

# **2024-2025 - Cuyahoga County Council**

## **Budget Talking Points**

### **Joseph Nanni**

- Good afternoon, Councilmembers, Joseph Nanni, Chief of Staff for County Council.
- For those following along in the biennial budget book, the Council's recommended biennial budget is on page 81.
- The Council's total recommended budget is \$2,700,987 for 2024 and \$2,751,787 in 2025.
- This is a 5.27% increase from the 2023 adopted budget. The reason why it's higher in 2024 than in 2023 is because, just like every other department's budget we have a 2% COLA increase for salaries and a 5% increase in employer's share of the health care benefits for 2024 from the 2023 amount.
- Our budget mostly consists of salary and benefits, which total \$2,521,758 in 2024 and \$2,581,422 in 2025. That's approximately 93% of our total budget, which is consistent with prior years.
- The 2024-2025 biennial budget includes funding for the 11 full-time staff members and the 11 members of the Council, which is the same number of FTEs that was in our 2023 budget.
- The remaining \$179,229 and \$170,365 are budgeted in our other expenses line for 2024 and 2025 respectively. Items that are included in the other expenses line are parking (\$11,000) for those that attend Council committees and regular meetings (also council members parking (\$18,000)).

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- Also included are our print shop costs for items such as agendas, newsletters, informational directories, etc (\$30,000). Other expenses also include our office's regular postage (not for newsletters) (\$6,000), office supplies, any professional reimbursements, subscriptions such as the Plain Dealer, Crains etc. All of this is consistent with prior year budgets.
- Included in the budget is \$55,000 for legal services/consultant contracts. This is consistent with prior years. As you know, we haven't had to utilize these dollars over the years, but having this appropriated has historically been important to the Council in case we need to utilize these services.
- In summary our recommended budget is consistent with our current year's budget including the cola and increased health care costs.
- I'm available to answer questions and may need to call Trevor if there's anything specific that I can't answer.