



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
2:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairman Schron called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Mr. Schron asked Deputy Clerk Muller to call the roll. Committee members Schron, Jones, Greenspan, Rogers and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

**Mr. Larry Benders, Director of Development, addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to him relating to Resolution No. R2013-0092, A Resolution authorizing a Casino Revenue Fund Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,000,000.00 to Playhouse Square District Development Corporation for streetscape improvements.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 17, 2013 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Mr. Rogers and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting.**

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2013-0090: A Resolution authorizing a Casino Revenue Fund Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000.00 to 1717 East 9<sup>th</sup> LLC for acquisition, renovation, construction and conversion of the East Ohio Gas Building and parking garage to a mixed-use residential complex; authorizing the Deputy Chief of Staff of Development 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.

**Mr. Larry Benders, Director of Development, and Mr. Nate Kelly, Deputy Chief of Staff for Development; addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0090. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Benders and Mr. Kelly pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**Mr. Greenspan introduced an amendment to Resolution R2013-0090 to replace “a Casino Revenue Fund Loan” with “an Economic Development Fund Loan” in the title, in the first whereas clause and in Section 1 of the Resolution and to replace “Casino Tax Revenue Funds” with “the Economic Development Fund” in the second whereas clause of the Resolution. Discussion ensued.**

**A motion was then made by Mr. Greenspan and seconded by Mr. Schron to approve the amendment to Resolution No. R2013-0090. The motion failed with a on a vote of 2 yeas and 3 nays with Committee members Greenspan and Schron voting in the affirmative and Committee members Jones, Rogers and Simon casting dissenting votes.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2013-0090 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under third reading.**

- b) R2013-0091: A Resolution authorizing a Casino Revenue Fund Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000.00 to Flats East Development, LLC for construction of residential and retail components of the Flats East Bank Neighborhood Project – Phase II; authorizing the Deputy Chief of Staff of Development 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.

**Mr. Benders and Mr. Kelly addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0091. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Benders and Mr. Kelly pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**Mr. Greenspan introduced an amendment to Resolution R2013-0091 to replace “a Casino Revenue Fund Loan” with “an Economic Development Fund Loan” in the title, in the first whereas clause and in Section 1 of the Resolution and to replace “Gross Casino Tax Revenue Funds” with “the Economic Development Fund” in the third whereas clause of the Resolution. Discussion ensued.**

**A motion was then made by Mr. Greenspan and seconded by Mr. Schron to**

**approve the amendment to Resolution No. R2013-0091. The motion failed with a on a vote of 2 yeas and 3 nays with Committee members Greenspan and Schron voting in the affirmative and Committee members Jones, Rogers and Simon casting dissenting votes.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Rogers, Resolution No. R2013-0091 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under third reading.**

- c) R2013-0092: A Resolution authorizing a Casino Revenue Fund Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,000,000.00 to Playhouse Square District Development Corporation for streetscape improvements; authorizing the Deputy Chief of Staff of Development or Director of Development to execute all documents consistent with said grant and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Greenspan and approved by unanimous vote to table Resolution No. R2013-0092.**

- d) R2013-0121: A Resolution adopting the 2013 Economic Development Plan in accordance with Section 7.05 of the Cuyahoga County Charter and Section 801.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Benders addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0121. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Benders pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**No legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2013-0121 at this time.**

#### 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### 7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

**No other public comments were given.**

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Chairman Schron adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m., without objection.**