



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
5:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Councilmember Stephens from the Meeting.**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**4. SILENT MEDITATION**

**Council President Jones requested a moment of silent meditation for the recent casualties in the Buffalo, Manhattan and California shootings, and for the passing of William Denihan, a true dedicated public servant.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) May 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- b) May 10, 2022 Regular Meeting

**A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole and Regular meetings.**

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**There were no messages from Council President Jones.**

8. MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**County Executive Budish urged Council to approve the creation of a Tuition Assistance Program for all County employees.**

9. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL

- a) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL FOR THIRD READING ADOPTION

- 1) R2022-0105: A Resolution adopting various changes to the Cuyahoga County Non-Bargaining Classification Plan; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Baker on behalf of the Cuyahoga County Personnel Review Commission

Committee Assignment and Chair: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity – Baker

**On a motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Mr. Schron Resolution No. R2022-0105 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

10. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE

- b) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

**A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Resolution No. R2022-0128.**

- 1) R2022-0128: A Resolution amending the 2022/2023 Biennial Operating Budget for 2022 by providing for additional fiscal appropriations from the General Fund and other funding sources, for appropriation transfers between budget accounts and for cash transfers between budgetary funds, to meet the budgetary needs of various County departments, offices and agencies; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Fiscal Officer/Office of Budget and Management

**Mr. Miller introduced a proposed amendment on the floor to Resolution No. R2022-0128. Discussion ensued.**

**A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed amendment. Council President Jones then referred Item H. to the Finance & Budgeting Committee.**

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2022-0128 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote, as amended.**

c) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

- 1) R2022-0129: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Valerie Katz to serve on the Cuyahoga County Natural Resources Assistance Council for an unexpired term ending 10/14/2023; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2022-0129 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- 2) R2022-0130: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Dornat Drummond to serve on the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board for the term 3/1/2022 – 2/28/2025; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2022-0130 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- 3) R2022-0131: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of various individuals to serve on the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County for various terms; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
  - i) Appointment for the term 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024:
    - a) Gabriella Celeste
  - ii) Appointment for an unexpired term ending 6/30/2023:
    - a) Daniel Kelly

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2022-0131 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- 4) R2022-0132: A Resolution authorizing a state contract Purchase on PO22001945 with The Safety Company LLC dba MTech Company in the amount not-to-exceed \$905,461.72 for the purchase of (1) replacement Dyna-Vac Straight Jet Truck and (2) Cues TV Trucks for the Sanitary Division; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Purchase Order and all other documents consistent this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Public Works

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2022-0132 to the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee.**

- 5) R2022-0133: A Resolution making an award on RQ8964 to CATTs Construction, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,974,258.50 for rehabilitation of various roads; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2421 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; authorizing the County Engineer, on behalf of the

County Executive, to make an application for allocation from County Motor Vehicle \$7.50 License Tax Funds in the amount of \$1,784,555.10 to fund a portion of said contract; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- a) Green Road from Euclid Avenue to South Corporation Line in the City of Cleveland.
- b) Ivanhoe Road from Euclid Avenue to East 152<sup>nd</sup> Street in the Cities of Cleveland and East Cleveland.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Public Works

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2022-0133 to the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee.**

- 6) R2022-0134: A Resolution making an award on RQ8508 to SmithGroup Architects & Landscape Architect, PLLC dba SmithGroup, PLLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,146,857.00 for professional engineering design services for the Beulah Park - Euclid Beach Connector Project, commencing upon contract signature of all parties through 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2468 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Public Works/Division of County Engineer

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2022-0134 to the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee.**

- 7) R2022-0135: A Resolution authorizing a grant award to Cuyahoga County Board of Health in the total amount not-to-exceed \$2,900,000.00 to support various mission activities, commencing upon agreement signature of all parties for a period of 3 years; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 2445 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- a) for the continuation of COVID-19 response efforts in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,100,000.00.
- b) for lead remediation of housing units in Cuyahoga County suburbs in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,800,000.00.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Office of Innovation and Performance

