



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
10:00 AM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairwoman Stephens called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**In accordance with Rule 12F of the County Council Rules, Council President Jones appointed Councilmember Conwell as a Member Pro Tem of the Community Development Committee.**

**Ms. Stephens asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Stephens, Kelly and Committee member Pro Tem Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon arrived after the roll call was taken. Committee members Jones and Gallagher were absent.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 18, 2024 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Conwell, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2024 meeting.**

**5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) R2024-0127: A Resolution making an award on RQ8737 to Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed

\$7,925,678.00 for the acquisition and construction of the Norma Herr II - Non-Congregate Shelter project for the period 5/1/2024 – 6/30/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Sara Parks Jackson, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development; Ms. Elaine Gimmel, Executive Director and Mr. Richard Carr, Director of Real Estate, Development and Construction for Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc.; Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Ms. Melissa Sirak, Director of the Office of Homeless Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0127. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson, Ms. Gimmel, Mr. Carr, Mr. Merriman and Ms. Sirak pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2024-0127 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

**Ms. Conwell, Ms. Simon, Mr. Kelly and Ms. Stephens requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- b) R2024-0132: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$12,000, to the Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship Inc. Greater Cleveland Chapter for the Mentoring Achieves Positive Pearls Program from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Sherdina Williams, Cleveland Chapter President of Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship Inc., and Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor for County Council, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0132. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Williams and Mr. McAleer pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2024-0132 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m., without objection.**