



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
"A SALUTE TO VETERANS"  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
6:00 PM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**At the request of Council President Connally, the meeting was called to order by Councilmember Schron, Lieutenant Colonel United States Army (Retired) and highest ranking military officer on Council, at 6:07 p.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**LTC Schron (Ret.) asked the Clerk to call the roll. Councilmembers Gallagher, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Schron and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

### **3. PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL ANTHEM**

**The National Anthem was played.**

### **4. PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

**The colors were presented by The United State Army Recruiting Command.**

### **5. SILENT MEDITATION**

**LTC Schron (Ret.) requested that George Phillips, Council Services Coordinator, and Cheyanne Martin, a sophomore at The Cleveland School of Arts, recite poems in honor of veterans.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

**No public comments were given.**

7. MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**County Executive FitzGerald complimented Council regarding Council initiated services that are available to veterans.**

8. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

**A motion was made by Ms. Connally, seconded by Mr. Rogers and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Resolution Nos. R2011-0310, R2011-0311, R2011-0312 and R2011-0313.**

- a) R2011-0310: A Resolution recognizing the service and sacrifice of the military and intelligence personnel serving in the Vietnam War; recognizing March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day in Cuyahoga County; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon and Connally

Speakers: Ray Saikus and Patrick McLaughlin

**Mr. Ray Saikus, President of the Memorial Day Association of Greater Cleveland, and Mr. Patrick McLaughlin, President of the Greater Cleveland Veteran's Memorial, spoke briefly regarding the recognition of March 29<sup>th</sup> as Vietnam Veterans Day in Cuyahoga County.**

**On a motion by Ms. Connally with a second by Mr. Greenspan, Resolution No. R2011-0310 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- b) R2011-0311: A Resolution recognizing and expressing gratitude for the service and contributions of all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and National Guard in Cuyahoga County, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon and Connally

Video presentations by elected officials

**Video messages from U. S. Congressman Dennis Kucinich and U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown, were viewed thanking veterans of Cuyahoga County for their service.**

**On a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Mr. Rogers, Resolution No. R2011-0311 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- c) R2011-0312: A Resolution supporting the Cleveland Municipal Court's Veterans Treatment Docket and the efforts of the Cleveland Municipal Court and its partner agencies to address the special needs of veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and National Guard who become involved with the criminal justice system in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon and Connally

Speaker: Judge Lynn McLaughlin-Murray

**The Honorable Lynn McLaughlin-Murray, Cleveland Municipal Court Judge, spoke briefly regarding the Veterans Treatment Docket.**

**On a motion by Mr. Rogers with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2011-0312 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- d) R2011-0313: A Resolution recognizing the service of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School students in honoring veterans by cataloguing more than 1,300 veterans' graves at All Souls Cemetery to ensure their continued proper and dignified upkeep, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon and Connally

Speakers: Emily Robinson and Dave Csank

**Kaja Kijauskas, senior at Villa Angela – St. Joseph High School, spoke on behalf of her classmates and teachers regarding the cataloguing project.**

**On a motion by Ms. Connally with a second by Mr. Rogers, Resolution No. R2011-0313 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

## 9. PRESENTATIONS

### a) Veterans Administration

**Ms. Judy Zamelin-Spotts, Consumer Affairs Specialist for Outreach at the Louis Stokes Veterans Administration Medical Center, spoke in regard to the services offered by the Veterans Administration.**

### b) Cuyahoga Community College

**Mr. Rick DeChant, Executive Director of Veteran Services & Programs at Cuyahoga Community College, spoke in regard to the services offered by Cuyahoga County Community College.**

### c) Fisher House

**Mr. Tom Sweeney, President of the Thos. Sweeney Group, Inc., spoke in regard to the services offered at Fisher House and the need to have a Fisher House built in Cuyahoga County.**

### d) Veterans Service Commission

**Mr. Bob Schloendorn, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission, spoke in regard to the services offered by the Veterans Service Commission.**

### e) Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument

**Mr. Jon Silvis, Trustee of the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, spoke in regard to the history of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument.**

## 10. PRESENTATION OF AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

**After the song was played, LTC Schron (Ret.) and Council President Connally thanked George Phillips, Council Services Coordinator, and Kahlil Seren, Research & Policy Analyst, for their contributions in coordinating this meeting.**

**LTC Schron (Ret.) then turned the gavel back to Council President Connally.**

## 11. RETIRE COLORS/ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Council President Connally at 7:40 p.m., without objection.**