



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2012  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
1:00 PM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**At the request of Council President Connally, the meeting was called to order by Councilmember Rogers, Chair of the Environment & Sustainability Committee, at 1:11 p.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

**A motion was then made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Ms. Conwell from the meeting.**

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

**No public comment was given related to the agenda.**

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) November 13, 2012
- b) November 14, 2012

**A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Schron and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012 and November 14, 2012 Committee of the Whole meetings.**

## 5. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) O2011-0053: An Ordinance establishing a Department of Consumer Affairs and the powers and duties of the Director of Consumer Affairs and placing the duties and responsibilities of the operation of Weights and Measures of the County under the direction of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

**Chairman Rogers asked Clerk Schmotzer to read Ordinance No. O2011-0053 into the record, after which Councilmember Brady made a brief statement regarding the legislation. Jim Boyle, Special Assistant to County Executive FitzGerald; Supervisory Special Agent Jason Watson, representing the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Mr. David Weiss, President of the Better Business Bureau, then addressed the Committee. Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Boyle, Supervisory Special Agent Watson and Mr. Weiss, which they answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.**

**On a motion by Ms. Connally with a second by Mr. Brady, Ordinance No. O2011-0053 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for third reading. Ms. Simon requested to be added as a sponsor to the legislation.**

**After a short recess and at the request of Council President Connally, Councilmember Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, chaired the remainder of the meeting.**

- b) R2012-0232: A Resolution adopting the Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program Annual Update for 2013, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Chairman Miller briefly discussed his roadmap for continuation of the budget hearings and then asked Clerk Schmotzer to read Resolution No. R2012-0232 into the record.**

**Office of Budget & Management Director Matt Rubino gave an itemized presentation of changes in the Administration's proposed technical substitute. Councilmembers asked questions of Director Rubino, which he answered accordingly. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Mr. Germana with a second by Mr. Brady, Resolution No. R2012-0232, as substituted, was considered and approved by unanimous vote.**

**Fiscal Officer Wade Steen and Director Rick Werner, Department of Health and Human Services, then addressed the Committee regarding Health and Human Services funding issues. Councilmembers asked questions of Fiscal Officer Steen and Director Werner, which they answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Scott Osiecki, Director of External Affairs, representing the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, addressed Council regarding proposed funding requests for team decision-making, community based corrections and heroin overdose prevention programs. Council members asked questions of Director Osiecki, which he answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.**

**Chairman Miller then directed discussion regarding the following proposed budget amendments from Councilmembers: reimburse the ADAMHS Board for costs incurred as a result of the closing of Bridgeway (Brady), reduce County's subsidy to the ADAMHS Board by the amount of staff raises and require subsidy to be spent only for program expenses (Greenspan), create inner-ring suburb funding (Simon), fund the Standdown Program for the Homeless Resource Fair (Miller), and provide administrative assistants for Councilmembers (Conwell). Discussion ensued.**

**County Prosecutor Tim McGinty addressed Council regarding proposed funding requests resulting from the Archer Study, mortgage fraud transfer, staffing needs and terminations. Councilmembers asked questions of Prosecutor McGinty, which he and his staff answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.**

**No legislative action was taken on this item. Chairman Miller stated that discussions regarding proposed budget amendments will continue at the next Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.**

**6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**No miscellaneous business was discussed.**

**7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**

**No public comments were given.**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Mr. Germana, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m., without objection.**