



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 27, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) 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. Debbie Berry, Chief of Integrated Development for the Executive's Office and Mr. Michael Deemer, President and Chief Executive Officer for Downtown Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0044. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Berry and Mr. Deemer pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

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

- b) R2025-0064: A Resolution authorizing an Economic Development Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000.00 to 2168 West 25th Street LLC, or its designee, for the redevelopment of the former Rauch & Lang Carraige Company building located at 2168 West 25th Street in the City of Cleveland; 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 and Mr. Matt Keri, Senior Development Finance Analyst for the Department of Development and Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor for Council, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0064. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2025-0064 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) 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.

Mr. Michael King, Senior Legislative Strategist for Council and Mr. Paul Herdeg, Director of the Department of Development, introduced a proposed substitute to Ordinance No. O2025-0002. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. King and Mr. Herdeg pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Ordinance No. O2025-0002 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m., without objection.