



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026—10:00 A.M.

Committee Members

Patrick Kelly, Chair | Dist. 1

Meredith M. Turner, Vice Chair | Dist. 9

Michael J. Gallagher | Dist. 5

Dale Miller | Dist. 2

Sunny M. Simon | Dist. 11

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 12, 2026 MEETING
5. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0120: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a letter agreement with The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame regarding the distribution of funds from the general fund equal to a portion of the excise tax on hotel lodging transactions to change the frequency on which the Induction Ceremony will be held in Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Kelly asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Kelly, Turner, Gallagher, Miller and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Schleper was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed the Committee members and expressed her support for the Park Synagogue Project.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 1, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0360: A Resolution authorizing an Economic Development Loan in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000.00 to Friends of Mendelsohn to assist with funding project costs of a historic restoration and adaptive reuse of 75,000 square feet of space in the Park Synagogue located at 3300 Mayfield 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. Paul Herdeg, Director of the Department of Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0360. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Nick Fedor, Senior Development Finance Analyst for the Department of Development, addressed the Committee and gave a presentation regarding the project program; the Economic Development rationale for the County loan and recoverable grant; project sources and uses; debt service terms and collateral analysis for the Park Synagogue Historic Renovation Project.

Mr. Ben Ezinga, Principle and Chief Financial Officer of Sustainable Community Associates, the developer for the Project, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0360. Discussion ensued.

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

Chair Kelly introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2025-0360. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0360 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted.

Committee members Simon, Miller, Turner, Gallagher and Kelly requested to have their names added as co-sponsors 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 10:53 a.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio
Resolution No. R2026-0120

<p>Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne, Council President Miller and Councilmember Sweeney</p> <p>Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Kelly</p>	<p>A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a letter agreement with The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame regarding the distribution of funds from the general fund equal to a portion of the excise tax on hotel lodging transactions to change the frequency on which the Induction Ceremony will be held in Cleveland.</p>
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WHEREAS, the County and The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (“Rock Hall”) entered into a letter agreement in 2019 regarding the distribution of funds from the general fund equal to a portion of the excise tax on hotel lodging transactions (“Bed Tax Distribution”) beginning in 2020 (the “2019 Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, through the 2019 Agreement, the Rock Hall acknowledged the County’s expectation that the Rock Hall Induction Ceremony would be held in Cleveland every other year beginning in 2020; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the County’s issuance of economic development revenue bonds in 2024 to support the Rock Hall’s expansion project, the 2020 Agreement was amended to further refine the Rock Hall’s use of the Bed Tax Distribution; and

WHEREAS, the Rock Hall has requested to again amend the 2019 Agreement to allow for the Rock Hall Induction Ceremony being held in Cleveland every third year.

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 a letter agreement with The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (“Rock Hall”) entered into in 2019 regarding the distribution of funds from the general fund equal to a portion of the excise tax on hotel lodging transactions to change the frequency on which the Rock Hall Induction Ceremony will be held in Cleveland to every third year.

SECTION 2. The County Executive or the Executive’s designee is authorized to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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: April 28, 2026
Committee(s) Assigned: Economic Development & Planning

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: April 28, 2026

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April 21, 2026

County Executive Chris Ronayne
2079 E. Ninth St., 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: **Second Amendment to Agreement Related to 2020 County Bed Tax Increase**

Dear County Executive Ronayne:

The purpose of this letter (this “Second Amendment”) is to amend certain provisions of an agreement dated September 23, 2019 and made effective January 1, 2020 (the “Original Agreement”) between the County of Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the “County”) and The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc. (the “Rock Hall”) related to payments to be made by the County to the Rock Hall, as authorized by County Council Resolution R2019-0194 passed October 22, 2019. The Original Agreement was amended in 2024, as authorized by County Council Resolution R2024-0203 passed July 2, 2024, to further refine the Rock Hall’s use of the payments described in the Original Agreement (the “First Amendment”). For purposes of this Second Amendment, “Agreement” means the Original Agreement as amended by the First Amendment. In the event of a conflict between this Second Amendment and the Agreement, this Second Amendment controls. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Second Amendment shall have the same meaning as in the Agreement.

The parties hereby agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. Paragraph 1.c of the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

c. The Induction Ceremony will be held in Cleveland no less frequently than every third year commencing in 2027 (each such year a “Cleveland Year”). The Rock Hall agrees that if the Induction Ceremony is held in a city other than Cleveland in what would be a Cleveland Year, a portion of the Rock Hall Payment will be subject to forfeiture as follows: the Rock Hall will forfeit \$400,000 of the Rock Hall Payment per tax year commencing with the year following the last year in which the Induction Ceremony was held in Cleveland and continuing until (but not including) the next year in which the Induction Ceremony is held in Cleveland. [By way of example, if the Induction Ceremony is held in Cleveland in 2027, 2030 and 2033, and is held in Non-Cleveland City A in 2034, in Non-Cleveland City B in 2035, in Non-Cleveland City C in 2036, and in Cleveland in 2037, the Rock Hall would forfeit \$1,200,000 (\$400,000 in each of 2034, 2035, and 2036), and the next Cleveland Induction Ceremony would be expected to be in 2040.] The County may offset the forfeited funds from any future Rock Hall Payment, and the parties agree to work in good faith to resolve any disputes regarding the funds to be forfeited. The Rock Hall agrees to notify the County in

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writing (e-mail notice to the County Executive and County Council President being sufficient) as soon as practicable after the Rock Hall becomes aware that the Induction Ceremony will be held in a location other than Cleveland during a Cleveland Year.


2. Any forfeiture accrued under the Agreement prior to the date hereof is waived.

Each party represents and warrants that it has the power and authority to execute this Second Amendment and perform its obligations set forth herein, and that the undersigned official of such party has been duly authorized to execute this Second Amendment on such party's behalf.

The parties agree that this Second Amendment may be executed and delivered in counterparts by facsimile or other electronic means, including electronically scanned and transmitted versions (*e.g.*, pdf) of an original signature.

Sincerely,

THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF
FAME AND MUSEUM, INC.


{name, title}

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED TO BY:
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, OHIO

Chris Ronayne, County Executive, or designee
pursuant to Executive Order EO2023-0003,
dated July 6, 2023, as amended by Executive
Order EO2025-0001 dated March 7, 2025