



MINUTES
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Schron called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Schron asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Schron, Baker, Tuma and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Stephens joined the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken. Councilmembers Miller and Sweeney were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 25, 2022 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Baker, seconded by Mr. Tuma, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2022 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2022-0258: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$250,300, to the Ohio Aerospace Institute for the purpose of enabling Cuyahoga County Businesses to Compete Globally through Biomimicry-based Innovation from the District 2 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. John Sankovic, President and Chief Executive Officer; and Ms. Carol Thaler, Director of Outreach and Administration of the Ohio Aerospace Institute, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0258. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Sankovic and Ms. Thaler pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2022-0258 was considered and approved by majority vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, with Mr. Schron recusing from the vote.

Committee member Simon requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- b) R2022-0266: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$75,000, to the Cleveland National Air Show, Inc. for general operations from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Kim Dell, Executive Director of the Cleveland National Air Show, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0266. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Dell pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2022-0266 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2022-0309: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$2,000,000, to Cleveland Neighborhood Progress for the Shaker Square Project from the District 7, 8, 9, 10 ARPA Community Grant Funds and the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Tania Menesse, Chief Executive Officer and President of Cleveland Neighborhood Progress; and Ms. Terri Hamilton Brown, Project Consultant for Shaker Square Project, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0309. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Menesse and Ms. Hamilton Brown pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2022-0309 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Committee member Simon requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

d) R2022-0321: A Resolution making awards on RQ9480 to various providers in an amount not-to-exceed \$867,000 to provide immigration and refugee services commencing upon contract signature for three (3) years; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract Nos. 2685 and 2686 and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 2685 with The Refugee Response in the amount not-to-exceed \$507,000.00.
- 2) Contract No. 2686 with Legal Aid Society of Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$360,000.00.

Mr. Paul Herdeg, Director of the Department of Development; Mr. Patrick Kearns, Executive Director of The Refugee Response; Ms. Melanie Shakarian, Attorney and Development Director of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland; and Ms. Tanya Budler, Founder of Rise Together, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0321. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Herdeg, Mr. Kearns, Ms. Shakarian and Ms. Budler pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2022-0321 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Councilmember Miller requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Schron adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m., without objection.