



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
1:00 PM**

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

**The meeting was called to order by Council President Connally at 1:06 p.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Council President Connally asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Greenspan, Miller and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Schron 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 the allocation of funds due to passage of the Health and Human Services Levy:**

- (a) Mr. Richard Folbert**
- (b) Mr. Jeff Polluck**
- (c) Ms. Melanie Falls**
- (d) Mr. Timothy McMonagle**
- (e) Mr. Harvey Snider**
- (f) Ms. Judy Peters**
- (g) Mr. Steve Morse**
- (h) Mr. Mario Tonti**

4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / DISCUSSION:

- a) R2013-0244: A Resolution authorizing a Termination and Transfer Agreement with Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc., MMPI Cleveland Development LLC, and Cleveland MMCC LLC; authorizing other actions related to the agreement; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Jeffrey Applebaum, representing Thompson Hine, LLC and Mr. Majeed Makhlof, Director of Law, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0244.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Applebaum and Mr. Makhlof pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**No legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2013-0244 at this time.**

- b) R2013-0245: A Resolution authorizing a Cooperative Agreement among the County, City of Cleveland and Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority relating to certain cooperative arrangements in connection with development of the County's Convention Center Hotel and other cooperative activities; authorizing the conveyance of real property; authorizing and approving related matters; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Applebaum and Mr. Makhlof addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0245. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Applebaum and Mr. Makhlof pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2013-0245 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 Councilmembers Greenspan and Conwell casting dissenting votes.**

**A brief recess was taken by the Committee after which Council President Connally turned the meeting over to Councilmember Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee. Chairman Miller then reconvened the meeting.**

- c) 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.

- 1) Substitute version accepted, including all amendments

**Chairman Miller addressed the Committee regarding his proposed amendments to Resolution No. R2013-0229, which included incorporating OBM technical amendments and corrections dated November 15, 2013; restoring reductions/cuts provided in the original budget for the Health and Human Services budget; and amending the original Resolution No. R2013-0229 by adding a new Section 2 to provide for funding for the Metanoia Project and the annual stand-down conference and to renumber subsequent sections. Discussion ensued.**

**A motion was then made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Germana and approved by unanimous vote to amend Mr. Miller's proposed amendments by deleting "\$784,004" listed under 2014 budget impact for Family and Children First Council and inserting "\$748,004"; by deleting "\$2,387,004" under 2015 budget impact for Family and Children First Council and inserting "\$748,004"; and recalculating the total restorations for both columns accordingly.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Germana and approved by unanimous vote to accept the amendments as proposed by Mr. Miller, as amended.**

**Mr. David Merriman, Deputy Chief of Staff for Health and Human Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0229. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Councilmembers Connally, Conwell and Miller presented their proposed written amendments to Resolution No. R2013-0229. Verbal amendments by several Councilmembers were also presented. Discussion ensued.**

**No further legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2013-0229 at this time.**

#### **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 and on a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Mr. Germana, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m. without objection.**