



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
2:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Connally called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Connally asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Conwell, Jones, Hairston, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Germana and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Gallagher, Schron and Brady were absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

Mr. Tim Russo, addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to him relating to Ordinance No. O2014-0008, an Ordinance enacting the Cuyahoga County Voting Rights Law.

4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2014-0064: A Resolution declaring official intent under U.S. Treasury Regulations with respect to reimbursements from bond proceeds of temporary advances, made for payments in connection with the development of the County's Convention Center Hotel, prior to issuance of bonds, and related matters; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Greg Huth, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, and Mr. Majeed Makhlouf, Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0064. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Huth and Mr. Makhlouf pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Jeffrey Applebaum, representing Thompson Hine, LLC, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0064 and presented information relating to the Convention Center Hotel project including the Hilton Qualified Management Agreement (HQA), Guaranteed Maximum Price amendment (GMP) and bond financing. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2014-0064 was considered and approved by majority vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules, with Mr. Greenspan casting a dissenting vote.

- b) O2014-0008: An Ordinance enacting the Cuyahoga County Voting Rights Law; updating the Cuyahoga County Equity Plan in Chapter 1101 of the Cuyahoga County Code in conformity therewith; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

County Executive FitzGerald and Mr. Makhlouf addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2014-0008. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of County Executive FitzGerald and Mr. Makhlouf pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

No further legislative action was taken on Ordinance No. O2014-0008.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

No public comments were given unrelated to the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Connally adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m., without objection.