



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 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 3:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Kelly asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Kelly, Miller and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Ms. Turner arrived after the roll call was taken. Mr. Gallagher was absent. Council Vice President Conwell and Councilmember Schleper were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 18, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0143: A Resolution amending Resolution No. R2023-0372 dated 12/5/2023, which authorized an economic development loan to Neighborhood Health Care, Inc. dba Neighborhood Family Practice in the amount not-to-exceed \$700,000.00 for the renovation of 13027 Lorain

Avenue, Cleveland to provide various medical, dental and pharmacy services to people of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay, by extending the resolution sunset date from twelve months (12) to 12/31/2025, to allow the project to close; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Anthony Stella, Economic Development Administrator for the Department of Development and Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor for Council, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0143. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2025-0143 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. Turner requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- b) R2025-0144: A Resolution authorizing an Economic Development Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000.00 to Bridgeworks, LLC or its designee, to assist with funding project costs of a place-based, mixed-used development project located at the Northeast corner of West 25th Street and Detroit Avenue at 2429 Superior Viaduct in the City of Cleveland, which will include construction of 219 units of housing, reactivating space near public investments; 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. Matt Keri, Senior Development Finance Analyst for the Department of Development and Mr. Stella, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0144. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0144 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Conwell and Ms. Turner requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- c) R2025-0145: A Resolution authorizing a Grant Incentive Agreement with Canon Healthcare USA, Inc., in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,471,526.02 to establish their headquarters at 10500 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland for the period 5/13/2025 – 5/12/2035; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 5320 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Paul Herdeg, Director of the Department of Development and Mr. Tsuneo Imai, Vice President, Strategic Partnership & Collaboration for Canon Healthcare USA, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0145. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2025-0145 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Conwell and Ms. Turner requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- d) R2025-0146: A Resolution authorizing an Economic Development Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$920,800.00 to Catanese Classic Seafood, Inc. or its designee, to create productive reuse of 41,469 square feet of space in the former Cleveland Foodbank facility located at 15500 S. Waterloo Road, 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. Aaron Kinney, Economic & Community Development Program Specialist for the Department of Development, Mr. Stella and Mr. John Catanese, Owner of Catanese Classic Seafood, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0146. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Kinney, Mr. Stella and Mr. Catanese pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0146 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

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

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m., without objection.