



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Mr. Kelly asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Kelly, Miller and Gallagher were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Turner and Simon arrived after the roll call was taken. Councilmember Houser was also in attendance.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 2, 2024 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2024 meeting.**

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0003: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$184,000, to Manufacturing Works for the Supply-Chain and Workforce Alignment Project from the District 2 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Marilyn Mosinski, Manager, Industrial Outreach and Development for Manufacturing Works and Ms. Chelsea Treboniak, President of Critical Ops, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0003. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Ms. Mosinski and Ms. Treboniak pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2025-0003 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- b) R2025-0004: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$120,000, to the Aerozone Alliance for the Aerozone Financial Sustainability Initiative from the District 2 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Hrishue Mahalaha, Executive Director for the Aerozone Alliance, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0004. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2025-0004 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- c) R2025-0016: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$350,000, to the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland for the Empowering Cuyahoga County's Opportunity Zones Project from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Cecil Lipscomb, President and Chief Executive Officer and Ms. Adrienne Sims, Coordinator of Development for the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0016. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Mr. Lipscomb and Ms. Sims pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2025-0016 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- d) R2025-0037: A Resolution authorizing an Economic Development Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000.00 to WXZ CPV LLC and/or Taylor Tudor Tenant LLC as its designee, to facilitate the re-development of the Taylor Tudor Plaza located at 1900-1910, 1912-1926, and 1932-1946 South Taylor Road in the City of Cleveland 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, Economic Development Administrator for the Department of Development and Mr. Greg Huth, Assistant Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0037. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Stella and Mr. Huth pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**Ms. Simon made a motion for Resolution No. R2025-0037 to be amended, to fully incorporate the “Whereas” clauses that address essential deal terms, which will be detailed in a proposed substitute for consideration at the next Council meeting; Ms. Turner seconded and was approved by unanimous vote, as amended.**

**On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0037 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Ms. Simon requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.**

- e) R2025-0044: A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to sign a petition in support of continuing the Downtown Cleveland Improvement District; requesting that certain County properties be included in the District; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Katherine Gallagher, Deputy Chief of Staff Operations & Community Innovation for the Executive’s Office, introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2025-0044. Discussion ensued.**

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

**A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.**

**Ms. Gallagher, Mr. Michael Deemer, President and Chief Executive Officer for Downtown Cleveland; Mr. Thomas Coyne, Chair of the Downtown Cleveland Improvement**

**Corporation; and Mr. Paul Herdeg, Director of the Department of Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0044. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Gallagher, Mr. Deemer, Mr. Coyne and Mr. Herdeg pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2025-0044.**

- f) O2025-0002: An Ordinance enacting Section 802.06 of the Cuyahoga County Code to require Economic Development proposals submitted to County Council for approval to include and incorporate essential deal terms; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

**Ms. Simon and Mr. Herdeg addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2025-0002. Discussion ensued.**

**There was no legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2025-0002.**

#### 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m., without objection.**