



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
2:00 PM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Council President Brady called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**The following individuals addressed Council regarding Resolution Nos. R2019-0134 and R2019-0144, Resolutions providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga various amendments to the County Charter regarding the County Sheriff:**

- a) Ms. Audrey Morris**
- b) Mr. William Tarter**

**The following individuals addressed Council regarding Ordinance No. O2019-0009, an Ordinance enacting Chapter 724 of the Cuyahoga County Code to authorize an increase by one percent of the bed tax for the purpose of paying the direct and indirect costs of constructing, improving, expanding, equipping, financing, or operating a convention center:**

- a) Mr. William Tarter**
- b) Mr. Michael Hammer**

#### 4. PRESENTATION

- a) David Gilbert, President and CEO of Greater Cleveland Sports Commission and Destination Cleveland

**Prior to the scheduled presentation, Council President Brady asked Clerk Schmotzer to read Ordinance No. O2019-0009 into the record.**

**Mr. David Gilbert, President and CEO of Greater Cleveland Sports Commission and Destination Cleveland, then gave a presentation to Council regarding the activities of Destination Cleveland as well as how bed taxes were expended in 2018. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Dennis Kennedy, Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer; Mr. Daniel Walsh, Jr., Chair of the Board of Trustees for Destination Cleveland; and Mr. Chris Ronayne, Chair of the Public Affairs Committee for Destination Cleveland, addressed Council regarding associated Ordinance No. O2019-0009. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Gilbert, Kennedy, Walsh and Ronayne pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly. Additionally, Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Trevor McAleer, Council's Legislative Budget Advisor; Mr. Robert Franz, Director of Public Finance for Stifel Financial Corp.; and Mr. Timothy Offtermatt, Vice President of Finance for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Ms. Brown, Ordinance No. O2019-0009 was then considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading.**

**Council President Brady then called for a short recess before handing the gavel over to Councilmember Gallagher, Chair of the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee, who chaired the meeting during discussions of Items 5.a) and 5.b).**

**Chair Gallagher then gave opening remarks regarding the process for discussion of Items 5.a) and 5.b).**

#### 5. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

- a) R2019-0134: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to repeal Section 5.08 and enact Article XVI of the County Charter providing for the election of the Sheriff, including the powers, duties, qualifications, and compensation of the office; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**[Clerk's Note: Resolutions Nos. R2019-0134 and R2019-0144 were read into the record and considered concurrently.]**

**No further legislative action was taken on this item.**

- b) R2019-0144: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to repeal Section 5.08 and enact Article XVI of the County Charter to provide for additional requirements of the Sheriff, including the powers, duties, qualifications, term, and removal process of the office; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**[Clerk's Note: Resolutions Nos. R2019-0134 and R2019-0144 were read into the record and considered concurrently.]**

**Councilmember Tuma addressed his colleagues and provided his rationale for sponsoring Resolution No. R2019-0144. He then asked Mr. Kahlil Seren, Council's Research and Policy Analyst, to address Council regarding the Resolution. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Tuma and Seren pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**No further legislative action was taken on this item.**

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

- c) O2019-0009: An Ordinance enacting Chapter 724 of the Cuyahoga County Code to authorize an increase by one percent of the bed tax for the purpose of paying the direct and indirect costs of constructing, improving, expanding, equipping, financing, or operating a convention center; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

**[Clerk's Note: Ordinance No. O2019-0009 was taken out of order during item 4.a)]**

## 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Council President Brady adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m., without objection.**