



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
5:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**In accordance with County Council Rule 2B, the meeting was called to order by Clerk Schmotzer at 5:00 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Ms. Schmotzer called the roll. Councilmembers Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Jones, Conwell, Rogers, Simon, Connally, Greenspan and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**4. ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**a) President of Council**

**Ms. Schmotzer opened the floor for nominations for President of Council. A motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to nominate Ms. Connally. Hearing no further nominations, Ms. Schmotzer then called the roll. Councilmembers Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Jones, Conwell, Rogers, Simon, Connally, Greenspan and Miller voted for Ms. Connally.**

**By unanimous vote, Councilmember C. Ellen Connally was elected as President of Council.**

**b) Vice-President of Council**

**Ms. Schmotzer opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President of Council. A motion was made by Ms. Connally and seconded by Mr. Miller to nominate Mr. Brady. Hearing no further nominations, Ms. Schmotzer then called the roll. Councilmembers Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Jones, Conwell, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller and Connally voted for Mr. Brady.**

**By unanimous vote, Councilmember Dan Brady was elected as Vice-President of Council.**

**Ms. Schmotzer then stepped down and Council President Connally presided over the remainder of the meeting.**

#### **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**Council President Connally thanked Council for their support and stated that she looked forward to another two years of working toward better government, working with County Executive FitzGerald and his administration and working with Council on behalf of the citizens of Cuyahoga County. She thanked Ms. Simon for her service and dedication as Council Vice-President during the past two years.**

**Council Vice-President Brady stated that he was honored for the opportunity to serve as an officer of Council.**

#### **6. MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**County Executive FitzGerald congratulated Council President Connally and Council Vice-President Brady.**

#### **7. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION OF COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES**

**A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Motion No. M2013-0001.**

- a) M2013-0001: A Motion establishing the 2013 and 2014 schedules of County Council meetings, and declaring the necessity that this Motion become immediately effective.

**On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Mr. Miller, Motion No. M2013-0001 was considered and approved by unanimous vote.**

#### **8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

9. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

**No public comments unrelated to the agenda were given.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m., without objection.**