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2022-0135 to the Community Development Committee.**

- 8) R2022-0136: A Resolution authorizing an Agreement of Affiliation with Crime Stoppers of Cuyahoga County, Inc. to recognize and designate said organization as the official citizens' reward program for Cuyahoga County for the period 9/15/2021 – 9/14/2023; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/County Sheriff

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2022-0136 to the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee.**

- 9) R2022-0137: A Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of health care and independent living facilities refunding revenue bonds, Series 2022 (Eliza Jennings Senior Care Network), in an aggregate principal amount not-to-exceed \$55,000,000.00 for the purposes of currently refunding bonds previously issued by the County, funding a debt service reserve fund if required and paying certain costs of issuance; providing for the assignment of revenues for the payment of those bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Base Lease, a Lease, a Bond Indenture, Supplemental Bond Indentures, Bond Purchase Agreements, an Assignment of Rights under Lease, an Assignment of Basic Rent and other instruments and documents in connection with the issuance of those bonds; authorizing the preparation and use of a Preliminary Official Statement; authorizing the preparation, execution and use of an Official Statement; authorizing other action relating to the issuance of the bonds; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Development

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2022-0137 to the Economic Development & Planning Committee.**

d) COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

- 1) R2022-0117: A Resolution authorizing a Partner Funding Agreement among City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port Authority and Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,500,000.00 to provide matching funds for eligible construction phase activities for the stabilization of the hillside abutting the Cuyahoga River at Irishtown Bend; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 2149 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish/Department of Public Works **and Councilmember Conwell**

Committee Assignment and Chair: Community Development – Stephens

**Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2022-0117 into the record.**

**This item will move to the June 7, 2022 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.**

- 2) R2022-0119: A Resolution making an award on RQ6906 to PC's for People Ohio, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$19,382,136.00 for the deployment of broadband services in Cuyahoga County, commencing upon contract signature of all parties for a period of 3 years; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2318 and all other documents consistent with this award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Office of Innovation and Performance and Councilmember Jones

Committee Assignment and Chair: Community Development – Stephens

**Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2022-0119 into the record.**

**This item will move to the June 7, 2022 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.**

- 3) R2022-0123: A Resolution authorizing a grant award to Fund for Our Economic Future of Northeast Ohio in the total amount not to exceed \$9,000,000.00 as fiscal agent, for Workforce Funders Group for various workforce development activities, commencing upon contract signature of all parties for a period of 3 years; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Contract No. 2451 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
  - a) in the amount not-to-exceed \$5,000,000.00 for expansion of the Manufacturing Sector Partnership.
  - b) in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00 for a Higher Education Internship Program.
  - c) in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,000,000.00 for Career Education in public schools Countywide.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish/Department of Development **and Councilmember Miller**

Committee Assignment and Chair: Economic Development & Planning – Schron

**Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2022-0123 into the record.**

**This item will move to the June 7, 2022 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.**

- e) COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

**A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rule 9D and to place on final passage Resolution Nos. R2022-0121, R2022-0122, R2022-0125, R2022-0126 & R2022-0127.**

- 1) R2022-0121: A Resolution confirming the designation of Joyce Huang to serve as the alternate to Mayor Justin Bibb on



the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission representing the Cleveland Region for the term 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

Committee Assignment and Chair: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity – Baker

**On a motion by Ms. Baker with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2022-0121 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 2) R2022-0122: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 842 (formerly Contract No. CE13495) with Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation for lease of office space, located at 8111 Quincy Avenue, Cleveland for the period 6/1/2002 – 5/31/2022, to extend the time period to 5/31/2027 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$5,888,550.00; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish/Departments of Public Works and Health and Human Services and Councilmember Conwell

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Works, Procurement & Contracting – Tuma

