



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Schron called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Schron asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Schron, Kelly and Byrne were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Stephens arrived after the roll call was taken. Committee member Simon was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed the committee members regarding the timeframe for approval of proposed legislation that comes to Council.

Mr. Schron responded to Loh's comments and explained the process for the Executive sponsored items that are submitted to Council for approval. Mr. Schron stated that these items are initiated by the Executive's agencies on their timeline and processed prior to appearing before County Council for approval and are then acted upon by Council as expeditiously as possible.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 22, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Byrne and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

[Clerk's Note: Item No. 5.b) was taken out of order and considered before Item No. 5.a).]

- a) R2024-0368: A Resolution authorizing an Economic Development Loan in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000.00 to Famous Distribution, Inc. dba Famous Supply, or its approved designee, for the construction and renovation of the Northeast Ohio Distribution Center located at 5700 Lee Road South, Maple Heights; authorizing the County Executive and/or the Director of Development to execute all documents consistent with said loan and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Anthony Stella, Senior Development Finance Analyst for the Department of Development; Ms. Melissa Ferchill, President of MCM Company Inc. and Consultant to Famous Supply; Mr. Kevin Carney, Director of Finance for Famous Supply; The Honorable Annette Blackwell, Mayor of the City of Maple Heights; and Mr. Paul Herdeg, Director of the Department of Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0368. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Stella, Ms. Ferchill, Mr. Carney, Mayor Blackwell and Mr. Herdeg pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Byrne, Resolution No. R2024-0368 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

Ms. Stephens and Mr. Schron requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- b) R2024-0374: A Resolution amending Resolution No. R2021-0268 dated 1/11/2022, which authorized HOME loans to various organizations, or their designees, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$2,250,000.00 for various affordable housing projects by (i) replacing the Director of Development with the Director of Housing and Community Development in Section 2, and (ii) extending the sunset provision contained in Section 3 to 12/31/2024; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
 - 1) The Arch at Saint Michael in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 to renovate the former Central Catholic School and Convent a 46-unit, senior independent living building, located at 3146 Scranton Road in the Clark-Fulton Neighborhood in the City of Cleveland.

- 2) The Warner and Swasey in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 to construct 140 units for a mixed-used, mixed income, mixed population, historic adaptive reuse of the former Warner and Swasey Manufacturing Plant, located in the City of Cleveland.
- 3) Cuyahoga TAY in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 for the development of a new, 50-unit supportive housing building for transition-aged youth experiencing homelessness in Cuyahoga County.
- 4) Jennings Center for Older Adults and PIRHL Developers, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 for the development of Hazelwood Court, a 53-unit senior community in City of Maple Heights.
- 5) Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 for the development of the Margaret Wagner Apartments III, to construct 20 new units of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 202 Supportive Housing for the elderly, located at 2373 Euclid Heights Boulevard in City of Cleveland Heights.

Ms. Sara Parks Jackson, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0374. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Mr. Byrne, Resolution No. R2024-0374 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Schron adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m., without objection.