



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
2079 EAST 9th STREET – 4TH FLOOR
2:00 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 thirty speakers will be selected at random during the public comment section at each meeting.
- Each speaker will receive two 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 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 / CONFIRMATION HEARING:

- a) R2024-0371: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Harold A. Pretel, upon his taking of the oath office, as Sheriff of Cuyahoga County for the four-year term ending December 31, 2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [Page 5]

5. DISCUSSION:

- a) A Resolution adopting the 2024/2025 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program Annual Update for 2025.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a) Collective bargaining matters, including:
 - i) a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Ohio Council 8, Local 27, AFL-CIO, representing approximately 193 employees in various classifications for the period 1/1/2024-12/31/2026;
 - ii) a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc., covering

approximately 14 employees in the classification of Protective Services Officer Sergeant for the period 1/1/2024-12/31/2026;

- iii) an Amendment to a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, Cellular 911 Unit (CECOMS) representing approximately 24 Call-takers within the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Safety and Justice Services for the period 4/1/2022 - 3/31/2025, to establish the terms of the Wage and Health Insurance re-openers in Articles 37 and 38 respectively, and to modify the duration of the contract;

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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***Meeting rooms are equipped with a hearing assistance system. If needed, please see the Clerk to obtain a receiver.*

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0371

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne, Sheriff's Department	A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Harold A. Pretel, upon his taking of the oath of office, as Sheriff of Cuyahoga County for the four-year term ending December 31, 2028; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Article XVI, Section 16.01(4), of the Cuyahoga County Charter provides for the appointment of the County Sheriff by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council, to serve four-year terms beginning January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 202.07 of the County Code established a Sheriff's Department under the Direction of the County Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Chris Ronayne has nominated Harold A. Pretel for reappointment to the position of County Sheriff for the four-year term ending December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, Article XVI of the County Charter, Sections 16.01(2) and 16.01(3), provide for the qualifications and required certifications of the County Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, the Council conducted a confirmation hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on _____, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Harold A. Pretel to the office of Cuyahoga County Sheriff to serve the four-year term ending December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Sheriff's Department can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operations of County government.

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

SECTION 1. That, in accordance with Article XVI, Section 16.01(4) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the County Executive’s reappointment of Harold A. Pretel as Cuyahoga County Sheriff, upon his taking of the oath of office, to serve the four-year term ending December 31, 2028.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

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: October 22, 2024
Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Journal _____

_____, 20__



October 16, 2024

Pernel Jones, Jr., President
Cuyahoga County Council
Cuyahoga County Administration Building
2079 East Ninth Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: *Cuyahoga County Sheriff reappointment*

Dear Council President Jones,

Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 16.01(4) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, it is my pleasure to nominate Harold Pretel for reappointment as the Cuyahoga County Sheriff.

Sheriff Pretel has served ably in his first 15 months as Sheriff and throughout his more than 30 years of law enforcement experience with both the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department and the Cleveland Division of Police. In his brief time as Sheriff, he has already enacted positive change and brought needed stability to the role. Some of his accomplishments include implementing the Correctional Canine Screening Program for narcotics, successful security planning for major area events, introduction of Sheriff's Update Briefings with staff to improve communication and operations, and more, all while providing key input for ongoing initiatives such as planning for the new County Jail and Sheriff's Administration.

As you will recall, prior to his appointment, Sheriff Pretel served the City of Cleveland Division of Police as Deputy Chief of Homeland Special Operations where he led the Bureaus of Special Investigations, Special Services, and Homeland Services. Prior to serving in that position, Sheriff Pretel served as the Commander of the Bureau of Homeland Services, led the Office of Professional Standards, and served in other key roles as laid out in his résumé.

Based on this experience, education, and training, Sheriff Pretel continues to meet all qualifications set forth in the Cuyahoga County Charter, Cuyahoga County Codified Ordinances, and the Ohio Revised Code. I am confident that Sheriff Pretel will continue to be a strong, thoughtful, and responsive leader for the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department into his next term.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Ben Schaefer in my office at 216-698-2521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ronayne".

