



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
2079 EAST 9<sup>th</sup> STREET  
3:00 PM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Council President Miller called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Council President Miller asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Kelly, Sweeney, Casselberry, Gallagher, Schleper, Conwell, Jones, Turner, Houser, and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

**[Clerk's Note: Councilmember Simon entered the meeting shortly after the roll-call was taken.]**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mr. Bob Paponetti addressed Council regarding the Literacy Cooperative.  
Rev. Regis E. Bunch addressed Council regarding a complaint he submitted to the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department on November 28, 2024.**

### **4. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) O2024-0005: An Ordinance amending Chapter 501 of the Cuyahoga County Code, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

**Mr. Paul Porter, Director of the Department of Purchasing addressed Council and gave a brief introduction regarding Ordinance O2024-0005.**

**Council President Miller stated that is a complex piece of legislation that was introduced last year and that Council staff has gone through the list of proposed changes; stated that while no vote will be taken today, they would like to go through item by item and discuss**

the least consequential items first and then move on to the more consequential items and they will continue to work through the legislation until they get a sense of what Council will and will not support.

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

Mr. Michael King, Senior Legislative Strategist for Council, addressed Council and explained the current law and the administration proposal regarding:

- Definition of Transaction
- Items Exempt from Board of Control/Council approval
- Monthly Reports on Contract Changes
- Law Department Approval of Minor Deviations
- Standard for Awarding Contracts on Competitive Solicitation
- Procurement Database
- General Approval, Real Estate Approval and General Procurement Thresholds
- Exemption from Competitive Procurement
- Aggregation of Contract Amendments
- Pulling Items from Board of Control to Council
- Termination of Contracts
- Unlawful Interest in Public Contract

Mr. Porter and Mr. Michael Chambers, Fiscal Officer continued the presentation. Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Porter and Mr. Chambers pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

There was no legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2024-0005.

#### 5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m., without objection.