



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Stephens, Schron and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Jones was absent from the meeting. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 1, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0312: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Waterloo Alley Cat Project for the care of abandoned and feral cats from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Deborah Gulyas, Director of the Waterloo Alley Cat Project, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0312. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Gulyas pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2023-0312 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2023-0323: A Resolution making an award on RQ11017/Event 3632 to 21C LLC, d.b.a. Compass Energy Platform (“Compass”) for consulting and management services for the Cuyahoga County electric utility and microgrid, for a period of 10 years; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Energy Consulting and Management Agreement with Compass and certain other documents; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Michael Foley, Director of the Department of Sustainability; and Mr. Rick Bolton, Chief Executive Officer of Compass Energy Platform, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0323. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Foley and Bolton pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

- c) R2023-0327: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for the Comprehensive Case Management Employment Program- Employment, Education and Training Services for Young Adults for the period 4/1/2022 – 12/31/2023, to extend the time period to 10/31/2024, to change the terms, effective 1/1/2024, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$5,979,175.95; authorizing the County Executive to amend Contracts Nos. 2389 and 2390 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
 - 1) Contract No. 2389 with Verge, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$753,856.95.
 - 2) Contract No. 2390 with Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the amount not-to-exceed \$5,225,319.00.

Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Department of Health and Human Service Division of Contracts Administration and Performance; Mr. Eric Dillenbeck,

Director of Work Experience for Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.); and Mr. Shaun Woods, President of Verge, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0327. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Cortes, Dillenbeck and Woods pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2023-0327 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

d) R2023-0328: A Resolution authorizing amendments to contracts with various providers for the Ohio Works First Program for the period 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023 to extend the time period to 12/31/2024, to change the terms, effective 1/1/2024 and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$6,686,146.75; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract Nos. 3437 & 3438 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 3437 (fka Contract No. 2840) with Maximus Human Services Inc. for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,823,646.75.
- 2) Contract No. 3438 (fka Contract No. 2841) with The Centers for Families and Children for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,862,500.00.

Mr. Cortes addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0328. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2023-0328 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

e) R2023-0338: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for School/Community-based Closing the Achievement Gap services for the period 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2023 to extend the time period to 12/31/2024, to change the terms, effective 1/1/2024, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,075,377.00; 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:

- 1) Contract No. 2227 with East Cleveland City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$120,680.00.
- 2) Contract No. 2268 with Bedford City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$120,680.00.
- 3) Contract No. 2269 with Cleveland Municipal City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$351,297.00.
- 4) Contract No. 2270 with Cleveland Heights – University Heights City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$120,680.00.
- 5) Contract No. 2271 with Maple Heights City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$120,680.00.
- 6) Contract No. 2272 with Warrensville Heights City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$120,680.00.
- 7) Contract No. 2273 with Garfield Heights City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$120,680.00.

Ms. Robin Martin, Director of Family and Children First Council, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0338. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Martin pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2023-0338 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- f) R2023-0339: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio in the amount not-to-exceed \$654,000.00 for programming and fiscal agent services for the Families and Schools Together (FAST) Program for the period 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 3839 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Kathleen Stewart, Deputy Director of Family and Children First Council, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0339. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2023-0339 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second agenda.

- g) R2023-0340: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Agreement No. 1876 with Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County for fiscal agent and program administration services for the Early Childhood Mental Health Program in connection with the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2023 to extend the time period to 12/31/2024, to change the terms and expand the scope of services effective 1/1/2024, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$700,000.00; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Cortes; Mr. Dillenbeck; and Mr. Woods addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0340. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Cortes, Dillenbeck and Woods pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2023-0340 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- h) R2023-0341: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3266 (fka Contract No. 1917) with Child Care Resource Center of Cuyahoga County dba Starting Point for the Special Needs Child Care Program for the period 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2023 to extend the time period to 12/31/2024, to change the terms effective 1/1/2024, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,899,281.78; 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.

Ms. Shawna Rohrman, Director of Early Childhood Invest in Children, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0341. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2023-0341 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- i) R2023-0342: A Resolution authorizing a Contract with Child Care Resource Center of Cuyahoga County dba Starting Point in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,700,816.02 for implementation and management of the Child Care Access and Quality Expansion Program for Invest in Children for the period 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 3687 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Rohrman addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0342. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2023-0342 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- j) R2023-0343: A Resolution authorizing a Contract with Child Care Resource Center of Cuyahoga County dba Starting Point in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,433,569.42 for management and administration of the Family Child Care Home Professional Development System for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 3688 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Rohrman and Ms. Nancy Mendez, CEO of Starting Point, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0343. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Rohrman and Ms. Mendez pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2023-0343 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- k) R2023-0344: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Family Connections of Northeast Ohio in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,028,000.00 for program administration and direct services for the Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids (SPARK) Program for Invest in Children for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 3877 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Rohrman; Ms. Trina Jackson, Director of Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids; and Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0344. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Rohrman, Ms. Jackson and Mr. McAleer pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2023-0344 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Environmental Phase II Study of Eddy/Kirby Road Site

Mr. Michael Dever, Director of the Department of Public Works; and Mr. John Garvey, Vice President of Partners Environmental, addressed the Committee regarding the findings of the Environmental Phase II Study of Eddy/Kirby Road. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Dever and Garvey pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the Committee at 5:15 p.m., without objection.