



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
1:00 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 1:16 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

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) The Honorable Nancy Fuerst, Administrative Judge for the Court of Common Pleas**
- b) Mr. Terry Russell, representing the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio**
- c) Mr. Norbert Rahl, representing The Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging**
- d) Ms. Esther Pia, representing Connections: Health. Wellness. Advocacy**
- e) Mr. Grover Gilmore, representing Magnolia Clubhouse and Mandel School at Case Western Reserve**
- f) Dr. Robert L. Smith, representing Stella Marris, Inc.**
- g) Mr. Buddy Bailey, representing The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland**
- h) Mr. Kevin O'Donnell**
- i) Ms. Kathryn Kazol, representing EDEN, Inc.**
- j) Ms. Debra Rex, representing the Mental Health Advocacy Coalition**
- k) Mr. David Gretick, representing the Cleveland Department of Public Health**

- l) Ms. Kathleen Stoll, representing Stoll & Associates
- m) Ms. Denise Ayres, representing the Far West Center
- n) Ms. Jody Bell, representing the Far West Center
- o) Mr. Mike Matoney, representing New Directions
- p) Ms. Jody Morgan, representing the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County
- q) Ms. Jessica Weymouth, representing the Cleveland Housing Court
- r) Ms. Allison Rand, representing the Woodruff Foundation
- s) Dr. Douglas Wenkoski, representing the Case Western University Department of Psychiatry
- t) Chief Andy Gonzalez, representing the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
- u) Mr. William Denihan, Executive Director of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County

Ms. Emily Campbell, representing the Center for Community Solutions, addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to her relating to the biennial operating budget.

Chairman Miller requested that the Clerk provide copies of all written testimony submitted by the public to all Councilmembers.

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) Adoption of Substitute Resolution~~
- 2) Public Hearing
- 3) Departmental Appeals and Reports

Committee Assignment and Chair: Finance & Budgeting – Miller

Chairman Miller requested Councilmembers to submit any amendments to Resolution No. R2011-0291 to him via email by the close of business on Wednesday, November 24, 2011.

Mr. Michael O'Malley of the Office of the County Prosecutor, addressed the Committee in regard to an additional appropriation request for a new computer system and services and for salary parity. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. O'Malley pertaining to the request, which he answered accordingly.

Judge Nancy Fuerst, Administrative Judge, Court of Common Pleas, addressed the

Committee in regard to and additional appropriation request of \$290,000.00. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Fuerst pertaining to the request, which she answered accordingly.

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

Mr. Dennis Roche, representing the Greater Cleveland Film Commission, addressed the Committee in regard to an additional appropriation of \$40,000.00 for each year of the 2012/2013 budget.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Roche pertaining to the request, which he answered accordingly.

Sheriff Bob Reid provided an update to the Committee regarding overtime in the Office of the Sheriff. Discussion ensued.

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

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

Mr. Brady introduced a written amendment on the floor to provide an increase of \$750,000.00 to the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County budget for 2012 only. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. William Denihan, Executive Director of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Ms. Conwell, the written amendment was approved by majority vote, with Mr. Greenspan and Mr. Gallagher casting dissenting votes.

Mr. Greenspan introduced the following written amendment on the floor. A motion was then made by Mr. Greenspan and seconded by Mr. Germana to amend Resolution No. R2011-0291 as follows:

Should the County Council approve additional spending above the 2012-2013 Executive's Recommended Budget, then any such items, individually or collectively, shall be considered one-time expenditures.

After discussion by the Committee, the amendment was withdrawn from consideration.

Mr. Greenspan introduced the following written amendment on the floor. A motion was then made by Greenspan and seconded by Mr. Miller to amend Resolution No. R2011-0291 as follows:

The County Council hereby adopts a protocol stating that expenditures approved by the County Council in excess of those items identified in the original 2012-2013 Executive's Recommended Budget will be appropriated after July 1, 2012 predicated on the stipulation that only funds in excess of the Total Revenue exceed Total Expenditures as stated in the original 2012-2013 Executive's Recommended Budget will be expended.
Discussion ensued.

The motion failed on a vote of 2 yeas and 8 nays with Councilmembers Greenspan and Gallagher voting in the affirmative and Councilmembers Simon, Miller, Brady, Germana, Conwell, Jones, Connally and Rogers casting dissenting votes.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Analyst for the Council, addressed the Committee regarding the collection of delinquent filing fees at the Office of the Clerk of Courts.

6. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m., without objection.