



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2015-0155: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Sheryl Harris, upon her taking the oath of office, as Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- b) R2015-0164: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Mary Louise Madigan, upon her taking the oath of office, as Director of the Department of Communications; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

5. DISCUSSION / EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Collective bargaining matters, including:
 - i) a report containing findings and recommendations of Fact-finder Robert G. Stein regarding negotiations between Cuyahoga County and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO, Local 27 for a collective bargaining agreement representing approximately 240 employees in 9 classifications at the Cuyahoga Job and Family Services/Office of Child Support Services.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
7. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA
8. ADJOURNMENT

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2015-0155

Sponsored by: County Executive Budish	A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Sheryl Harris, upon her taking the oath of office, as Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the County Council established a Department of Consumer Affairs and the powers and duties of the Director of Consumer Affairs in Ordinance No. O2011-0053; and

WHEREAS, Section 202.16 of Chapter 202 of the Cuyahoga County Code provides for the functions, goals and activities of the Department of Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Sheryl Harris to the position of Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs; 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 September 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Sheryl Harris to the position of Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs; 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 Sheryl Harris to serve as the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs upon her 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: August 11, 2015

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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_____, 20__



ARMOND BUDISH
Cuyahoga County Executive

July 27, 2015

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

Re: Cuyahoga County Director of Consumer Affairs

Dear President Brady:

Pursuant to Cuyahoga County Code Section 202.16, I am pleased to nominate **Sheryl Harris** to serve as the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs. Ms. Harris is an award-winning consumer affairs columnist, most recently at The Plain Dealer, where she was recognized for her work fighting consumer scams aimed at low and middle income families. She is an expert on problem mediation, credit reports, customer service issues, and debt collection abuses.

Sheryl began her career with the Akron Beacon Journal, serving as a lead writer on the Pulitzer Prize-winning series on race and public perception called "A Question of Color." She served as a consumer affairs expert on WCPN public radio. Ms. Harris is a graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy. Ms. Harris is an advocate for the consumers of Cuyahoga County, and her background and demeanor are well suited to address the new challenges and opportunities of this office.

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

Sheryl Harris

Consumer Columnist

Cleveland Plain Dealer

Twitter.com: @consumerwriter

Blog: cleveland.com/consumeraffairs

2000 to present

- Award-winning consumer columnist, focusing on issues, policies and legislation that impact consumers
- Creator of the award-winning scam education site for consumers, www.cleveland.com/scamfinder
- Expert in consumer education; problem mediation; credit reports, scores and freezes; debt collection abuses and customer-service issues
- Knowledgeable about consumer laws and threats to low- and mid-income family finances
- Communications professional active in social media, including Twitter (@consumerwriter) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/sheryl.harris.16940)

Radio host/guest expert

The Sound of Ideas, WCPN 90.3 FM

2009 to present

- Former guest host and current consumer expert for "The Sound of Ideas," a live call-in public affairs show that airs on Cleveland public radio affiliate WCPN and public television station WVIZ
- Money coach on the nationally broadcast public radio shows "Marketplace Money" and "Tell Me More"

Columnist/reporter

Akron Beacon Journal

1986-2000

- Lead reporter/writer for the paper's Pulitzer Prize-winning series on race and public perception, "A Question of Color"
- Weekend metro editor (rotating basis), responsible for assigning reporters and editing news coverage for week-end editions
- Copy desk slot editor, responsible for assigning stories to copy editors and managing work flow through the production process for deadline publication
- Creator of the paper's consumer beat in 1995, promoted to consumer columnist in 1998

Awards (highlights)

- Award for Excellence in Consumer Journalism, 2013
National Association of Consumer Advocates
- Best in Business Award, column, 2006, 2010
Society of American Business Editors and Writers
- Best in Business Award, creative use of online, 2008
Society of American Business Editors and Writers
- Ohio Excellence in Journalism Award, first place, business column, 2011, 2013
- Capitolbeat Award, first place, commentary, 2007, 2008
Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors
- Community Shares Social Justice Reporting award, 2007
- Pulitzer Prize for Public Service, 1994
(*Akron Beacon Journal* series, "A Question of Color")

Education

- BA in Journalism, Ohio State University

Continuing Education

- Fellow, Journalist Law School seminar, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
- Graduate, FBI Citizens Academy

References available on request

The Ohio State University

hereby confers upon

Sheryl Lynn Harris

the degree of

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

together with all the rights, privileges and honors appertaining thereto in consideration of the satisfactory completion of the course prescribed in

The School of Journalism - The Colleges of the Arts and Sciences

In Testimony Whereof, the seal of the University and the signatures as authorized by the Board of Trustees are hereunto affixed.

Given at Columbus on the eleventh day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred eighty-two and of the University the one hundred and thirtieth



Warren J. Smith
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

President of the University

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2015-0164

Sponsored by: County Executive Budish	A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Mary Louise Madigan, upon her taking the oath of office, as Director of the Department of Communications; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the County Council established a Department of Communications and the powers and duties of the Director of the Department of Communications in Ordinance No. O2011-0051; and

WHEREAS, Section 202.14 of Chapter 202 of the Cuyahoga County Code provides for the functions, goals and activities of the Department of Communications; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Mary Louis Madigan to the position of Director of the Department of Communications; 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 September 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Mary Louise Madigan to the position of Director of the Department of Communications; 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 Mary Louise Madigan to serve as the Director of the Department of Communications upon her 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: August 25, 2015

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Journal _____
_____, 20__



ARMOND BUDISH
Cuyahoga County Executive

July 27, 2015

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

Re: Cuyahoga County Director of Communications

Dear President Brady:

Pursuant to Cuyahoga County Code Section 202.14, I am pleased to nominate **Mary Louise Madigan** to serve as the Director of Communications. Ms. Madigan is a long-time public servant for the County; she most recently served as a Social Program Administrator for the Department of Health & Human Services with a focus on crisis communications for the Division of Children and Family Services.

Ms. Madigan began working for Cuyahoga County January 15, 1995 as an administrative aide to Commissioner Tim Hagan. In late 1998, the end of Mr. Hagan's term, Madigan transitioned to Health & Human Services as a program officer for the county's Family & Children First Council, then under the leadership of Bette Myer. At FCFC, she began managing the county's Child Fatality Review, working with the Early Childhood Initiative, coordinating communication among systems and troubleshooting professional and constituent problems. In 2003, Mary Louise was recruited to the Office of Health & Human Services by Rick Werner, then interim director, to work on a coordinated approach to policy and long term planning among the systems. Her assignments included administration within and among the systems ranging from community TANF projects to program development to grants and contracts. Madigan worked as fact checker and policy advisor to five successful levy efforts and she will continue to use her relationships and institutional knowledge on future levies.

Ms. Madigan's ability to listen, assess and act makes her a valuable part of my team. Her background and demeanor are well suited to address the new challenges and opportunities of this office. 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