



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING COMMITTEE
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026 — 1:30 P.M.

Committee Members
Michael J. Houser, Sr., Chair | Dist. 10
Pernel Jones, Jr., Vice Chair | Dist. 8
Patrick Kelly | Dist. 1
Robert E. Schleper, Jr. | Dist. 6
Sunny M. Simon | Dist. 11

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Houser called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Houser asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Houser, Kelly and Schleper were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Jones was in attendance after the roll call was taken. Committee member Simon was absent from the meeting. Councilmember Casselberry was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 1, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Schleper and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0001: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Motivated and Empowered Inc. for Phase One of the Home for Me Project from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Bianca Crawford, Chief Executive Director and Founder of Motivated and Empowered Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0001. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Crawford pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schleper with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2026-0001 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Jones requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- b) R2026-0002: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not-to-exceed \$32,000, to the Seventeenth Foundation for the Fourth Annual P. League Celebrity Basketball Event from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Nick Postoloski, representing P. League and Plai Makr Sports, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0002. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Postoloski pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schleper with a second by Mr. Kelly Resolution No. R2026-0002 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2026-0003: A Resolution awarding a Community Development Fund Grant award in the amount not-to-exceed \$151,363, to the City of Parma for the purpose of the Reis Park Pickleball Courts Project; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

The Honorable Timothy DeGeeter, Mayor of the City of Parma, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0003. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mayor DeGeeter pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0003 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Messrs. Jones, Kelly and Mr. Schleper requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- d) R2026-0004: A Resolution amending Resolution No. R2023-0295 dated 11/14/2023, which approved a Community Development Grant in a total amount not-to-exceed \$250,000 to Warner and Swasey LLC for the benefit of a mixed-used real estate redevelopment project located at 5701 Carnegie Avenue in the City of Cleveland, by changing the grant recipients name from Warner and Swasey LLC to MidTown Cleveland, Inc; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Ed Peppers, Vice President of Economic Development for MidTown Cleveland Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0004. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Peppers pertaining to the item which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Houser with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2026-0004 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Myesha Watkins, Director of the Office of Violence Prevention, provided the Committee with information regarding National Gun Survivors Week. She also introduced Ms. Makayla Barlow, an intern with the Office, who then shared a personal story regarding gun violence.

Mr. Houser thanked Ms. Barlow for sharing her story and then presented her with a proclamation from Council.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Houser adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m., without objection.