



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
2:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Simon, Baker, Miller and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Stephens was in attendance shortly after the roll-call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rob Loftis addressed Council regarding the Cuyahoga County Jail.

4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

- a) R2019-0125: A Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of Taxable General Obligation Bonds in a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$40,000,000.00 to advance refund all of the County's outstanding Excise Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2015, originally issued for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing, renovating, improving or repairing sports facilities, including specifically major capital repairs to such sports facilities, and reimbursing the County for costs incurred by the County in connection with such construction, renovation, improvement or repairs, to pay capitalized interest on the bonds, and to fund a reserve fund, and to pay the costs of issuance in connection therewith; authorizing the preparation and use of a preliminary official statement; authorizing the preparation, execution and use of an official statement; approving and authorizing the execution of a

continuing disclosure agreement, a purchase agreement and an escrow agreement; authorizing other actions related to the issuance of the bonds; and declaring the necessity that this resolution become immediately effective.

- b) R2019-0126: A Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds in a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$40,500,000.00 to provide funds for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing, renovating, improving or repairing sports facilities, including specifically major capital repairs to such sports facilities, and reimbursing the County for costs incurred by the County in connection with such construction, renovation, improvement or repairs of sports facilities together with all necessary appurtenances and work incidental thereto, to pay capital interest on the bonds, and to pay the costs of issuance in connection therewith; authorizing the preparation and use of a preliminary official statement; authorizing the preparation, execution and use of an official statement; approving and authorizing the execution of a purchase agreement and a continuing disclosure agreement; authorizing other actions related to the issuance of the bonds; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

[Clerk's Note: Resolutions Nos. R2019-0125 and R2019-0126 were read into the record and considered concurrently.]

Ms. Maggie Keenan, Director of the Office of Budget and Management; Mr. Robert Franz, Director of Public Finance for Stifel Financial Corp.; Mr. Len Komoroski, Chief Executive Officer for the Cleveland Cavaliers; Mr. Joseph Znidarsic, Vice President and General Counsel for the Cleveland Indians; Mr. Matthew Carroll, Acting Chief of Staff for County Executive Budish; and Mr. Antony Bonavita, Senior Vice President of Facility Operations for the Cleveland Cavaliers, addressed Council regarding Resolution Nos. R2019-0125 and R2019-0126. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Keenan; Mr. Franz; Mr. Komoroski; Mr. Znidarsic; Mr. Carroll; and Mr. Bonavita, pertaining to the items, which they answered accordingly.

Chair Miller then permitted Mr. William Tarter to provide testimony regarding Resolution Nos. R2019-0125 and R2019-0126.

There was no further legislative action taken on Resolution Nos. R2019-0125 and R2019-0126.

Chair Miller then handed the gavel over to Council President Brady, who chaired the remainder of the meeting.

5. DISCUSSION / EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a) Collective bargaining matters, including:

- i) an amendment to a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association representing approximately 160 employees in the classification of Deputy Sheriff for the period 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2020 to amend Article 14: Wages by creating a new section allowing the County to hire experienced law enforcement officers at an advanced step of the wage scale.
- ii) an amendment to a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association representing approximately 613 employees in the classification of Correction Officer for the period 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2019 to amend Article 7: Probationary Period, Article 14: Wages and Article 27: Post Assignment.

b) Pending or imminent litigation

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Tuma and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining matters and pending or imminent litigation and for no other purposes whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Brady at 3:45 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Tuma, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens, Simon, Baker, Miller and Brady. Councilmember Gallagher was present after Executive Session convened. The following additional attendees were present: Director of Law Gregory Huth, Deputy Chief Law Director Nora Hurley, Assistant Law Director Amy Marquit Renwald, Assistant Law Director Awatef Assad, Director of Human Resources Employee and Labor Relations Egdilio Morales, Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni, Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer and Special Counsel Michael King.

At 4:49 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Brady then reconvened the meeting.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Brady adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m., without objection.