



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY FINANCE & BUDGETING COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Miller, Gallagher, Jones, Connally, Greenspan, and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Schron was absent from the meeting. Councilmember Rogers was also in attendance.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

Mr. David Rothstein, Director of Public Affairs for Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to him relating to Resolution No. R2013-0192, a Resolution amending the 2012/2013 Biennial Operating Budget for 2013 by providing for an additional fiscal appropriation from the General Fund.

Mr. Robert Megazzini, General Manager of Marriott International Inc., addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to him relating to Ordinance No. O2013-0020, an Ordinance enacting Chapter 712 of the Cuyahoga County Code to establish the Cuyahoga County Lodging Excise Tax Code of Regulations.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Ms. Connally and approved by majority vote to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2013 meeting, with Mr. Greenspan abstaining from the vote.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2013-0192: A Resolution amending the 2012/2013 Biennial Operating Budget for 2013 by providing for an additional fiscal appropriation from the General Fund in order to meet the budgetary needs of a County department; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

County Executive Ed FitzGerald and Mr. Kenneth Surratt, Special Assistant, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0192. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of County Executive FitzGerald and Mr. Surratt pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Brady, Resolution No. R2013-0192 was considered and approved by majority roll-call vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules, with Committee members Miller, Gallagher, Jones, Connally and Brady voting in the affirmative and Committee member Greenspan casting a dissenting vote.

- b) O2013-0020: An Ordinance enacting Chapter 712 of the Cuyahoga County Code to establish the Cuyahoga County Lodging Excise Tax Code of Regulations, effective 1/1/2014.

Ms. Connally addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2013-0020. Discussion ensued.

County Executive FitzGerald and Mr. Mark Parks, Interim Fiscal Officer, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2013-0020. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of County Executive FitzGerald and Mr. Parks pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Miller introduced a proposed substitute to Ordinance No. O2013-0020. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Ms. Connally, seconded by Mr. Brady and approved by majority vote to substitute Ordinance No. O2013-0020, with Mr. Greenspan casting a dissenting vote.

No further legislative action was taken on Ordinance No. O2013-0020.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Miller announced that that the next Finance & Budgeting Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Mr. Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m., without objection.