



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Schron called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Schron asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Johnson to call the roll. Committee members Schron, Baker and Tuma were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Stephens and Simon entered the meeting shortly after the rollcall was taken. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0044, a resolution making awards on RQ6222 to various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$3,000,000.00 for the design and administration of a Small Business Program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 29, 2021 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Baker, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 29, 2021 meeting.

4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2022-0044: A Resolution, making awards on RQ6222 to various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$3,000,000.00 for the design and

administration of a Small Business Program with a focus on minority and women-owned businesses for the period 3/1/2022 – 2/29/2024; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Contracts and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 2177 with Economic and Community Development Institute in the amount not-to-exceed \$750,000.00.
- 2) Contract No. 2179 with National Council for Community Development dba National Development Council in the amount not-to-exceed \$750,000.00.
- 3) Contract No. 2180 with Ohio Aerospace Institute in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00.
- 4) Contract No. 2181 with Village Capital Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00.

Mr. Paul Herdeg, Director of the Department of Development; Mr. Vaughn Johnson, Deputy Director of Economic Development; Ms. Jasmine Dixon, Vice President of Business Growth Development for Northern Ohio with the Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI); Mr. Steve Fireman, President and General Counsel with ECDI; Ms. Inna Kinney, Founder and CEO of ECDI; Mr. Dryck Bennet, Chief Credit Officer with the National Development Council; Mr. Anothony Gillespie, Senior Program Manager with the Ohio Aerospace Institute, Ms. Erica Penick, Executive Director of The Presidents' Council; Ms. Felecia Townsend Ivey, Director of the Cuyahoga Small Business Development Center with the Urban League of Greater Cleveland; and Ms. Dione Alexander, President of Village Capital Corporation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0044. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Herdeg, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Dixon, Mr. Fireman, Ms. Kinney, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Penick, Ms. Townsend Ivey, and Ms. Alexander pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2022-0044 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

Mr. Miller requested to have his names added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2022-0042.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Schron adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m., without objection.