



**AGENDA**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**  
**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**2:30 PM**

**Cuyahoga County Council – Procedures for Public Comment at Council and Committee Meetings**

- Requests to speak must be submitted in writing **prior** to the scheduled meeting start time on the Request Form provided by the Clerk immediately prior to each meeting.\*
- Request Forms must be submitted in-person and may not be submitted on behalf of others (one per person).
- A maximum of twenty speakers will be selected at random during the public comment section at each meeting.
- Each speaker will receive three minutes to address the council or committee. A bell will ring to signal that speaking time has ended. Speakers may not yield their time to others.
- In lieu of verbal public comment, written testimony may be submitted to Council or the applicable committee through the Clerk of Council at [CouncilPublicComment@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:CouncilPublicComment@cuyahogacounty.us) prior to the adjournment of each meeting.
- The Council and committee meeting schedule can be found on the Council website.

*\* Council chambers will open to the public 30 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting start time.*



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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) R2024-0266: A Resolution amending Rule 17 of the Cuyahoga County Rules of Council to establish additional guidelines and procedures for public comment at Council and Committee meetings; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 4]

**5. PRESENTATION**

- a) Report and Findings by the Cuyahoga County Community Development Community Reinvestment Advisory Subcommittee

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) Collective bargaining matters, including:
  - i) a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and the Teamsters Local 407, Affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, representing approximately 20 employees in 2 classifications from the Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services, Cuyahoga Job and Family Services Division, for the period 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2027;

- ii) a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and the Teamsters Local 436, Affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, representing approximately 32 employees in 12 classifications from the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works Maintenance Division for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026;
- iii) accepting the report containing findings and recommendations of Fact-Finder Jeffrey Belkin regarding negotiations between Cuyahoga County and the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association for a collective bargaining agreement covering approximately 93 employees in the classification of Protective Services Officer at the Cuyahoga County Sheriff’s Department;

**7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

*\*Complimentary parking for the public is available in the attached garage at 900 Prospect. A skywalk extends from the garage to provide additional entry to the Council Chambers from the 5th floor parking level of the garage. Please see the Clerk to obtain a complimentary parking pass.*

*\*\*Council Chambers is equipped with a hearing assistance system. If needed, please see the Clerk to obtain a receiver.*

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2024-0266

Sponsored by: <b>Councilmembers Jones, Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Turner, Byrne and Simon</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> amending Rule 17 of the Cuyahoga County Rules of Council to establish additional guidelines and procedures for public comment at Council and committee meetings; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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**WHEREAS**, Article III, Section 3.10(2) of the Cuyahoga County Charter provides that County Council shall adopt its own rules; and

**WHEREAS**, County Council originally adopted its rules pursuant to Motion No M2011-0007 on April 26, 2011 and such rules have been subsequently amended by Motion Nos. M2011-0017, M2012-0004, M2012-0030, and M2013-0021, and by Resolution Nos. R2014-0229, R2015-0016, and R2018-0002; and

**WHEREAS**, Council desires to amend Rule 17 of the Rules of Council to establish additional guidelines and procedures for public comment at Council and committee meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue to provide for the usually, daily operations of the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby amends Rule 17 of the Cuyahoga County Rules of Council as follows (deletions stricken, additions underlined):

Rule 17. Requests to Address Council

~~Rule 17A: Public Comment at Committee Meetings~~

~~The Council encourages the public to direct any address or presentation to the applicable Committee of Council. Requests to address a committee shall be made in writing to the Chairperson of the committee, prior to addressing the committee on a form to be provided for this purpose. The~~

request shall include the name of the requesting party and the topic(s) on which the requesting party wishes to speak.

Rule ~~17B~~**17A**: Public Comment Available at All Committee Meetings

**The Council encourages the public to direct their comments to the applicable committee of Council. The committee Chairperson shall honor all requests to address a committee received before the start of a committee meeting in accordance with the rules and procedures established pursuant to Rule 17C and shall honor requests received during a committee meeting whenever it is practical to do so. The request shall include the name of the requesting party and the topic(s) on which the requesting party wishes to speak.** The Chairperson may impose a reasonable time limit per presentation, and such time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Rule ~~17C~~**17B**: Public Comment at Council Meetings

The Council shall provide time at the beginning of each Council meeting for public comment relating to county business. Requests to address Council shall be made in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting on a form to be provided for this purpose. Requests submitted to the Clerk not later than 12 Noon on the day of the meeting shall be given priority in the order of presentation. After being recognized by the President, the presenter shall state his/her name and address and may speak for not more than three (3) minutes, unless such time is extended at the discretion of the President.

**Rule 17C: Procedures for Public Comment**

**The public comment period at each Council and committee meeting shall be limited to twenty (20) speakers. Additional speakers may be permitted at the discretion of the Chairperson. Requests to address Council shall be made in writing to the Clerk on a form to be provided for this purpose. The Chief of Staff and Clerk shall post guidelines on the Council website specifying time, place, and manner for individuals to register and speak during the public comment period. Individuals may submit written testimony to the Clerk prior to the meeting in lieu of verbal public comment on a form to be provided for this purpose.**

**SECTION 2.** It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County Council and the reasons set

forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**SECTION 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: July 2, 2024

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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