



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 2015
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairwoman Brown called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Brown asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Brown, Jones and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Simon and Schron were absent from the meeting. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

A motion was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Ms. Simon and Mr. Schron from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 29, 2015 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Brady and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2015 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

[Clerk's Note: Resolution No. R2015-0187 was taken out of order and considered before Resolution No. R2015-0172. Resolution Nos. R2015-0172, R2015-0173, R2015-0174, R2015-0175, R2015-0176 and R2015-0177 were read into the record simultaneously.]

- a) R2015-0172: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation for the conservation of ecologically significant areas located at 4100 Pearl Road in Old Brooklyn in the City of Cleveland, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Allison Ball, Special Projects Coordinator; and Ms. Rosemary Mudry, Director of Economic Development for Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2015-0172. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Ball and Ms. Mudry pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2015-0172 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- b) R2015-0173: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Western Reserve Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas located between Cedar Road and Fairmount Boulevard and to the west of Lander Road in the City of Pepper Pike, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Jeffrey Schiffman, Conservation Project Manager for Western Reserve Land Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2015-0173. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Schiffman pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Brady, Resolution No. R2015-0173 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- c) R2015-0174: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Western Reserve Land

Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Village of Hunting Valley; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. D. Kendrick Chittock, Project Manager for Western Reserve Land Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2015-0174. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Chittock pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Brady, Resolution No. R2015-0174 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- d) R2015-0175: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas adjacent to West Creek Reservation in the City of Parma, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Derek Schafer, Executive Director of the West Creek Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2015-0175. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Schafer pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Brady, Resolution No. R2015-0175 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- e) R2015-0176: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the City of Warrensville Heights, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Babette Gowda, Watershed Coordinator for Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2015-0176. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Gowda pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Ms. Jones, Resolution No. R2015-0176 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- f) R2015-0177: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of City of Brook Park for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the First Phase of the Abram Creek Riparian and Greenway Corridor in the City of Brook Park, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Ball addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2015-0177. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Ball pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2015-0177 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- g) R2015-0185: A Resolution authorizing amendments to contracts with various providers for operation of OhioMeansJobs|Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Service Centers for the period 7/1/2013 - 6/30/2015 to extend the time period to 6/30/2016, to change the scope of services, effective 7/1/2015, and for additional funds; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendments and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
 - 1) No. CE1300365-01 with Mature Services Incorporated in the amount not-to-exceed \$257,788.00.
 - 2) No. CE1300366-01 with United Labor Agency, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,540,988.00.

Ms. Norma Arasim, Business Administrator, and Mr. David Megenhardt, Executive Director of United Labor Agency, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2015-0185. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Arasim and Mr. Megenhardt pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2015-0185 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- h) R2015-0186: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. CE1300368-01 with United Labor Agency, Inc. for employer services for the period 7/1/2013 - 6/30/2015 to extend the time period to 6/30/2016, to change the scope of services, effective 7/1/2015, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,583,490.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Arasim and Mr. Meganhardt addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2015-0186. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Arasim and Mr. Meganhardt pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2015-0186 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- i) R2015-0187: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Starting Point in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,855,983.00 for administration of various initiatives of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program for the Invest in Children Program for the period 8/1/2015 - 7/31/2018; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Rebekah Dorman, Director of the Office of Early Childhood Invest in Children, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2015-0187. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Dorman pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Brown announced that she is having a Town Hall meeting at the Warrensville Heights Library at 7:00 p.m.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairwoman Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m., without objection.