



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
2:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Brady called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

There were no public comments given related to the agenda.

4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

- a) Overview of 2016/2017 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program – Fiscal Officer Dennis Kennedy

[Clerk's Note: Item No. 4 a) was taken out of order and considered after Item No. 5 a)]

County Executive Budish gave opening remarks to Council regarding the proposed 2016/2017 biennial operating budget and addressed the goals of balancing the budget, providing services for today and investing in the future.

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

Mr. Dennis Kennedy, Fiscal Officer, and Mr. Chris Glassburn, Senior Policy Advisor, provided Council with an overview of the recommended 2016/2017 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Glassburn pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Greenspan then turned the gavel back over to Council President Brady to chair the remainder of the meeting.

5. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2015-0171: A Resolution authorizing a Casino Revenue Fund loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,000,000.00 to City of Euclid for the benefit of Phase II of the Waterfront Improvement Plan located in the City of Euclid; directing the Director of Development or his/her designee to prepare all documents to effectuate said loan; directing and authorizing the County Executive and/or Director of Development to execute all documents consistent with said loan and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

The Honorable Bill Cervenik, Mayor of the City of Euclid; The Honorable Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, President of Euclid City Council; and Mr. Frank Pietravoia, Special Assistant to the Mayor for Development at the City of Euclid, addressed the Council regarding Resolution No. R2015-0171. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mayor Cervenik, Council President Holzheimer Gail and Mr. Pietravoia pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2015-0171 was considered and approved by majority roll-call vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, with Councilmember Schron casting the only dissenting vote.

Councilmember Greenspan requested his name be added to the legislation as co-sponsor.

- b) R2015-0200: A Resolution authorizing a revenue generating agreement with FirstMerit Corporation in the amount of \$10,321,344.00 for the sale of naming rights for the Cleveland Convention Center for the period 11/1/2015 - 10/31/2035; authorizing the County Executive or his authorized designee to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Jeffrey Applebaum, representing Thompson Hine LLP, and Mr. Sean Richardson, Executive Vice President and CEO North Coast Region at FirstMerit Bank, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2015-0200. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2015-0200 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

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, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m., without objection.