



MINUTES

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

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 3:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) May 22, 2012

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2012 meeting.

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.

Mr. Schron made several opening remarks and then recognized Fiscal Officer Wade Steen and Office of Budget & Management Director Matt Rubino, who addressed the Committee regarding the item, which included the following overview: (a) definition and allocation of casino tax revenue, (b) revenue projections and annual impact, (c) County casino tax receipts, (d) permissible uses of casino revenue and (e) challenges and other considerations. Mr. Chris Warren, Chief of Regional Development for the City of Cleveland, then offered some very general insights into Cleveland's expected share of casino revenues. Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Steen, Rubino and Warren, which they answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.

After recognition by the Chair, Ms. Simon said that she would be introducing a proposed substitute Ordinance at the next meeting and requested that Clerk Schmotzer distribute it to the Committee members, which she did. Mr. Greenspan indicated that he would also be introducing a proposed substitute Ordinance.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Schron at 4:35 p.m., without objection.