



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

Committee Members:

Jack Schron, Chair – District 6
Patrick Kelly, Vice Chair – District 1
Sunny M. Simon - District 11
Cheryl L. Stephens - District 10
Michael P. Byrne – District 4

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 2024 MEETING** [See Page 3]
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2024-0449: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 2893 with The Cleveland Foundation for the Opioid Innovation Project Fund of the Cleveland Foundation, for additional funds in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$10,000,000.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 5]

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Schron called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 28, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Kelly and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0397: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$150,000, to MidTown Cleveland, Inc. for the purpose of the Warner and Swasey building redevelopment project from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; 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 and Councilmember regarding Resolution No. R2024-0397. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2024-0397 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2024-0413: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Resolution No. R2021-0223, dated 10/26/2021, which approved an Economic Development Fund Redevelopment and Modernization Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00 to LG Blanket Mill, LLC for the redevelopment of a vacant building, located at 3160 West 33rd Street, City of Cleveland, for a mixed-use structure for the Northern Ohio Blanket Mills Project, by changing the interest only period from two (2) years to one (1) year and amending the loan agreement; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Paul Herdeg, Director and Mr. Anthony Stella, Economic Development Administrator for the Department of Development; and Mr. Morton Levin, President and Mr. Kevin Hudson, Director of Development for the Levin Group, Inc., addressed the Committee and Councilmember regarding Resolution No. R2024-0413. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Mr. Herdeg, Mr. Stella, Mr. Levin and Mr. Hudson pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Byrne with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2024-0413 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 3:45 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0449

Sponsored by: Councilmember Schron	A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 2893 with The Cleveland Foundation for the Opioid Innovation Project Fund of the Cleveland Foundation, for additional funds in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$10,000,000.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, On December 6, 2022 the County Council adopted Resolution No. R2022-0430 authorizing an award to The Cleveland Foundation in the total amount not-to-exceed \$5,000,000.00 to start the Opioid Innovation Project Fund of the Cleveland Foundation (the “Fund”), commencing upon contract signature of all parties; and

WHEREAS, the Fund focuses on early stage financial investments in businesses that are commercializing innovations to prevent opioid addiction; and

WHEREAS, the Fund’s primary goal is to provide early stage funding for innovations to prevent opioid addiction; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the funding provided is used to write down the cost for medical providers to use the innovations during early stages of development, thereby speeding up adoption of these innovations to prevent opioid addiction; and

WHEREAS, as to County funding, this project is 100% funded by the Opioid Mitigation Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to amend Contract No. 2893 with the Cleveland Foundation to provide an additional amount of \$5,000,000.00 to the Fund for a total amount not-to-exceed \$10,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, additional matching funding for innovations to prevent opioid addiction will be solicited from other non-County sources, to increase the total amount of the Opioid Innovation Project Fund; and

WHEREAS, financial investments from the Fund are structured so that earnings from the funded activities return to the Opioid Innovation Project Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes an amendment to Contract No. 2893 with the Cleveland Foundation in an additional amount of \$5,000,000.00 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$10,000,000.00 for the Opioid Innovation Project Fund of the Cleveland Foundation.

SECTION 2. That the County Executive is authorized to execute the amendment and all documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.

SECTION 3. To the extent that any exemptions are necessary under the County Code and contracting procedures, they shall be deemed approved by the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. 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, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council 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

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: Economic Development & Planning
Committee(s) Assigned: November 26, 2024

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