Chris Ronayne
County Executive

Harold A. Pretel

OBJECTIVE

Confirmation as the Cuyahoga County Sheriff to continue leading the Sheriff's Department through cultural change and achievement of operational efficiency making it a premier agency in the State of Ohio and beyond. This goal is supported by the intentional practice of Procedural Justice, 21st Century, Servant Leadership, and Ohio Blue Ribbon Task Force on Law Enforcement principles of professional, respectful, and constitutional service delivery to our community.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, Cleveland, Ohio
Sheriff

2023-Present

Responsible and accountable for all operations, functions, impact, and image of the Sheriff's Department. In close coordination with the Command Staff ensure the safety and security of all persons entrusted to our care in the Correctional Center, Court Operations, and related functions. Directed operations and collaborated with the thirteen labor unions to execute duties while supporting collective bargaining agreements. Identified and staffed critical operations including: investigative, administrative, fiscal, operational, collaborative, and programmatic functions. Collaborate and advocate for budgetary support with County Council and the County Executive. Engaged community representatives and groups to address matters relative to our equitable and transparent service delivery.

- Created a transition team in support of the Central Services Campus design committee ensuring the needs of the department were explained to the design team
- Created the rank of Major to increase efficiency and accountability in the major divisions, this has created a much nimbler and effective execution of duties
- Identified lead team members and backups for major projects ensuring consistency
- Worked with external partners in planning and executing the successful hosting of the Pan American Games and the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE)
- Implemented the Downtown Safety Patrol increasing safety and community engagement while reducing violent crime, more firearms seized than any law enforcement agency in Northeast Ohio
- Created Sheriff's Update Briefings, SUBs, for regular meetings with line members of all operations to strengthen connections and seek opportunities for improvements
- Created the Correctional Canine Screening Program to eliminate the introduction of narcotics into the correctional center which as saved countless lives
- Supported the Deputy Cadet Program ensuring a way forward for department employees and increasing our recruitment and retention across all divisions
- Worked with the Board of Elections and others in support of election day safety
- Completion of the National Sheriff's Association Correctional Supervisor course
- Completion of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Correctional Administrator course
- Partnered on Task Force operations for Crime Gun Intelligence, Missing Persons, Drug Interdiction, Human Trafficking, and Environmental Crimes
- Consolidation of separate Body Worn Camera, Conducted Energy Device, video recording, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, and Virtual Reality platforms ensuring cost savings, transparency and accountability, reduced use of force, leading technology

CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE, Cleveland, Ohio
Deputy Chief, Homeland Special Operations

1994-2023
2017-2023

Responsible for the operations of the Bureau of Special Investigations, Bureau of Special Services, and the Bureau of Homeland Services. These functions include all divisional investigations, task force relationships, specialized units, and homeland security initiatives. Participate with three other Deputy Chiefs in recommending policy, strategy, and talent development for divisional members.

- Responsible for crafting and implementing the violent crime reduction strategy
- Ensured clearance rate increase and investigative case timeline reduction
- Lead representative for the National PSP (Public Safety Partnership) program
- Developed and opened the CDP Real Time Crime Center
- Collaborate with Cuyahoga County leadership in the Centralized Booking project
- Coordinate all Task Force Officer functions with state and federal partner agencies
- Ensuring consistent, respectful, professional service delivery by operation members
- Serve as the Chair of the Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center Governance Board
- Represent the Division of Police on the City Wide Security Camera / Lighting Project
- Intelligence Chief for 2019 MLB All-Star Game and 2021 NFL Draft
- Responsible for holding Disciplinary Hearings, recommendations to the Chief

Commander, Bureau of Homeland Services

2011-2017

Responsible for steady state and emergency operations and plans involving protective posture and Homeland Security related policies and procedures for the city. Assigned as the Intelligence Branch Chief in the Emergency Operations Center. Command operational and strategic matters involving the Intelligence, Domestic Preparedness, and Ports Sections; Airport, Aviation, Bomb Squad, Canine, City Hall Security, Crime Analysis, Executive Protection, Fusion Center, Intelligence, and Marine Patrol Team.

- Managed the integration and dissemination of intelligence through the Fusion Center with local, state, federal, and private sector partners
- Assigned as the Intelligence Branch Chief during the 2016 Republican National convention, managed real-time intelligence sharing from the ground to command
- Collaborated on security / response plans for major incidents and special events
- Responsible for Airport security operations and dignitary / protected visits
- Directed sensitive and complex investigations conducted by the Intelligence Unit
- Recommended appropriate Emergency Management Annex policy changes
- Issued a Secret Level Security clearance by the Department of Homeland Security

Lieutenant, Administrative Officer, Office of Homeland Security

2008-2011

Administrative responsibility for the following Homeland Security units: Aviation Unit, Airport Unit, Bomb Squad, Canine Unit, Crime Analysis Unit, and the Intelligence Unit. Coordinate with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies on Homeland Security matters. Represent the Division and Chief in committees and collaborations with partner agencies and stakeholders. Accountable for reporting/completion of all School Safety Drills

