



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Miller asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Conwell, Brown, Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Schron, Jones and Simon entered the meeting after the roll call was taken. Councilmember Hairston was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

There were no public comments given related to the agenda.

4. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / DISCUSSION:

- a) R2017-0182: A Resolution adopting the 2018/2019 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Commission – Maggie Keenan

Ms. Margaret Keenan, Director of the Office of Budget and Management, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

2) Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District – Jan Rybka

Ms. Janine Rybka, District Administrator of the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District. Discussion ensued.

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

3) Cuyahoga County Planning Commission – Glenn Coyne

Mr. Glenn Coyne, Executive Director of Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Planning Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

4) Department of Public Works – Michael Dever

Mr. Michael Dever, Director of the Department of Public Works and Mr. Michael Chambers, Director of Finance and Operations, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Public Works. Discussion ensued.

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

5) Council Discussion of Next Steps

Chair Miller announced that the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. was cancelled and rescheduled for Monday, November 20, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. The Committee of the Whole is also tentatively scheduled to meet on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Council President Brady provided an overview and timeline of the budget process and stated that Councilmembers will review the budget as well as meet with Council staff.

Councilmembers Miller, Brady, Conwell, Simon, Baker, Tuma, Jones and Brown discussed potential items in the budget that they would like Council to focus on. These items included: the budget for the Public Defender’s Office, Demolition Program, Educational Assistance Program subsidy, penalties for failure to register rental properties, opioid support programs, faith-based initiatives, additional resources for the Norma Herr Women’s Shelter and maintaining The MetroHealth System as the healthcare provider for the County jail.

There was no further legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2017-0182.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

There were no public comments given unrelated to the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m., without objection.