



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
1:00 PM – 5:00 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 9:12 a.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

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

**The following citizens addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to them relating to funding for health and human services and Resolution No. R2013-0229, a Resolution adopting the 2014/2015 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program:**

- (a) Mr. Tim Walters**
- (b) Ms. Lynn A. Wieland**

### **4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / DISCUSSION:**

- a) R2013-0229: A Resolution adopting the 2014/2015 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Chairman Miller asked Clerk Schmotzer to read Resolution No. R2013-0229 into the record.**

- 1) Departmental appeals not related to Health and Human Services

**No departmental appeals unrelated to Health and Human Services were requested.**

- 2) Budget Presentations:
  - i) Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County (Bill Denihan)

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

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

- ii) Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Kelly Petty)

**Ms. Kelly Petty, Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, addressed the Committee regarding the budget for the Board. Discussion ensued.**

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

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

- iii) Cuyahoga County Board of Health (Terry Allan)

**Mr. Terry Allan, Health Commissioner of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, addressed the Committee regarding the budget for the Board. Discussion ensued.**

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

- iv) Department of Health and Human Services:

**Mr. David Merriman, Deputy Chief of Staff for Health and Human Services, presented the Executive's summary of proposed amendments to the 2014/2015 recommended budget due to passage of the Health and Human Services Levy.**

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

**[Note: All remaining items were taken out of order.]**

- a. Office of the Director (Rick Werner)

**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 as well as for the Office of the Director. Discussion ensued.**

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

- b. Division of Community Initiatives:
  - i. Office of Early Childhood (Robert Staib)

**Mr. Robert Staib, Associate Director of Invest in Children, addressed the Committee regarding the budget for the Office of Early Childhood. Discussion ensued.**

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

- ii. Office of Homeless Services (Ruth Gillett)

**Ms. Ruth Gillett, Manager, addressed the Committee regarding the budget for the Office of Homeless Services. Discussion ensued.**

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

- iii. Family and Children First Council (Robin Martin)

**Ms. Robin Martin, Program Director, addressed the Committee regarding the budget for the Family and Children First Council. Discussion ensued.**

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

- iv. Office of Re-entry (Mary Kelley)

**Ms. Mary Kelley, Program Officer, addressed the Committee regarding the budget for the Office of Re-entry. Discussion ensued.**

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

- c. Division of Children and Family Services (Dr. Patricia Rideout)

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

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

- d. Division of Senior and Adult Services (Tracey Mason)

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

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

#### 5. COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE BUDGET CHANGES

**There was no roundtable discussion of possible budget changes.**

#### 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### 7. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

**There was no public comment given unrelated to the agenda.**

#### 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 by Chairman Miller at 4:49 p.m., without objection.**