



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Brady called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

The following citizens addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to them relating to Resolution No. R2015-0076, a Resolution determining to submit to the electors the question of renewing the excise tax on the sale of cigarettes for the purpose of funding arts and cultural facilities and programs in the County:

- a) **Mr. Satindur Puri**
- b) **Dr. Evelyn Gates, Executive Director and CEO of Cleveland Museum of Natural History**
- c) **Ms. Edna Duffy, Artistic Director of Duffy Liturgical Dance Ensemble**
- d) **Mr. Raymond Bobgan, Executive Artistic Director of Cleveland Public Theatre**
- e) **Ms. Paula Grooms, Executive Director of Ingenuity Cleveland**

4. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2015-0076: A Resolution determining to submit to the electors the question of renewing the excise tax on the sale of cigarettes for the purpose

of funding arts and cultural facilities and programs in the County, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Karen Gahl-Mills, Executive Director of Cuyahoga Arts & Culture; Mr. Robert Triozzi, Director of Law; and Mr. Joseph Boatwright, Assistant Law Director, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2015-0076. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Gahl-Mills, Mr. Triozzi and Mr. Boatwright pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

No further legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2015-0076.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

The following citizens addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to them relating to Resolution No. R2015-0076, a Resolution determining to submit to the electors the question of renewing the excise tax on the sale of cigarettes for the purpose of funding arts and cultural facilities and programs in the County:

- a) Ms. Harriet Applegate, Executive Secretary of North Shore AFL-CIO**
- b) Mr. Terrence Spivey, Artistic Director of Karamu House**
- c) Mr. Charles Lawrence, President and CEO of The Music Settlement**

Mr. Satindur Puri addressed Council regarding issues of concern to him relating to the renovation of Public Square.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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