

MINUTES CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL REMOTE* COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021 3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments submitted.

- 4. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:
 - a) <u>O2021-0003</u>: An Ordinance amending Section 202.04 of the Cuyahoga County Code to establish a Division of Public Utilities within the Department of Public Works; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Mr. Michael Foley, Director of the Department of Sustainability; Mr. Gregory Huth, Law Director; Mr. Andrew Thomas, Executive in Residence for the Energy Policy Center at Cleveland State University; Mr. Ali Ahmed, Founder and Principal of Green Strategies, LLC; Mr. Michael Wise, Co-Chair of Energy Practice and Board member for McDonald Hopkins, LLC; and Mr. Mark Henning, Research Associate for the Energy Policy Center at Cleveland State University, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. 02021-0003. Discussion ensued. Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Foley, Huth, Thomas, Ahmed, Wise and Henning pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Simon and subsequently withdrawn to refer Ordinance No. O2021-0003 to the full Council agenda for second reading.

There was no further legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2021-0003.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m., without objection.