



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

At the request of Council President Connally, Mr. Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Hairston, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana 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. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2014-0268: A Resolution approving The MetroHealth System Year 2015 Budget, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 339.06(D), with the understanding that the allocation of County funds to the System will be made through adoption of the 2014/2015 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program Annual Update for 2015; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Deputy Clerk Carter read Resolution No. R2014-0268 into the record.

Ms. Anne Hill, Manager of Local Government Affairs for The MetroHealth System, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0268. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Hill, pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Mr. Greenspan, Resolution No. R2014-0268 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

b) R2014-0267: A Resolution adopting the 2014/2015 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program Annual Update for 2015, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

i) Continuation of questions and answers on budget overview

Deputy Clerk Carter read Resolution No. R2014-0267 into the record.

Ms. Bonnie Teeuwen, Director of the Department of Public Works, and Ms. Kendra Zusy, Business Services Manager, addressed the Committee regarding revenue and expenses relating to consolidating County buildings. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Teeuwen and Ms. Zusy pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Christopher Murray, Interim Director of the Office of Budget and Management, and Mr. Mark Parks, Fiscal Officer, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0267 and provided information relating to projected revenue and expenses for 2015. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Murray and Mr. Parks pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Ms. Lisa Durkin, Deputy Director of Operations for Human Resources, addressed the Committee regarding healthcare benefits, the self-insurance fund and benefits programming. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Durkin pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

ii) Departmental hearings with departments and agencies having significant proposed changes:

a. Sheriff's Department

Mr. Norberto Colon, Deputy Chief of Staff for Justice, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0267 relating to proposed budgetary changes for the Sheriff's Department and provided an update on the consolidation of the City of Euclid and City of Cleveland jail facilities. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Colon pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- b. Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Division

[Clerk's Note: Due to a fire alarm, a brief recess was taken, after which, Mr. Miller then reconvened the meeting.]

The Honorable Kristin Sweeney, Administrative Judge of Juvenile Court, and Ms. Karen Lippmann, Deputy Director of Juvenile Court, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0267 relating to proposed budgetary changes for Juvenile Court and provided information regarding residential and detention services. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Judge Sweeney and Ms. Lippmann pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

- c. Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

Mr. Timothy McGinty, County Prosecutor; Mr. Marvin Davies, Director of Finance and Operations for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney; and Mr. Rick Bell, Special Investigations Division Chief for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0267 relating to proposed budgetary changes for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. McGinty, Mr. Davies and Mr. Bell pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

- d. Department of Information Technology

Ms. Debbie Davtovich, Administrator of the Department of Information Technology, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0267 relating to proposed budgetary changes for the Department of Information Technology and the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Davtovich pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

- e. Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Senior and Adult Services

Ms. Tracey Mason, Administrator of the Division of Senior and Adult Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0267 relating to proposed budgetary changes for the Division of Senior and Adult Services. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Mason pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

f. Department of Health and Human Services

Mr. David Merriman, Interim Administrator of Cuyahoga Jobs and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0267 relating to proposed budgetary changes for the Department of Health and Human Services. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

g. Department of Law

Mr. Majeed Makhoulf, Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0267 relating to proposed budgetary changes for the Department of Law. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Makhoulf pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

h. Cuyahoga County Planning Commission

Mr. Glenn Coyne, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0267 relating to proposed budgetary changes for the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Coyne pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

i. Personnel Review Commission

Ms. Rebecca Kopcienski, Administrator of the Personnel Review Commission, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0267 relating to proposed budgetary changes for the Personnel Review Commission. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Kopcienski pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

iii) Opportunity for departments and agencies to request changes

Mr. Rick Werner, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0267 relating to additional requests for budgetary changes for the Department of Health and Human Services. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Werner pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Miller announced that the next Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the 2015 budget update will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

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. Hairston with a second by Mr. Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m., without objection.