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To: County Executive Chris Ronayne
County Directors, Department Heads, and Elected Officials
Members of the County Council and Staff

From: Meredith Turner, Chair - Finance and Budgeting Committee

Date: August 25, 2025

**Subject: County Executive's Recommended 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvements Program
Budget Hearing Process and Schedule**

Cuyahoga County Council is preparing to review the County Executive's Recommended 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvements Program. As part of the review of the County Executive's Recommended Budget, Council will be holding departmental budget hearings over the next couple of months.

Like previous budget hearings, each department, agency, and elected official will be given an opportunity to address Council during the Committee of the Whole. As part of your opening statement, please provide the following information:

- A brief overview of your recommended 2026-2027 biennial budget;
- Any significant budget reductions or elimination of existing programs, initiatives, or services included in your 2026-2027 recommended budget from your previous biennial budget;
- Any new initiatives or increased expenditures that were not part of your 2024 or 2025 budget, but are included in your recommended 2026-2027 biennial budget; and
- Any issues or concerns with your 2026-2207 recommended budget and/or any additional funding requests you would like Council to consider that are not already included in your recommended budget.

Please keep your opening presentation brief and related specifically to the requested information above. Try and limit your opening statement to 5 minutes to allow for discussion and follow-up questions from Council. If you would like to provide additional background information about your agency that is not specifically related to your recommended 2026-2027 biennial budget, please submit it via email to the Clerk of Council, Andria Richardson prior to your scheduled hearing to allow enough time for Council to review.

Please review the schedule below to find the date and time your agency will be presenting and confirm your attendance with Clerk Richardson at arichardson01@cuyahogacounty.gov. All budget hearings will take place in the C. Ellen Connally Council Chambers located on the fourth floor of the County's Administrative Headquarters, 2079 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

If you are planning to have a slide deck as part of your presentation, please provide the file electronically to Clerk Richardson at least 1 day prior to your scheduled hearing. We will have the deck pre-loaded on the computer for your presentation. In addition to the electronic version, please bring at least 20 paper copies for the Council and members of the public, to be provided to Clerk Richardson upon your arrival.



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Unfortunately, it's difficult to determine how long each agency's hearing will take, but you can watch the budget hearings on the County's YouTube page. We will follow the schedule in the order listed below so you can plan accordingly.

If you have any additional questions about the biennial budget, please contact me or Trevor McAleer, Council's Legislative Budget Analyst, at tmcaleer@cuyahogacounty.us or 216-698-6472.

Please see the 2026-2027 biennial budget hearing schedule on the following three pages.

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The following is the budget hearing schedule to discuss the County Executive's Recommended 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvements Program:

Tuesday, October 14th**Committee of the Whole****1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

Budget Preview and Strategy Presentation

Chris Ronayne

Budget Overview and Summary Presentation

Walter Parfejewiec

Capital Improvement Plan Overview

Capital Plan & Debt Schedule Overview

Policy Initiatives

Presentation of Budget Reductions/Additions

Overview of various departmental budgets

including Board of Developmental

Disabilities, Law Library,

Solid Waste Management District,

Department of Regional Collaboration,

Soldiers & Sailors Monument Commission,

Ohio State University Extension, Board of Revision

Tuesday, October 14th**Council Meeting****5:00 pm**

First reading and referral to Committee of the Whole

Monday, October 20th**Committee of the Whole****1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Health & Human Services Brief Overview

David Merriman

Children & Family Services

Jacqueline Fletcher

Cuyahoga Job & Family Services

Kevin Gowan

Office of Child Support Services

Tiffany Dobbins-Brazelton

Senior & Adult Services

Natasha Pietrocola

Tuesday, October 28th**Committee of the Whole****1:00 pm – 5:00 pm***Health & Human Services (Continued)*

ADAMHS Board

Felicia Harrison

Office of Homeless Services

LeVine Ross

Early Childhood/Invest in Children

Shawna Rohrman

Family & Children First Council

Robin Martin

HHS Office of Re-Entry

Simeon Best

Monday, November 3rd**Committee of the Whole****1:00 pm – 4:00 pm***General Government & Supportive Services*

County Council

Joseph Nanni

County Executive

Erik Janas

Sheriff

Sheriff Harold Pretel

Information Technology (inc. ERP)

Andy Johnson

Fiscal Office (inc. Consumer Affairs)

Michael Chambers

Treasury

Brad Cromes

Office of Innovation & Performance

Katherine Gallagher

Department of Purchasing

Paul Porter

Department of Equity & Inclusion

Lenora Lockett



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Thursday, November 6th

Committee of the Whole

Court of Common Pleas
Juvenile Court
Domestic Relations Court
Probate Court
8th District Court of Appeals
Prosecutor's Office
Public Defender
Veterans Services Commission
Human Resources/Benefits
Personnel Review Commission
Communications
Board of Elections
Internal Audit
Inspector General
Law Department

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Hon. Brendan J. Sheehan
The Hon. Thomas F. O'Malley
The Hon. Diane M. Palos
The Hon. Anthony J. Russo
The Hon. Eileen A. Gallagher
The Hon. Michael C. O'Malley
Cullen Sweeney
Jon Reiss
Sarah Nemastil
Rebecca Kopcienski
Kelly Woodard
Anthony Perlatti
Cory Swaisgood
Alexa Beeler
Rick Manoloff

Monday, November 10th

Committee of the Whole

The MetroHealth System
Opioid Fund
Public Safety & Justice Services
Office of Violence Prevention
Clerk of Courts
Medical Examiner
Development
Housing & Community Development
Greater Cleveland Works
County Planning Commission
Soil & Water Conservation District
Sustainability
Public Works
Public Works – Utilities

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Dr. Christine Alexander-Rager
Brandy Carney
Brandy Carney
Myesha Watkins
Nailah Byrd
Dr. Thomas Gilson
Paul Herdeg
Anthony Scott
Michelle Rose
Mary Cierebiej
Kristen Hall
Melanie Kinter Knowles
Michael Dever
Mike Foley

Wednesday, November 12th

Committee of the Whole

Additional Departmental Hearings (if needed)
Discussion of Budget Amendment Concepts
Departmental Appeals
Public Testimony

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Monday, November 17th

Committee of the Whole

Budget Amendments
Approve Substitute & Referral to the Council

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Monday, November 24th

Committee of the Whole (IF NECESSARY)

Budget Amendments & Referral to the Council

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm



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Tuesday, November 25th

Council Meeting

5:00 pm

Second Reading

Tuesday, December 9th

Council Meeting

5:00 pm

Third Reading Consideration/Adoption