



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2012
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
9:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

At the request of Council President Connally, the meeting was called to order by Councilmember Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, at 9:13 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

A motion was then made by Ms. Connally, seconded by Mr. Greenspan and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Mr. Schron from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Jill Rizika, representing Towards Employment, addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to her relating to funding of re-entry programming.

4. 2013 ANNUAL BUDGET UPDATE

a) 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Mr. Rick Werner, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, provided the Committee with an overview of the Health and Human Services budget. Discussion ensued.

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

- 1) Division of Children and Family Services (Patricia Rideout) – Focus on the 2013 budget and staffing levels

Dr. Patricia Rideout, Administrator for the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding the 2013 budget and staffing levels for the Division. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Rideout pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

- 2) Cuyahoga Job and Family Services (Joe Gaunter or Rick Werner) – Focus on the 2013 budget and staffing levels

Mr. Joseph Gauntner, Administrator for Cuyahoga Job and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding the 2013 budget and staffing levels for Cuyahoga Job and Family Services. Discussion ensued.

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

- 3) Division of Senior and Adult Services (Tracey Mason) – Focus on the 2013 budget and staffing levels

Ms. Tracey Mason, Administrator of the Division of Senior and Adult Services, addressed the Committee regarding the 2013 budget and staffing levels for the Division. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Mason pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

- 4) Office of Early Childhood/Invest in Children (Rebekah Dorman) – Focus on additional funding provided in the 2012/2013 budget and State budget cuts

Dr. Rebekah Dorman, Program Director of the Office of Early Childhood, addressed the Committee regarding additional funding provided in the 2012/2013 budget and State budget cuts for the Office and the Invest in Children Program. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Dorman pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

- 5) Office of Re-entry (Luis Vazquez) – Focus on additional funding provided in the 2012/2013 budget

Mr. Luis Vazquez, Program Director of the Office of Re-entry, addressed the Committee regarding additional funding provided in the 2012/2013 budget for the Office. Discussion ensued.

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

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

- 6) The MetroHealth System (Mark Moran) – Presentation of the 2013 budget

Mr. Mark Moran, President and Chief Executive Officer of The MetroHealth System, addressed the Committee regarding the 2013 budget for The MetroHealth System. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Moran pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly. Councilmembers also thanked Mr. Moran for his service to The MetroHealth System and wished him well.

- 7) Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County (Bill Denihan) – Focus on the 2013 budget

Mr. William Denihan, Executive Director of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County, addressed the Committee regarding the 2013 budget for the Board. Discussion ensued.

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

Chairman Miller then recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:08 p.m.

- b) 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Chairman Miller reconvened the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

- 1) Office of the Fiscal Officer (Wade Steen) – Focus on the 2013 Budget and the Reappraisal Process

Mr. Wade Steen, Fiscal Officer, addressed the Committee regarding the 2013 budget for the Fiscal Office and the reappraisal process. Discussion ensued.

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

- 2) Department of Communications (Nicole Dailey Jones) – Focus on the creation of a new Communications Department and any changes to the 2013 budget

Ms. Nicole Dailey Jones, Director of Communications, addressed the Committee regarding the creation of the new Department of Communications and associated changes to the 2013 budget. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Jones pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

- 3) Department of Law (Majeed Makhoulf) – Focus on changes to the 2013 budget

Mr. Majeed Makhoulf, Director of Law, addressed the Committee regarding the 2013 budget for the Department. Discussion ensued.

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

- 4) Office of the Sheriff (Bob Reid) – Focus on overtime expenses and provide an update on the progress of taking over the City Jail

Sheriff Bob Reid addressed the Committee regarding overtime expenses for the Office of the Sheriff and provided an update on the progress of taking over of the City Jail. Discussion ensued.

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

- 5) Office of the Clerk of Courts (Gerald Fuerst) – Focus on providing an update on the Collection of Court Costs

In the absence of Mr. Gerald Fuerst, Mr. Keith Hurley, Chief Deputy for the Office of the Clerk of Courts, provided the Committee with an update on the collection of court costs. Discussion ensued.

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

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

- 6) Department of Public Works (Bonnie Teeuwen) – Focus on Capital Budget for building maintenance and any changes to the property consolidation

Ms. Bonnie Teeuwen, Director of Public Works, addressed the Committee regarding the capital budget for building maintenance and any changes to the consolidation of property. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Teeuwen pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

- 7) Department of Information Technology (Jeff Mowry or Michael Young) – Focus on IT plans for 2013 and changes to the 2013 budget

Mr. Michael Young, Chief Technology Officer, addressed the Committee regarding IT plans for 2013 and changes to the 2013 budget for the Department of Information Technology. Discussion ensued.

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

- 8) Department of Development (Larry Benders) – Focus on an update of the progress on Economic Development and the plans for development in 2013

Mr. Larry Benders, Director of the Department Development, provided an update of the progress on economic development and plans for development in 2013. Discussion ensued.

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

- 9) Office of the Medical Examiner (Dr. Gilson) – Focus on an update and progress on the Crime Lab

In the absence of Dr. Thomas Gilson, Mr. Hugh Shannon, Program Officer Manager for the Office of the Medical Examiner, provided an update of the Office and reported on progress on the Crime Lab. Discussion ensued.

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

- 10) Department of Internal Auditing (Valerie Harry) – Introduction to Council and needs for 2013

Ms. Valerie Harry, Internal Auditor, addressed the Committee regarding 2013 budgetary needs for the Department of Internal Auditing. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Harry pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

- 11) Office of the Prosecuting Attorney (Tim McGinty) – Introduction to Council and needs for 2013

Mr. Tim McGinty, County Prosecutor, addressed the Committee regarding 2013 budgetary needs for the Office of the Prosecutor. Discussion ensued.

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

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Miller clarified the remainder of the budget process. He requested any budget proposals by Councilmembers be sent to him by close of business on Monday, November 19th. He also stated that the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Friday, November 16th has been cancelled.

Mr. Jones reported that the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee will meet on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

6. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Miller at 4:51 p.m., without objection.