



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 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 Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Hairston, Simon, Greenspan, Miller and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Germana was absent from the meeting.

A motion was then made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Mr. Germana from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

No public comments were given related to the agenda.

4. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Update on 2016 Republican National Convention – David Gilbert

Mr. David Gilbert, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee, addressed Council regarding the structure, marketing plan, security, transportation, website, budget and community engagement initiatives relating to the 2016 Republican National Convention. Discussion ensued.

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

b) Update on Convention Center Hotel Project – Jeffrey Appelbaum

Messrs. Jeffrey Applebaum and Ellis Katz, representing Project Management Consulting LLC, addressed Council regarding the budget, construction, inclusion program status and workforce participation goals relating to the Convention Center Hotel Project. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Applebaum and Katz pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Ms. Terri Agosta, General Manager of Hilton Cleveland Downtown, and Mr. Ronnie Collins, Director of Sales & Marketing of Hilton Cleveland Downtown, addressed Council regarding the marketing goals, future sales action plans and business and corporate partnerships relating to the Convention Center Hotel Project. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Agosta and Mr. Collins pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

No public comments were given unrelated to the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Ms. Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m., without objection.