



# CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR

## MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025 — 2:30 P.M.

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Council President Miller called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**The following individuals addressed Council to voice their concerns regarding ongoing issues at the Norma Herr Women's Shelter:**

- a) **Kimberly Novak**
- b) **Loh**
- c) **Nick Katsaros addressed Council and introduced himself as the primary contact for Regional External Affairs at First Energy Corporation.**

### 4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE/CONFIRMATION HEARING

- a) **R2025-0228:** A Resolution authorizing an Amendment to the Jail Agreement with the City of Cleveland to amend material terms authorizing the County Executive to execute the Amendment; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Erik Janas, Chief of Staff, County Administration, addressed Council and provided introductory remarks regarding Resolution No. R2025-0228.**

**Mr. Jerad Zibritosky, Chief Counsel, Contracts and Transactions, Department of Law, addressed Committee members regarding Resolution No. R2025-0228, and provided a presentation which highlighted the current contract; the proposed amendment financials, central booking, charging protocols, notes & exceptions.**

**Councilmembers asked questions pertaining to the item. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Zibritosky, County Sheriff Herold Pretel and Assistant Director of Law, Nate Hall, addressed Council and answered the Councilmembers' questions accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Conwell Resolution No. R2025-0228 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- b) R2025-0235: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Anthony W. Scott, upon his taking the oath of office, as Director of Housing and Community Development; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Council President Miller made a brief statement regarding the confirmation hearing process.**

**Mr. Anthony W. Scott, County Executive Budish's nominee for the position of Director of Housing and Community Development, was then called upon to deliver an opening statement. He provided background into his education, experience and qualifications for the position.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Scott pertaining to his experience and expertise, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2025-0235 was considered and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading. Councilmembers Conwell, Miller, Turner, Casselberry and Jones requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

## **5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) Collective bargaining matters, including:
  - i) A Resolution accepting the report containing the findings and recommendations of Fact Finder, Thomas Nowell regarding a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and Laborers International Union of North America Local No. 860 representing approximately 172 employees in 37 classifications in the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office, Cuyahoga County Treasurer's Office, and the Board of Revision for the period 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026;

**A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Turner, and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter, for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Miller at 4:25 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present Casselberry, Gallagher, Schleper, Conwell; Jones, Turner, Houser, Simon, Kelly, Sweeney and Miller.**

**The following additional attendees were present: Senior Counsel Gregory Huth; Assistant Law Director Stephan Reid; Ryan Geary, Assistant Law Director; Lisa Rocco, Director of Operations; Human Resources Compensation Analyst John Kennick; Fiscal Officer Michael Chambers; Bryan Adams, Employee and Labor Relations Specialist, Department of Human Resources; Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni and Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer.**

**At 4:51 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Miller then reconvened the meeting.**

**6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m., without objection.**