- Coordinated the formation and implementation of the regional Marine Patrol Team
- Managed the formation of the regional Automatic License Plate Reader program

- Coordinated Terrorism Liaison Officers with regard to terrorist threats and criminal information as well as intelligence led policing matters
- Coordinated sensitive matters with local, state, federal and International agencies

Lieutenant, Officer in Charge, Office of Professional Standards 2006-2008

Managed the investigation of complaints involving misconduct filed against members of the Division of Police. Responded to incidents involving the Use of Deadly Force. Reviewed all investigations for completeness prior to their submission to the Prosecutor or the Police Review Board for deliberation. Presented investigative findings at disciplinary hearings. Developed Office Policies and presented to the Director of Public Safety for approval.

Lieutenant, Officer in Charge, Second Neighborhood Police District, Detective Bureau
2004-2006

Supervised 19 Detectives and 1 Sergeant in the assignment and investigation of Felony, Domestic Violence, Racially Motivated Incidents, and other sensitive investigations. Responsible for the formation, staffing, monitoring, and deployment of the newly formed Domestic Violence Warrant Unit. Accountable for the activities of the Vice Unit, comprised of 7 Detectives and 1 Sergeant. Continuously monitored personnel deployment and budgetary expenditures to efficiently deliver the highest level of service to the community. Decreased case completion time by 20%.

Sergeant, Officer in Charge, Second Neighborhood Police District, Fresh Start Unit
2001-2004

Provided necessary leadership to the Unit in addressing quality of life matters received from the community. Increased measurable enforcement results by 32%. Represented the Division at Community meetings, received requests for service, and maintained open lines of communication with residents. Directed personnel activities during Field Force deployments.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Cleveland, Ohio 1990-1994
Deputy Sheriff / Detective 1991-1994

Investigated Felony crimes throughout the County. Assisted Federal and Local agencies in using the Sheriff's Office resources. Executed Felony Arrest and Search Warrants.

Corrections Officer
1990-1991

Monitored health and welfare of all inmates in area of responsibility. Minimized security risks and maintained order.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, Washington, D.C.
1986-1990

Military Police Corporal

Led a squad of Marines in patrolling urban and rural areas of Okinawa, Japan, Pohang, Korea and Camp Pendleton, California. Trained as a Combat Squad Leader. Provided baseline security at the Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico, Virginia.

EDUCATION

MAJOR CITIES CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION Police Executive Leadership Institute	2022 Washington, DC
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY Leadership Academy	2019 Glynco, GA
NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL Master of Arts, Security Studies, Homeland Security & Defense	2012 Monterey, CA
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY Master of Science in Social Administration Concentration in Community Development	2008 Cleveland, OH
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs Neighborhood Leadership Cleveland Certificate	2007 Cleveland, OH
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY Supervisory Leadership Certificate Program	2007 Cleveland, OH
BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, Double Minor, Psychology and Sociology	2003 Berea, OH
CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE Associate of Arts	1996 Cleveland, OH
MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT, Earned the Title "United States Marine"	1987 Parris Island, SC

PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Selected to participate in Supervisory Promotional Assessment Centers for:

- Baltimore, Maryland
Promotional Assessment Center Sergeant
- Detroit, Michigan
Promotional Assessment Center Lieutenant
- Miami, Florida
Promotional Assessment Center Sergeant

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- The Salvation Army, Harbor Light Complex, Detox Program- Assistant Counselor
 - Central Citizen Circle-Participated in the formation and certification of program
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COMMENDATIONS AND AWARDS

- Medal of Heroism
 - Distinguished Service Medal
 - Special Commendations
 - Community Service Awards
 - Honorable Congressman Louis Stokes Fellowship
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member	Buckeye State Sheriff's Association
Executive Board Member	Cleveland FBI, Joint Terrorism Task Force
Past Vice-Chair	Cuyahoga County Emergency Services Advisory Board (CCESAB)
Member	Fraternal Order of Police
Past Chair	Grants & Finance Working Group (NEORAMSS)
Member	International Association of Chiefs of Police
Member	Major County Sheriffs of America
Commandant-Elect	Marine Corps League, Cleveland Police Detachment
Board President	Neighborhood Leadership Institute
Vice-Chair	Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center Governance Board
Vice-Chair	Regional Enterprise Data Sharing System Board
Executive Board Member	Ohio Northern Border Initiative, Executive Committee
Member	U.S. District Attorney / FBI Civil Rights Working Group

LANGUAGE

Fluently speak, read, and write **Spanish**