



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Connally at 4:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Connally asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Miller, Brady, Gallagher, Schron, Simon, Greenspan and Connally were in attendance. Councilmembers Conwell, Rogers, Jones and Germana joined the work session shortly after roll call was taken.

3. MEDICAL MART/CONVENTION CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

- a) Jeff Appelbaum, Thompson Hine LLP
- b) Jim Bennett, Senior Vice President, Cleveland Medical Mart & Convention Center

Mr. Appelbaum updated Council regarding design and construction progress, risk management, contracting and staffing, safety and economic inclusion statistics in connection with the Medical Mart/Convention Center Project. He then introduced Mr. Myron Maurer, Chief Operating Officer of Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc., and Mr. Jim Bennett, the newly appointed Senior Vice President of Cleveland Medical Mart and Convention Center.

Mr. Bennett briefly introduced himself and his colleagues and then discussed the business plan and program offerings relating to the Medical Mart/Convention Center Project.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Bennett, which he answered accordingly. Council President Connally then asked Mr. Appelbaum and Mr. Bennett to provide the next update to Council on June 26, 2012, to which they responded affirmatively.

4. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the work session was adjourned by Council President Connally at 5:08 p.m., without objection.