



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gallagher asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Baker, Tuma, Brady and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 16, 2019 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Baker and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2019 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) O2019-0007: An Ordinance amending Section 402.01(L) of the Cuyahoga County Code to modify the definition of “relative” as it is used in the County’s code of ethics, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Ms. Brandy Carney, Chief Community Protection and Safety Officer, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2019-0007. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Carney pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Conwell, Ordinance No. O2019-0007 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading and referral to the Council Operations, Intergovernmental Relations and Public Transportation Committee.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Update from Medical Examiner

Dr. Thomas Gilson, Medical Examiner, provided the Committee with an update on the Crime Lab, staffing and data related to overdose and violent deaths. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Gilson pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- b) Solitary confinement at County Jail

Mr. Phillip Christopher, Interim Warden, addressed the Committee regarding the inmate discipline policy, medical screenings and the appeals process at the County Jail. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Christopher pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Ms. Carney addressed the Committee regarding medical staffing levels, bail reform and pretrial services. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Carney pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

- c) Hiring of new Jail Administrator

Ms. Carney addressed the Committee regarding the hiring of the new Jail Administrator and stated that an offer was extended to a candidate. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Carney pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

- d) Update regarding Food Service RFP at County Jail

Ms. Carney and Ms. Donna Kaleal, Fiscal Manager for the Sheriff's Department, addressed the Committee regarding the Food Service RFP for the County Jail. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Carney and Ms. Kaleal pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p.m., without objection.