



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019
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 Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Baker, Miller and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Brown, Stephens and Tuma were absent from the meeting. Councilmember Simon entered the meeting after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Catherine Ciha addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2019-0224, a Resolution adopting the 2020/2021 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, specifically pertaining to funding for the Division of Senior and Adult Services.

4. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / DISCUSSION:

- a) R2019-0224: A Resolution adopting the 2020/2021 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

Chair Miller introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2019-0224 on the floor. He then asked Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer to summarize proposed technical amendments to Exhibits A and B of the legislation. Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. McAleer pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

A motion was then made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Ms. Conwell, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2019-0224.

- 1) Department of Health and Human Services Overview – Walter Parfejewiec

Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, provided an overview of the budget for the Department of Health and Human Services. Discussion ensued.

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

- 2) Department of Health and Human Services:
 - a. Division of Children and Family Services – Cynthia Weiskittel

Ms. Cynthia Weiskittel, Administrator for the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Division of Children and Family Services. Discussion ensued.

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

- b. Division of Senior and Adult Services – Tracey Mason

Ms. Tracey Mason, Administrator for the Division of Senior and Adult Services, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Division of Senior and Adult Services. Discussion ensued.

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

- c. Cuyahoga Job and Family Services – Kevin Gowan

Mr. David Merriman, Assistant Director of the Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of Mr. Kevin Gowan, Director of Cuyahoga Job and Family Services, addressed Council regarding budget requests for Cuyahoga Job and Family Services. Discussion ensued.

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

- i. Office of Child Support Services – Tiffany Dobbins-Brazelton

Ms. Tiffany Dobbins-Brazelton, Director of the Office of Child Support Services, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of Child Support Services. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Dobbins-Brazelton pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

There was no further legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2019-0224.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m., without objection.