



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 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 3:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Committee members Conwell, Jones, Hairston, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron 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) R2014-0267: 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.

Clerk Schmotzer read Resolution No. R2014-0267 into the record.

Mr. Craig Richmond, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of The MetroHealth System, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0267 relating to the budget for The MetroHealth System. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Miller then introduced a proposed package of amendments regarding Resolution No. R2014-0267. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Marita Kavalec, Administrator of Juvenile Court; Ms. Karen Lippmann, Deputy Court Administrator; and Mr. Timothy McDevitt, Director of Probation Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0267 relating to the budget and for additional appropriations for overtime, residential placements and the Staff Secure Shelter Pilot Program for Juvenile Court. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Kavalec, Ms. Lippmann and Mr. McDevitt pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Christopher Murray, Interim Director of the Office of Budget and Management, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0267 and provided a summary of recommended technical amendments and corrections. Discussion ensued.

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

A motion was then made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Germana and approved by unanimous vote to include the technical amendments and corrections recommended by the Office of Budget and Management in Resolution No. R2014-0267 and also to retain the \$80,000.00 appropriation for the Court of Appeals relating to electronic records.

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Hairston and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2014-0267 by including an appropriation of \$600,000.00 to the Prosecutor's Office for funding for the DNA Rape Kit Task Force.

A motion was then made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by majority roll call vote to amend Resolution No. R2014-0267 by including appropriations of the following: \$1,500,000.00 for residential placements for Juvenile Court; \$332,185.00 for new hires, maintenance costs, equipment, materials and software for the Personnel Review Commission; \$150,000.00 for the Countywide Housing Plan for the County Planning Commission; \$50,000.00 for bedbug assistance for the Department of Senior and Adult Services; \$100,000.00 for an internship program for Component Three of the County Educational Assistance Program for the Department of Workforce Development; \$220,000.00 for funding for the Department of Sustainability; and \$330,000.00 for a Grant Coordinating Department for the Fiscal Office, with Mr. Schron casting the only dissenting vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Germana, seconded by Ms. Connally and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2014-0267 by including an appropriation of \$500,000.00 for overtime for Juvenile Court.

A proposed amendment regarding appropriating \$500,000.00 for the Staff Secure Shelter Care Pilot Program was referred to the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2014-0267 was considered and approved by unanimous roll call vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules, as amended.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

Rev. Pamela Pinkney Butts addressed the Committee regarding concerns to her relating to violence against women.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, and on a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Germana, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m., without objection.