



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Brady called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

There were no public comments given related to the agenda.

4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

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

- a) R2016-0216: A Resolution adopting the 2016/2017 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program Annual Update for 2017, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. William Denihan, Chief Executive Officer of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County, addressed Council regarding the heroin epidemic in Cuyahoga County. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Sharon Sobol Jordan, Chief of Staff for County Executive Budish, provided Council with an overview of new initiatives and policies relating to Resolution No. R2016-0216. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Dennis Kennedy, Fiscal Officer, and Ms. Maggie Keenan, Director of the Office of Budget and Management, provided Council with a financial overview relating to Resolution No. R2016-0216. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Eliza Wing, Chief Communications Officer, addressed Council regarding budgetary requests relating to the Department of Communications. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Wing pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

The Honorable Larry A. Jones, Sr., Administrative Judge for the Eighth District Court of Appeals, and Ms. Erin O'Toole, Court Administrator for the Eighth District Court of Appeals, addressed Council regarding budgetary requests relating the Eighth District Court of Appeals. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Jones and Ms. O'Toole pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Ted Carter, Director of the Department of Development, addressed Council regarding budgetary requests relating to the Department of Development. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Carter pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Mr. Douglas Dykes, Chief Talent Officer, addressed Council regarding budgetary requests relating to the Department of Human Resources. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Dykes pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Ms. Rebecca Kopcienski, Director of the Personnel Review Commission, addressed Council regarding budgetary requests relating to the Personnel Review Commission. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Kopcienski pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Mr. David Reines, Director of Finance and Operations for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, and Mr. Rick Bell, Special Investigations Division Chief for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, addressed Council regarding budgetary requests relating to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Reines and Bell pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Robert Tobik, Chief Public Defender, addressed Council regarding budgetary requests relating to the Public Defender Commission. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Tobik pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

No further legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2016-0216.

- b) R2016-0203: A Resolution approving The MetroHealth System Year 2017 Budget, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 339.06(D), with the understanding that the allocation of County funds to the System will be made through adoption of the 2016/2017 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program Annual Update for 2017; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Craig Richmond, Chief Financial Officer for The MetroHealth System, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2016-0203. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Richmond pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2016-0203 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.

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

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Council President Brady announced that Councilmembers will receive additional information regarding budget informational sessions from Council staff.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

There were no public comments given unrelated to the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Brady adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m., without objection.