



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
2:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

[Clerk's Note: Item No. 4.a) was considered after Item No. 5a).

- a) R2024-0129: A Resolution making an award on RQ12232 and authorizing a lease agreement bearing Contract No. 4313 with Cleveland Superior LLC, for the lease of space located at 1801 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44114, anticipated to commence on 1/31/2025 for an initial term of approximately 17 years in an amount not-to-exceed \$91,000,000.00, which includes but is not limited to rent, initial capital expenditures, management fees, utilities, operating expenses, and a general contingency amount; authorizing the County Executive to execute the lease agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Michael Dever, Director of the Department of Public Works; Mr. Ryan Jeffers, Senior Vice-President of CBRE; Matthew Rymer, Facility Design and Maintenance Administrator of the Department of Public Works, and Mr. Anthony Perlatti, Director of the Board of Elections, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2024-0129. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Dever, Mr. Rymer and Mr. Perlotti pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly. Councilmembers Simon and Conwell thanked Mr. Dever and Mr. Rymer for providing details of the lease, the HVAC inspection and for having Osborne Engineering provide and updated assessment of the property. Councilmember Sweeney commented that he looks forward to having an updated and upgraded Board of Elections and voting process, and thanked Mr. Perlotti for his patience during the lease process. Mr. Perlotti thanked Councilmembers for their consideration and support of the Board of Elections and all things election related. Council President Jones stated that this is an incredible upgrade for the Board of Elections and will be more efficient and effective for the voters. Mr. Jones said he is proud of his colleagues for taking the time to do their due diligence.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2024-0129 was considered and approved by a majority roll-call vote of 9 yeas and 1 nay, to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under third reading adoption, with Councilmembers Sweeney, Byrne, Schron, Conwell, Turner, Stephens, Simon, Kelly, Miller and Jones voting in the affirmative and Councilmember Gallagher casting a dissenting vote.

- b) O2024-0004: An Ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 703 of the County Code establishing a Justice Center Capital Projects Fund within the General Fund, and directing the deposit of specified sales and use tax proceeds therein; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Councilmember Schron asked for clarification on whether the proposed amendment he introduced at the May 28 Committee of the Whole meeting was passed. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Michael King, Special Counsel for Council, addressed Councilmembers regarding the status of the proposed amendment sponsored by Councilmembers Kelly and Schron. Discussion ensued.

Council President Jones recommended the item be held for further discussion.

There was no legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2024-0004.

5. PRESENTATION

[Clerk's Note: Item No. 5.a) was taken out of order before Item No. 4.a).

- a) David Gilbert, President and Chief Executive Officer for Destination Cleveland and Greater Cleveland Sports Commission – Regarding Use of Bed Tax

Mr. Jon Pinney, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Destination Cleveland and Mr. David Gilbert, President & CEO of the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission and Destination Cleveland, gave a presentation and provided the Committee with their mission; strategic objectives; primary responsibilities; funding model; budget and benchmarking; budget allocation; return on investment and the impacts of work provided by Destination Cleveland in Cuyahoga County, including an update on visitor and tourism, economic revival and growth and their community collaborations.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Pinney and Mr. Gilbert pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Collective bargaining matters, including:
 - i) Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 860, representing approximately 80 employees in 3 classifications in the Department of Public Works/Sanitary Sewer Division for the period 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2026;

Executive Session was called to order by Council President Jones at 3:22p.m. Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to call the role to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a collective bargaining matter and for no other purpose whatsoever.

The following Councilmembers were present: Sweeney, Byrne, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Turner, Stephens, Simon, Kelly, Miller and Jones. The following additional attendees were present: Law Director Rick Manoloff; Deputy Law Director Nora Hurley; Public Works Director Michael Dever; Human Resources Director Sarah Nemastil; Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni; Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer and Special Counsel Michael King.

At 3:53 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Jones then reconvened the meeting.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m., without objection.