



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Councilmembers Schron, Conwell, Turner, Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Gallagher, Stephens and Simon entered the meeting after the roll call was taken.**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Ms. Laureen Atkins-Holliday addressed Council regarding funding for The Literacy Cooperative.**

**Ms. Gail Long addressed Council regarding funding for The MetroHealth System.**

**Loh addressed Council regarding funding for seasonal shelters.**

### **4. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / DISCUSSION:**

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

Mr. Miller announced that Dr. Gilson will present the budget request for the Office of the Medical Examiner after the presentation for the Law Department. He also stated that departmental appeals and public testimony will be given at upcoming meetings and the next budget hearing will be held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

- 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) Law Department– Director Rick Manoloff

**Mr. Rick Manoloff, Law Director; and Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Law Department. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Manoloff and Parfejewiec pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

- 2) The MetroHealth System  
– President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Airica Steed

**Dr. Airica Steed, President and Chief Executive Officer of The MetroHealth System; Mr. Derrick Hollings, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Walter Parfejewiec; Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor; and Mr. Geoff Himes, Vice President of Finance at The MetroHealth System, addressed Council regarding budget request for The MetroHealth System. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Steed, Mr. Hollings, Mr. Parfejewiec, Mr. McAleer and Mr. Himes pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**A short recess was taken by Council, after which Mr. Miller then reconvened the meeting.**

- 3) Department of Public Safety and Justice Services (including Opioid Fund) – Director Brandy Carney

**Mr. Miller stated that the budget presentation for the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services will be given on Monday, November 13th.**

- 4) Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission  
– Executive Director Jon Reiss

**Mr. Jon Reiss, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission; and Mr. Mel Baher, Commissioner, addressed Council regarding the budget request for the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Reiss and Mr. Baher pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

- 5) Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts – Clerk of Courts Nailah Byrd

**Ms. Nailah Byrd, Clerk of Courts, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts. Discussion ensued.**

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

- 6) Cuyahoga County Office of the Medical Examiner  
– Dr. Thomas Gilson

**Dr. Thomas Gilson, Medical Examiner, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the Medical Examiner. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Gilson pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

- 7) Department of Development – Director Paul Herdeg

**Mr. Paul Herdeg, Director of the Department of Development, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Development. Discussion ensued.**

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

- 8) Department of Housing and Community Development  
– Director Sara Parks Jackson

**Mr. Miller stated that the budget presentation for the Department of Housing and Community Development will be given on Monday, November 13th.**

- 9) Cleveland – Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board  
– Executive Director Michelle Rose

**Ms. Laura Chalker, Deputy Director of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board. Discussion ensued.**

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

- 10) Cuyahoga County Planning Commission  
– Executive Director Mary Cierebiej

**Ms. Mary Cierebiej, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission; and Ms. Jennifer Karoffa, Business Services Manager, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Cierebiej and Ms. Karoffa pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

- 11) Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District  
– Executive Director Kristen Hall

**Ms. Kristen Hall, Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District , addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District. Discussion ensued.**

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

- 12) Department of Sustainability – Director Michael Foley

**Mr. Miller stated that the budget presentation for the Department of Sustainability will be given on Monday, November 13th.**

- 13) Department of Public Works – Director Michael Dever

**Mr. Miller stated that the budget presentation for the Department of Public Works will be given on Monday, November 13th.**

#### 5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Mr. Miller adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m., without objection.**