



**AGENDA**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR**  
**3:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) May 22, 2012

**5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) O2012-0011: An Ordinance establishing an Economic Development Fund for the purpose of collecting and expending proceeds from gross casino revenues, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

**6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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## MINUTES

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Due to the nature of the item referred to Committee, Council President Connally requested that Councilmember Schron preside over the meeting. Chairman Schron then called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Mr. Schron asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Committee members Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Brady was absent from the meeting.**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

**The Honorable William Cervenik, Mayor of the City of Euclid and Chairperson of the First Suburbs Consortium, addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to him and the inner ring suburbs relating to Ordinance No. O2012-0011, an Ordinance establishing an Economic Development Fund for the purpose of collecting and expending proceeds from gross casino revenues.**

### 4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) O2012-0011: An Ordinance establishing an Economic Development Fund for the purpose of collecting and expending proceeds from gross casino revenues, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

**Mr. Schron made several opening remarks and then recognized County Executive FitzGerald, who addressed the Committee regarding the item, which included the following: (a) detailed examples of County funding and assistance already provided/available to inner ring suburbs, (b) discussed the necessity of spending casino revenues in a concentrated way in order have a greater impact, (c) explained the importance of maintaining a vibrant downtown in order to sustain economic development, (d) stated that all communities have an economic stake in a vibrant downtown and that all suburbs have people who work downtown, and (e) requested that a decision regarding collecting and expending proceeds from casino revenues be made quickly so that the process does not become mandated by the State. Mr. FitzGerald then turned the floor over to Mr. Larry Benders, Director of Development, who gave a presentation to the Committee regarding the purpose, rationale, revenue assumptions and risks and outcomes of the Ordinance. Committee members asked questions of Mr. FitzGerald and Mr. Benders, which they answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.**

**5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**6. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mr. Lee Fisher, President and CEO of CEOs for Cities, addressed the Committee regarding his organization as well as issues of concern to him relating to Ordinance No. O2012-0011, an Ordinance establishing an Economic Development Fund for the purpose of collecting and expending proceeds from gross casino revenues.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Schron at 4:45 p.m., without objection.**

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Ordinance No. O2012-0011

Sponsored by: <b>County Executive FitzGerald/Department of Development</b>	<b>An Ordinance</b> establishing an Economic Development Fund for the purpose of collecting and expending proceeds from gross casino revenues, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Section 7.01 of the Charter, County Economic Development, declares that the County shall have as a primary responsibility the promotion and enhancement of the economic well-being and prosperity of the County and all of its residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.01 of the Charter of Cuyahoga provides:

The County shall have as a primary responsibility the promotion and enhancement of the economic well-being and prosperity of the County and all of its residents. In furtherance of that purpose, the County shall, as authorized by the Constitution of Ohio, general law, and this Charter and enactments pursuant thereto, develop and implement policies, programs and activities for the expansion and enhancement of economic activity in the County so as to create and preserve jobs and employment opportunities for and available to residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council seek to promote and enhance the economic well-being and prosperity of the County and all of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.02 of the Charter of Cuyahoga provides:

There shall be a Department of Development, under the direction of the Director of Development, which shall develop, direct and implement programs and activities for carrying out the purposes of this Article VII. The Department of Development shall coordinate the programs and activities of the officers, departments, agencies, boards and commissions of the County that relate to economic development, including identification ...of the causes of unemployment and economic underdevelopment among segments of the population and within communities in the County and the development of programs and activities to remedy such conditions; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio Constitution was amended on November 3, 2009 to adopt Section 6, Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to allow for the operation of four casinos in the state by initiative petition; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Ohio levies a fixed tax on gross casino revenue and distributes that tax revenue according to a formula to the benefit of Ohio's counties, cities, school districts, and other funds and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio estimates that Cuyahoga County will receive \$8.5 million to \$11.5 million in proceeds from gross casino revenue; and

WHEREAS, the County Council adopted the Five Year Economic Development Plan, which emphasizes place-based economic development, urban revitalization and the importance of connecting Cuyahoga County's economic development assets and attractions for the benefit of the region; and

WHEREAS, advocates for the constitutional amendment emphasized downtown revitalization, spurring private investment, job creation and economic impact as arguments for casino operation in the state; and

WHEREAS, downtown Cleveland is the region's most densely populated jobs center and the site of more than \$5 billion in economic development projects already underway; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council and County Executive are committed to the economic vibrancy of the region, and seek to allocate proceeds from gross casino revenue to maximize the impact of economic development projects already underway; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council and County Executive established a \$100 million economic development fund for investments without geographical limitations throughout the entire county and the majority of approved investments have been located outside Cleveland's downtown; and

WHEREAS, the county's economic development programs leverage private dollars, attract investment and expand the tax base by incentivizing preferred development, improving public infrastructure and creating an environment for job creation and job growth for residents countywide; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council and County Executive are committed to the economic vibrancy of the region and seek to allocate proceeds from gross casino revenue to maximize the impact of core city economic development projects already underway; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective due to legislative efforts underway in Ohio's State Legislature to direct counties on the manner and means by which counties may expend proceeds from gross casino revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to immediately establish a separate fund for the purpose of collecting and expending proceeds from the gross casino revenues in Cuyahoga County (the "Fund"). All such proceeds and revenues shall be automatically directed and deposited into the Fund and shall only be used for the purposes authorized in Section 2 herein.

**SECTION 2.** The revenues contained in the Fund are hereby dedicated to be used by the Department of Development for an economic development program whose purpose shall be to promote economic development in Cleveland's Downtown District, generally defined as the area bordered by Lake Erie, the Innerbelt Bridge, East 25<sup>th</sup> Street and West 25<sup>th</sup> Street.

**SECTION 3.** It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective due to legislative efforts underway in Ohio's State Legislature to direct counties on the manner and means by which counties may expend proceeds from gross casino revenue; therefore, this Ordinance, provided it receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, shall become effective immediately upon the signature of the County Executive.

**SECTION 4.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas:

Nays:

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County Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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County Executive

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: May 8, 2012

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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