



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021
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 1:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Sweeney, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Brown, Baker, Miller and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Baker, Tuma and Simon were in attendance after the roll-call was taken. Councilmember Stephens was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed Council regarding funding for public safety and public health programs.

4. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / DISCUSSION:

- 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) Department of Health and Human Services Brief Overview – David Merriman

Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Director of the Office of Budget and Management, addressed Council regarding the structure, staffing, budget and programming relating to the Department of Health and Human Services. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Merriman and Parfejewiec pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

2) Department of Health and Human Services:

a. Division of Children and Family Services – Cynthia Weiskittel

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

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Weiskittel and Mr. Parfejewiec pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

A brief recess was taken by Council, after which, Mr. Miller then reconvened the meeting.

b. Cuyahoga Job and Family Services – Kevin Gowan

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. Gowan pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

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

Ms. Tiffany Dobbins-Brazelton, Administrator of the Office of Child Support Services; and Mr. Parfejewiec, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of Child Support Services. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Dobbins-Brazelton and Mr. Parfejewiec pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

There was no further legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2021-0238.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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

Mr. Miller announced that the next Committee of the Whole meetings will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. and on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m., without objection.