



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Jones gave opening remarks regarding the process for the budget hearings and then turned the gavel over to Councilmember Miller.

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 Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Brown, Simon, Baker and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Conwell and Stephens entered the meeting after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed Council regarding an increase in property values and property taxes for Cuyahoga County property owners as it pertains to Resolution No. R2021-0238 adopting the 2022/2023 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- a) Ms. Helen Smith**
- b) Mr. Bruce Hedderson**
- c) Mr. Mike Dolan**
- d) Loh**
- e) Ms. Mary Rose Oakar**

4. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE - PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION:

Chair Miller gave opening remarks regarding the process for the budget hearings.

- a) R2021-0238: A Resolution adopting the 2022/2023 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
- 1) Budget Preview and Strategy – County Executive Armond Budish
 - 2) Budget Overview and Summary – OBM Director Walter Parfejewiec
 - 3) Capital Improvements Plan Overview – OBM Director Walter Parfejewiec
 - 4) Capital Plan and Debt Schedule Overview – OBM Director Walter Parfejewiec
 - 5) Policy Initiatives – OBM Director Walter Parfejewiec
 - 6) Presentation of Budget Reductions/Additions – OBM Director Walter Parfejewiec
 - 7) Overview of Various Departmental Budgets – OBM Director Walter Parfejewiec:
 - i) Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
 - ii) Cuyahoga County Office of Consumer Affairs
 - iii) Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission
 - iv) Cuyahoga County Law Library Resources Board
 - v) Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District
 - vi) Department of Regional Collaboration
 - vii) Cuyahoga County Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Monument Commission
 - viii) The Ohio State University Extension
 - ix) Cuyahoga County Board of Revision
 - x) County Council
 - xi) County Executive Administration
 - xii) Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Senior and Adult Services – Tracey Mason

County Executive Armond Budish gave remarks to Council regarding the proposed 2022/2023 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of County Executive Budish pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Director of the Office of Budget and Management, and Mr. Michael Chambers, Fiscal Officer, provided an overview of the 2022/2023 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, debt service, policy initiatives, budget reductions/additions and various departmental budgets. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Parfejeweic and Mr. Chambers pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

At 2:59 p.m., a brief recess was taken by Council, after which Mr. Miller then reconvened the meeting.

xii) 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.

Ms. Cheryl Harris, Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Consumer Affairs. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Jon Reiss, Executive Director of the Veterans Services Commission, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Veterans Services Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Gregory Palumbo, Executive Director of The Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, addressed Council regarding budget requests for The Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. Discussion ensued.

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

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Parfejeweic and Mr. Chambers regarding the increase in property values and property taxes for Cuyahoga County property owners.

Mr. Parfejeweic and Mr. Chambers addressed Council pertaining to the increase in property values and property taxes and the informal hearing process. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Ronald O'Leary, Administrator for the Board of Revision, addressed Council regarding budget requests and the process for informal hearings pertaining to the increase in property values and property taxes for Cuyahoga County property owners for the Board of Revision. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. O'Leary pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Councilmembers requested that presentations and notes be sent to Council prior to budget presentations.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m., without objection.