



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
2079 EAST 9<sup>th</sup> STREET  
1:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Byrne, Gallagher, Turner, Kelly, Miller, Sweeney and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Schron, Conwell, Stephens and Simon were in attendance after the roll call was taken.**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

### 4. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE/DISCUSSION:

**Council President Jones passed the gavel to Mr. Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee.**

- a) R2024-0407: A Resolution adopting the 2024/2025 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program Annual Update for 2025; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
  - i) Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Harold Pretel

**Mr. Harold Pretel, Sheriff, addressed Council regarding the budget for the Sheriff's Department. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Director of the Office of Budget and Management, addressed Council regarding proposed budget amendments relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements for child support enforcement and the Sheriff's Department. Discussion ensued.**

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

- ii) Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Services Board of Cuyahoga County  
– Chief Financial Officer Felicia Harrison

**Ms. Felicia Harrison, Chief Financial Officer of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Services (ADAMHS) Board; and Ms. Clare Rosser, Chief Strategy Officer and Performance Officer of the ADAMHS Board, addressed Council regarding the budget for the Board. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Harrison and Ms. Rosser pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

- iii) Department of Health and Human Services:

- Division of Children and Family Services – Director Jacqueline Fletcher

**Ms. Jacqueline Fletcher, Director of the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed Council regarding the budget for the Division of Children and Family Services. Discussion ensued.**

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

**A brief recess was taken by Council, after which, Chairman Miller then reconvened the meeting.**

- Division of Job and Family Services – Director Kevin Gowan

**Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Ms. Kathy Starks, Chief Fiscal Officer, addressed Council regarding the budget for the Division of Job and Family Services. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Merriman and Ms. Starks pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

- Division of Senior and Adult Services – Director Natasha Pietrocola

**Ms. Natasha Pietrocola, Director of the Division of Senior and Adult Services, addressed Council regarding the budget for the Division of Senior and Adult Services. Discussion ensued.**

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

**5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Ms. Stephens expressed concerns regarding safety in the City of East Cleveland**

**Ms. Turner stated that Ms. Sherry Thomas will bring the Mobile Healing Room and Trauma Response Unit to the County Administrative Headquarters at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m., without objection.**