



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
3:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Due to the nature of the item referred to Committee, Council President Connally requested that Councilmember Schron preside over the meeting. Chairman Schron then called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Mr. Schron asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Committee members Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Brady was absent from the meeting.**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

**The Honorable William Cervenik, Mayor of the City of Euclid and Chairperson of the First Suburbs Consortium, addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to him and the inner ring suburbs relating to Ordinance No. O2012-0011, an Ordinance establishing an Economic Development Fund for the purpose of collecting and expending proceeds from gross casino revenues.**

### 4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) O2012-0011: An Ordinance establishing an Economic Development Fund for the purpose of collecting and expending proceeds from gross casino revenues, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

**Mr. Schron made several opening remarks and then recognized County Executive FitzGerald, who addressed the Committee regarding the item, which included the following: (a) detailed examples of County funding and assistance already provided/available to inner ring suburbs, (b) discussed the necessity of spending casino revenues in a concentrated way in order have a greater impact, (c) explained the importance of maintaining a vibrant downtown in order to sustain economic development, (d) stated that all communities have an economic stake in a vibrant downtown and that all suburbs have people who work downtown, and (e) requested that a decision regarding collecting and expending proceeds from casino revenues be made quickly so that the process does not become mandated by the State. Mr. FitzGerald then turned the floor over to Mr. Larry Benders, Director of Development, who gave a presentation to the Committee regarding the purpose, rationale, revenue assumptions and risks and outcomes of the Ordinance. Committee members asked questions of Mr. FitzGerald and Mr. Benders, which they answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.**

**5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**6. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mr. Lee Fisher, President and CEO of CEOs for Cities, addressed the Committee regarding his organization as well as issues of concern to him relating to Ordinance No. O2012-0011, an Ordinance establishing an Economic Development Fund for the purpose of collecting and expending proceeds from gross casino revenues.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Schron at 4:45 p.m., without objection.**