



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
1:00 PM**

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 1:09 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

A motion was then made by Ms. Connally, seconded by Mr. Schron and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Mr. Gallagher 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 27, 2012

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Brady and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2012 Committee of the Whole meeting.

5. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) 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 asked Clerk Schmotzer to read Resolution No. R2012-0232 into the record, after which he gave a brief statement regarding 5 proposed amendments to the 2013 budget update.

Mr. Greenspan gave a brief statement regarding proposed amendment 1 to insert a new Section 3 into the legislation as follows: "SECTION 3. The annual appropriation for the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County is specifically dedicated to provide funding for programmatic expenses for mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction services and shall not be utilized for administrative expenses of the ADAMHS Board." and to renumber subsequent sections of the legislation. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Mr. Brady, amendment 1 was considered and approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Brady gave a brief statement regarding proposed amendment 2 to "amend the schedule of appropriations to provide an additional one-time appropriation of \$500,000.00 to the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, subject to the limitations of Section 3 of this Resolution." Discussion ensued. On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Mr. Germana, amendment 2 was considered and approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Miller gave a brief statement regarding proposed amendment 3 to "amend the schedule of appropriations to provide an additional appropriation of \$5,000.00 for contractual services for the Office of Homeless Services to provide for a contract with Hands On of Northeast Ohio to conduct the Stand Down Program in 2013." Discussion ensued. On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Germana, amendment 3 was considered and approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Miller gave a brief statement regarding proposed amendment 4 to "amend the schedule of appropriations to increase the appropriation for personnel expenses for the County Prosecutor's Office by \$742,058.00." Discussion ensued. On a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Mr. Schron an amendment to amendment 4 to change the amount from \$742,058.00 to \$442,058.00 to fund the mortgage fraud unit only and not salary increases for certain unidentified personnel was defeated with Committee members Schron, Simon and Greenspan voting in the affirmative and Committee members Miller, Brady, Germana, Conwell, Jones, Rogers and Connally dissenting. On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Germana, amendment 4 was considered and approved by majority vote with Committee members Miller, Brady, Germana, Schron, Conwell, Jones,

Rogers and Connally voting in the affirmative and Committee members Simon and Greenspan dissenting.

Mr. Miller provided a brief statement regarding proposed amendment 5 to insert a new Section 4 into the legislation as follows: "SECTION 4. The County Executive, in cooperation with the Fiscal Office and the Health and Human Services divisions, shall submit to Council no later than February 19, 2013, proposed amendments to the 2013 Operating Budget for departments and agencies funded through the Health and Human Services Levy and shall submit to Council no later than May 14, 2013, a comprehensive plan for 2014 through 2017 to correct the projected operating deficit in the Health and Human Services Levy Fund by the end of fiscal year 2017." and to renumber subsequent sections of the legislation.

Fiscal Officer Wade Steen and Office of Budget & Management Director Matt Rubino then addressed the Committee regarding Health and Human Services funding issues. Committee members asked questions of Fiscal Officer Steen and Director Rubino, which they answered accordingly. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Ms. Conwell, an amendment to amendment 5 to change the date from February 19, 2013 to January 15, 2013 for submitting to Council proposed amendments to the 2013 operating budget for departments and agencies funded through the Health and Human Services Levy was defeated with Committee members Conwell, Connally and Greenspan voting in the affirmative and Committee members Miller, Brady, Germana, Schron, Jones, Rogers and Simon dissenting. On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Connally, amendment 5 was considered and approved by unanimous vote.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2012-0232, as amended, was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of rules.

Mr. Greenspan then suggested that the amount in Section 2 of the legislation, which authorizes the expenditure of Health and Human Services Levy Fund reserves in the amount of \$15,750,587.00, would need to be changed due to the approved amendments. Further discussion ensued. Director Rubino said that he would provide the Clerk with the revised amount.

- b) R2012-0251: A Resolution approving The MetroHealth System Year 2013 Budget, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 339.06(B), with the understanding that the allocation of County funds to the System will be made through adoption of the Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program Annual Update for 2013; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Chairman Miller asked Clerk Schmotzer to read Resolution No. R2012-0251 into the record, after which he gave a brief statement regarding the legislation. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Ms. Connally with a second by Mr. Schron, Section 2 of Resolution No. R2012-0251 was amended to transmit a copy of the Resolution to Mark Moran instead of Dr. John Brennan, who recently declined his appointment as President and CEO of The MetroHealth System. On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Ms. Connally, Resolution No. R2012-0251, as amended, was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of rules.

- c) R2012-0252: A Resolution amending Resolution No. R2012-0182 dated 9/25/2012, which accepted the rates as determined by the Budget Commission and which authorized the necessary tax levies and certified them to the County Fiscal Officer; to change the General Fund Inside Millage from 0.43 to 0.60 and the General Fund Bond Retirement Inside Millage from 1.02 to 0.85; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Chairman Miller asked Clerk Schmotzer to read Resolution No. R2012-0252 into the record, after which Office of Budget & Management Director Matt Rubino addressed the Committee regarding the necessity to amend the original Resolution. Committee members asked questions of Director Rubino, which he answered accordingly. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Brady, Resolution No. R2012-0252 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of rules.

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 Ms. Connally with a second by Mr. Schron, the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m., without objection.