

MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2014
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Hairston, Germana and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Schron was absent from the meeting. Councilmembers Greenspan, Brady and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

The following citizens addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to them relating to Ordinance No. O2014-0026, an Ordinance enacting Title 13, Chapter 1301 of the Cuyahoga County Code to establish the Cuyahoga County Consumer Protection Code and Ordinance No. O2014-0027, an Ordinance enacting Title 13, Chapter 1302 of the Cuyahoga County Code to establish the Cuyahoga County Weights and Measures Code:

- a) Mr. Edward Weglarz
- b) Mr. Robert Eshenbaugh and
- c) Mr. Thomas Holmes

Mr. Alex Lackey addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to him relating to Ordinance No. O2014-0023, an Ordinance amending Chapter 202 of the Cuyahoga County Code by adding Section 202.18 to establish a Department of Sustainability.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Connally and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2014 meeting.

MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

a) R2014-0235: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. CE1300435-01 with Child Care Resource Center of Cuyahoga County dba Starting Point for out-of-school time and transition services for the Out-of-School Time Program for the period 9/1/2013 - 9/30/2014 to extend the time period to 9/30/2015 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,400,000.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Robin Martin, Director of the Family & Children First Council, and Ms. Billie Osborne-Fears, Executive Director of Starting Point, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0235. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Martin and Ms. Osborne-Fears pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2014-0235 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.

b) R2014-0236: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County in the amount not-to-exceed \$519,976.00 for administration and evaluation of the PRE4CLE Program for the Invest in Children Program for the period 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2016; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Fears; Dr. Rebekah Dorman, Director of Invest in Children; Mr. Robert Mengerink, Superintendent of the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County; and Ms. Jennifer Dodd, Director of Operations and Development for the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0236. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Fears, Dr. Dorman, Mr. Mengerink and Ms. Dodd pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Hairston with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2014-0236 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.

c) <u>O2014-0023:</u> An Ordinance amending Chapter 202 of the Cuyahoga County Code by adding Section 202.18 to establish a Department of Sustainability and to provide for the powers and duties of the Director of Sustainability.

Ms. Simon introduced a proposed substitute to Ordinance No. O2014-0023. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Greenspan addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. 02014-0023. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Connally and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

A motion was then made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Germana and approved by unanimous vote to amend Ordinance No. O2014-0023 by inserting "political subdivisions" before "and" and also by inserting "including but not limited to, municipalities, schools and universities" after "government agencies" in Section 202.18(A)(2)(b).

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Germana, Ordinance No. O2014-0023 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted and amended.

Mr. Hairston requested to have his name added as an additional co-sponsor to the legislation.

d) <u>O2014-0026:</u> An Ordinance enacting Title 13, Chapter 1301 of the Cuyahoga County Code to establish the Cuyahoga County Consumer Protection Code, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Ms. Cynthia Sich, Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2014-0026. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Brady addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2014-0026. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Todd Ellsworth, Assistant Law Director; Mr. Kahlil Seren, Research and Policy Analyst; and Mr. James Boyle, Special Assistant to County Executive FitzGerald, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2014-0026. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Ellsworth, Mr. Seren and Mr. Boyle pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

A motion was then made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Hairston and approved by unanimous vote to amend Ordinance No. O2014-0026 by deleting "can reload prepaid cards but" in Section 1301.12(A)(1).

No further legislative action was taken on Ordinance No. O2014-0026.

e) <u>O2014-0027:</u> An Ordinance enacting Title 13, Chapter 1302 of the Cuyahoga County Code to establish the Cuyahoga County Weights and Measures Code, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Ms. Sich and Mr. Tom Dobeck, Supervisor of Weights and Measures, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2014-0027. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Sich and Mr. Dobeck, pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Ms. Simon introduced a proposed substitute to Ordinance No. O2014-0027. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Seren addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2014-0027. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Germana, Ordinance No. O2014-0027 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading with a recommendation for referral to Committee.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m., without objection.