



MINUTES

**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

Council President Brady called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Brady asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Conwell, Jones, Greenspan, Miller, Germana, Gallagher and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Brown, Schron and Simon entered the meeting after the roll call was taken. Councilmember Hairston was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

No public comments were given related to the agenda.

4. PRESENTATION

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

Mr. Jeffrey Appelbaum, representing Thompson Hine, LLC and Project Management Consultants, LLC, addressed Council regarding the convention center hotel and provided information relating to the design, construction, budget, inclusion program, special event planning, parking, security and asset management for the project. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Appelbaum pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Mr. Appelbaum introduced Ms. Teri Agosta, General Manger of the Hilton Hotel Corporation, and Mr. Ronnie Collins, Director of Sales and Marketing for the Hilton Hotel

Corporation. Ms. Agosta and Mr. Collins addressed Council regarding their experience and background with Hilton Hotel Corporation.

Mr. Michael Dever, Interim Director of the Department of Public Works, addressed the Committee regarding the Huntington Park garage. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Dever pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

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.

Council President Brady turned the gavel over to Mr. Greenspan, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee.

Mr. Greenspan made a brief statement regarding the confirmation hearing process.

Mr. W. Christopher Murray, II, County Executive Budish's nominee for the position of Treasurer, was then called upon to deliver an opening statement. Mr. Murray provided background into his education, experience and qualifications for the position.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Murray pertaining to his experience and expertise, which he answered accordingly.

No further legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2015-0057.

Mr. Greenspan then returned the gavel to Council President Brady, who chaired the remainder of the meeting.

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 and on a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Germana, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m., without objection.