



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Turner, Stephens, Baker and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Simon joined the meeting after the rollcall.

Council President Jones passed the gavel to Mr. Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Samaria Rice addressed Council regarding criminal justice and budgetary concerns.

Rev. E Regis Bunch addressed Council regarding criminal justice and the new Cuyahoga County jail.

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4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

- a) R2021-0253: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to revenue generating Agreement No. 1864 with The Huntington National Bank, the successor in interest of FirstMerit Corporation, for the sale of naming rights for the Cleveland Convention Center for the period 11/1/2015 - 10/31/2035, to extend the time period to 10/31/2036; authorizing the County Executive to execute

the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Nichole English, Planning and Program Administrator; and Mr. Matthew Carroll, Chief Economic Growth and Opportunity Officer, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2021-0253. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2021-0253 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2021-0255: A Resolution authorizing a Contract with Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co., in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,320,000.00 for annual audits for Calendar Years 2021-2025 for the period 9/30/2021 – 12/31/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 1725 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Michael Zapola, Special Projects & Business Manager with the Fiscal Office; and Mr. Gregory Huth, Law Director, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2021-0255. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2021-0255 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Miller returned the gavel to Council President Jones to chair the remainder of the meeting.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a) Purchase or sale of property.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or sale of property and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Jones at 1:34 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Baker, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Turner, Stephens, Simon and Jones. The following additional attendees were present: Law Director Gregory Huth, Civil Division Chief David Lambert, Director of Public

Works Michael Dever, Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni, Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer, Special Counsel Brendan Doyle and Policy Advisor James Boyle.

At 3:01 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Jones then reconvened the meeting.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m., without objection.