



MINUTES
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Connally at 3:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

No public comments were given related to the agenda.

4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

- a) Hilton Cleveland Downtown Hotel Project Update - Jeffrey Appelbaum

Mr. Jeffrey Appelbaum, representing Thompson Hine, LLC and Project Management Consultants, LLC, and Mr. Ellis Katz, representing Project Management Consultants, LLC, addressed Council regarding the Hilton Cleveland Downtown Hotel Project and provided information relating to the site plan, budget, construction, permits, labor, inclusion goals and schedule for completion for the project. Discussion ensued.

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

5. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2014-0191: A Resolution making an award on RQ30137 to Bray Whaler International in the amount not-to-exceed \$308,000.00 to arrange for the purchase, delivery and installation of certain furnishings, fixtures, operating supplies and equipment (“FF&E”) for use in the operation of the Hotel; authorizing Bray Whaler International to act as the County’s agent to purchase FF&E in the amount not-to-exceed \$25,000,000.00 for use in the operation of the Hotel; authorizing the County Executive to take all necessary actions and to execute all documents necessary to consummate the contemplated transactions; authorizing the Director of Public Works to administer the project; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Clerk Schmotzer read Resolution No. R2014-0191 into the record.

On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2014-0191 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 the rules.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

No public comments were given unrelated to the agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Connally adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m., without objection.