



MINUTES
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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 Baker, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Jones, Simon and Stephens were in attendance after the roll-call was taken. Councilmember Brown was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed Council regarding various agenda and non-agenda items.

[Clerk's Note: Item No. 4.b) was taken out of order and considered before Item No. 4.a).]

4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / DISCUSSION:

- a) R2021-0246: A Resolution authorizing Contract No. 1904 with Fund for Our Economic Future of Northeast Ohio, as fiscal agent, in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,450,000.00 to support workforce innovation and coordination in healthcare, manufacturing, information technology and hospitality sectors in connection with the Workforce Connect Development Program for the period 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Miller passed the gavel to Mr. Schron, Chair of the Economic Development & Planning Committee.

Mr. Paul Herdeg, Director of the Department of Development; and Ms. Cathy Belk, Chief Executive Officer of the Deaconess Foundation, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2021-0246. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2021-0246 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Schron returned the gavel to Mr. Miller to chair the remainder of the meeting.

- b) 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) Justice Services and Public Safety Brief Overview – Robert Coury

Mr. Robert Coury, Chief Public Safety & Justice Services Officer, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Justice Services and Public Safety. Discussion ensued.

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

- 2) Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas:

- a. General Division – The Honorable Brendan J. Sheehan

The Honorable Brendan J. Sheehan, Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the General Division of the Court of Common Pleas. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Sheehan pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- b. Juvenile Division – The Honorable Thomas F. O’Malley

The Honorable Thomas F. O’ Malley, Administrative Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division; Mr. Timonthy Lubbe, Director of Fiscal Resources for the Juvenile Division; and Mr. Brandon Winarchick, Superintendent of Detention Services for the Juvenile Division, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge O' Malley, Mr. Lubbe and Mr. Winarchick pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

- c. Domestic Relations Division – The Honorable Leslie Ann Celebrezze

The Honorable Leslie Ann Celebrezze, Administrative Judge of Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court, addressed Council regarding budget requests for Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Celebrezze pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

- d. Probate Division – The Honorable Anthony J. Russo

The Honorable Anthony J. Russo, Administrative Judge of the Probate Division, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Probate Division of the Court of Common Pleas. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Russo pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- 3) Court of Appeals of Ohio, Eighth Appellate District – The Honorable Mary J. Boyle

The Honorable Mary J. Boyle, Administrative Judge of Court of Appeals of Ohio, Eighth Appellate District, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Court of Appeals. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Boyle pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

- 4) Office of the Prosecuting Attorney – The Honorable Michael C. O'Malley

The Honorable Michael C. O' Malley, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor; and Mr. James Ginley, Director of Finance and Operations for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Prosecutor O' Malley and Mr. Ginley 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.

- 5) Public Defender Commission – Cullen Sweeney

The Honorable Mr. Cullen Sweeney, Chief Public Defender, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Public Defender Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

- 6) Cuyahoga County Personnel Review Commission – Rebecca Kopcienski

Ms. Rebecca Kopcienski, Director of the Personnel Review Commission, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Personnel Review Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Miller announced that the next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Miller adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m., without objection.