the establishment of the proposed Economic Development Fund. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Rubino and Mr. Kelly pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

1. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

2. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

3. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Schron at 5:30 p.m., without objection.