**On a motion by Mr. Tuma with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2022-0122 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 3) R2022-0125: A Resolution authorizing a grant award to Greater Cleveland Food Bank in the amount not-to-exceed \$5,000,000.00 to construct a new and expanded food distribution center in the City of Cleveland's Collinwood neighborhood and to renovate the current facility, located at 15500 South Waterloo Road, Cleveland, to serve as a one-stop-shop for critical wraparound social services and support, effective upon contract signature of all parties for a period of one (1) year; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Contract No. 2429 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish/Department of Health and Human Services and Councilmembers Conwell, **Turner and Simon**

Committee Assignment and Chair: Health, Human Services & Aging – Conwell

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2022-0125 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 4) R2022-0126: A Resolution making awards on RQ8476 to various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$9,397,121.00 for the Comprehensive Case Management Employment Program-Employment, Education and Training Services for Young Adults for the period 4/1/2022 – 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Master Contract and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
  - a) Contract No. 2389 with Verge, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,400,000.00.
  - b) Contract No. 2390 with Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the amount not-to-exceed \$7,997,121.00.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish/Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services and Councilmember Conwell **and Turner**

Committee Assignment and Chair: Education, Environment & Sustainability – Simon

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2022-0126 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 5) R2022-0127: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 228 with The MetroHealth System for Correctional Health Care Services for the Cuyahoga County Jail System for the period 5/9/2019 – 5/8/2022 to extend the time period to 8/8/2022 and for additional funds in the amount of \$10,600,000.00, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$55,927,040.00; 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.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Sheriff's Department

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Safety & Justice Affairs – Gallagher

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2022-0127 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

f) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION FOR THIRD READING ADOPTION

- 1) R2022-0113: A Resolution adopting the Annual Alternative Tax Budget for the year 2023; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Fiscal Officer/Office of Budget and Management

Committee Assignment and Chair: Finance & Budgeting – Miller

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2022-0113 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

g) CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THIRD READING ADOPTION

- 1) O2022-0003: An Ordinance providing for an amendment to the Cuyahoga County Human Resources Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual ("Employee Handbook") to create a Tuition Assistance Program to be applicable to all County employees; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish/Department of Human Resources and Councilmembers Conwell, Sweeney, Baker, Miller, **Simon, Schron and Tuma**

Committee Assignment and Chair: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity – Baker

**Ms. Baker introduced a proposed amendment on the floor to Ordinance No. O2022-0003. Discussion ensued.**

**A motion was then made by Ms. Baker, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Simon, Ordinance No. O2022-0003 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote, as substituted.**

#### **11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mr. Miller reported that the Finance & Budgeting Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 13 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Mr. Tuma reported that the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 1 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Ms. Baker reported that the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 31 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Mr. Gallagher reported that the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 31 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Mr. Schron reported that a tentative date will be determined for the Economic Development & Planning Committee meeting.**

**Ms. Conwell reported that the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 1 at 1:00 p.m.**

#### **12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Councilmember Miller announced that this is the last Council meeting that Ms. Michele Pomerantz, Director of Regional Collaboration, will be attending. Council President Jones, Councilmembers Miller, Gallagher, Conwell, Turner, Tuma, Baker, Sweeney, Schron, Simon and County Executive Budish thanked Ms. Pomerantz for her professionalism, courtesy, service and contributions to Cuyahoga County Council and the Administration, and wished Ms. Pomerantz good luck in her future endeavors.**

**Ms. Pomerantz thanked the Councilmembers, Council Staff, County Executive Budish and the Administration for their hard work, assistance with the Boards & Commissions process, and their commitment to the residents of Cuyahoga County.**

**Councilmember Sweeney inquired about the Cuyahoga County Port Authority Appointments.**

#### **13. REPORT BY CLERK ON LEGISLATION WITHDRAWN AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR**

- a) R2022-0124: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Agreement No. 1175 with The MetroHealth System for the MetroHealth Select Network health benefit plan for County employees and their eligible dependents for the period 1/1/2016 – 12/31/2021 to extend the time period to 12/31/2022 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000.00; 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.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Human Resources

**Clerk Richardson reported that Resolution No. R2022-0124 was withdrawn at the request of the Department of Human Resources.**

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m., without objection.**