



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025 — 1:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Miller called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

[Clerk's Note: Councilmembers Houser, Simon, Casselberry and Conwell entered the meeting after the roll call was taken].

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Loh, addressed Council regarding budget cuts for vital services.

Council President Miller turned the gavel over to Ms. Turner, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee to chair this portion of the meeting.

Chair Turner gave introductory remarks regarding the process for the budget hearings.

4. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE/DISCUSSION

a) R2025-0293: A Resolution adopting the 2026/2027 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

1) General Government and Supportive Services:

a) County Council – Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni

Mr. Joseph Nanni, Chief of Staff for County Council, addressed Council regarding budget requests for County Council. Discussion ensued.

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

- b) County Executive – Chief of Staff Erik Janas

Mr. Erik Janas, Chief of Staff for the County Executive’s Office, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the County Executive’s Office. Discussion ensued.

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

- c) County Sheriff – Sheriff Harold Pretel

Mr. Harold Pretel, County Sheriff, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Cuyahoga County Sheriff’s Department. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Sheriff Pretel, pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- d) Department of Information Technology (including Enterprise Resource Planning System) – Chief Information Officer Andy Johnson

Mr. Andy Johnson, Chief Information Officer for the Department of Information Technology and Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Director of the Office of Budget and Management, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Information Technology. Discussion ensued.

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

- e) Fiscal Office (including Consumer Affairs) – Chief Fiscal Officer Michael Chambers

Mr. Michael Chambers, Chief Fiscal Officer, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Fiscal Office (including Consumer Affairs). Discussion ensued.

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

- f) Office of the County Treasurer – Treasurer Brad Cromes

Mr. Brad Cromes, County Treasurer, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the County Treasurer. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Cromes pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

- g) Office of Innovation and Performance – Deputy Chief of Operations & Community Innovation Katherine Gallagher

Ms. Katherine Gallagher, Deputy Chief of Operations & Community Innovation for the Office of Innovation and Performance, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of Innovation and Performance. Discussion ensued.

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

h) Department of Purchasing – Director Paul Porter

Mr. Paul Porter, Director of the Department of Purchasing, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Purchasing. Discussion ensued.

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

i) Department of Equity and Inclusion – Director Lenora Lockett

Ms. Lenora Lockett, Director of the Department of Equity and Inclusion, gave a brief overview of her Department and addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Equity and Inclusion. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Lockett pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

There was no further legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2025-0293.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m., without objection.