



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Kelly, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Turner, Conwell and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Simon, Sweeney and Stephens entered the meeting after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kareem Henton addressed Council regarding the Jail Project.

4. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / DISCUSSION:

Council President Jones turned the gavel over to Mr. Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee.

- a) R2023-0285: A Resolution adopting the 2024/2025 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
 - 1) Department of Health and Human Services Brief Overview – Director David Merriman

Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, addressed the Council and provided an overview of the background and current issues related to the budget for the Department of Health and Human Services and would defer the specific budget presentations to the various department directors.

- a) Division of Children and Family Services –
Director Jacqueline Fletcher

Ms. Jacqueline Fletcher, Director of the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Division of Children and Family Services. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Fletcher pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

- b) Cuyahoga Job and Family Services –
Director Kevin Gowan

Mr. Kevin Gowan, Director of Cuyahoga Job and Family Services, addressed Council regarding budget requests for Cuyahoga Job and Family Services. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Gowan pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- i) Office of Child Support Services –
Director Tiffany Dobbins-Brazelton

Mr. Jeffrey Bloom, Deputy Director for the Office of Child Support Services, on behalf of Director Tiffany Dobbins-Brazelton, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of Child Support Services. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Bloom pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- c) Division of Senior and Adult Services –
Director Natasha Pietrocola

Ms. Natasha Pietrocola, Director of the Division of Senior and Adult Services, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Division of Senior and Adult Services. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Pietrocola pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Miller adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m., without objection.