



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
2:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

4. PRESENTATION

- a) Update on Convention Center Hotel Project – Jeffrey Appelbaum

5. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / CONFIRMATION HEARING:

- a) R2015-0057: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of W. Christopher Murray, II, upon his taking the oath of office, as Treasurer of Cuyahoga County; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

8. ADJOURNMENT

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2015-0057

Sponsored by: County Executive Budish	A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of W. Christopher Murray, II, upon his taking the oath of office, as Treasurer of Cuyahoga County; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, each of the offices provided for in Article V shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to the confirmation by Council; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 5.07 of the Charter provides for the powers, duties and qualifications of the County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated W. Christopher Murray, II for the appointment to the position of County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Council has undergone review and scheduled a Confirmation Hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on _____, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of W. Christopher Murray, II to the position of County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the appointment of W. Christopher Murray, II to serve as County Treasurer upon his taking the oath of office.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 24, 2015

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Journal _____
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ARMOND BUDISH
Cuyahoga County Executive

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Cuyahoga County Council

March 13, 2015

Dan Brady, President
Cuyahoga County Council
Cuyahoga County Administration Building
2079 East 9th Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Cuyahoga County Treasurer


Dear President Brady:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.07 of the Cuyahoga County Charter, I am pleased to nominate **Mr. W. Christopher Murray, II** as the next Treasurer of Cuyahoga County. Mr. Murray has been with Cuyahoga County working on fiscal and budgetary matters for 25 years. Beginning as a Budget Analyst in the former County Auditor's Office, Mr. Murray has worked diligently up to his current post as Interim Director of the Office of Budget Management (OBM). As Treasurer, Mr. Murray will leverage his managerial skills, operational skills, and financial policy acumen, attained from his time with the County, to ensure accurate and fair oversight over tax revenues and County investment.

Currently, as Interim Director of Budget Management, Mr. Murray manages a \$1.4 billion budget for all County departments and agencies as well as assisting in the policy formation of the budget and planning process. Prior, Mr. Murray was Senior Budget Analyst for OBM overseeing \$700 million in budgets focusing on public works, administration, and public assistance departments and agencies. Mr. Murray's experience and expertise instills the utmost confidence that he can transition to managing and operating the tax policies and processes for the County in the same way that he has helped the Office of Budget Management get the County on the right track fiscally.

Once again, I am proud to nominate Mr. W. Christopher Murray, II as the next Treasurer of Cuyahoga County. I ask that this nomination be addressed as soon as Council's schedule allows. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact my Executive Assistant, Laura Roche at 216-443-7181.

Sincerely,


Armond Budish
Cuyahoga County Executive

W. Christopher Murray, II

Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

High energy, team-oriented professional with 25+ years of financial/budget experience. Demonstrated ability to produce results in a time-sensitive, high-production environment. Professional skill set includes:

Staff and Project Management
Budget Forecasting
Problem Solving

Financial Analysis
Fund Accounting
Excellent oral and written communication

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY OF OHIO

1990-Present

Interim Director, Office of Budget Management 2014-Present

Manages budgets totaling \$1.4 billion for all County departments/agencies.

- Manages the formal allocation of resources to county agencies and elected officials within fiscal resources through formal public process.
- Supervise 11 staff in developing budget reporting including year-end results, monthly updates, quarterly projections, annual budget development and program analysis.
- Manages the issuance of public debt to in order to meet the county's economic and capital planning objectives.
- Manages the process of budget amendments through County Council.
- Provide analysis and sets priorities in administering operating budget, grant funds and special revenue accounts.
- Presents fiscal issues and provides decision support to County Executive, County Council, and county agencies.
- Develops cost/benefit analysis and presents fiscal analysis of state legislation and policies.
- Instrumental in developing the Annual County Budget Plan, for which the County has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Award, from 1987 through 2014.
- Initiates training and development for budget analysts, coordinates workflow and resolves fiscal issues.
- Member of the County Administrative Rules Board.
- Member of the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation.
- Member of the Enterprise Resource Planning implementation team.

Senior Budget Analyst, Office of Budget Management 1998-2014

Manages budgets totaling \$700 million for public works, administration and public assistance departments/agencies.

- Lead two budget analysts in developing budget forecasts including quarterly projections, annual budget development and program analysis.
- Ensure accuracy of fiscal transactions of 2 to 3 Budget Officers.
- Acts as Director of Budget Management in presenting fiscal issues to County officials and negotiating with outside agencies.
- Initiated budget efficiencies and developed cost allocation methodology for \$12 million County-wide IT function.
- Develops cost/benefit analysis and presents fiscal analysis of state legislation and policies.
- Instrumental in developing the Annual County Budget Plan, for which the County has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Award, from 1987 through 2012.
- Developed policy and procedures for vendor procurement, systems design and implementation for County Budgeting System Development Committee, increasing accuracy and efficiency of budget process.
- Initiates training and development for budget analysts and agency contacts, coordinates workflow and resolves fiscal issues among County's \$1.2 billion budget.

Budget Management Analysis, Office of Budget Management 1993-1998

- Developed revenue and expenditure projections for budgets totaling \$147.2 million among eight County departments/agencies.
- Assisted less experienced Budget Officers, ensuring accuracy of fiscal transactions and preventing errors.
- Initiated funding policy and procedures for emergency IT procurement.

- Promoted to Senior Budget Analyst in 1998.

Staff Accountant, Auditor's Office 1992-1993

- Analyzed fiscal activity of assigned county agencies.
- Assisted with the posting of revenues and expenditures for assigned agencies.
- Assisted with the development of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Review, resulting in industry award.

Budget Analyst, Auditor's Office 1990-1992

- Analyzed and reviewed tax budgets submitted by local authorities (cities, villages, schools, libraries).
- Maintained bond amortization schedules for taxing entities.
- Distributed property tax advances to taxing entities.

EDUCATION

B.S. Business Administration, Accounting, University of Dayton, Dayton Ohio 1989

Leadership Academy, Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University, 2004-2005

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, Access), FAMIS (government Financial Accounting Management Information System), and BRASS (governmental budgeting software)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Volunteer Youth Minister/Leader (Faith Fellowship Church, Macedonia, Ohio); former citizen member Shaker Heights Finance Committee; member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.