



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024
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 3:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Schron and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Stephens and Jones were 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 JUNE 12, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0226: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Women of God Outreach Ministries, Inc. for the Socks for Souls Project from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and

declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Dana Anderson, Founder/Executive Director of Women of God Outreach Ministries, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0226. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0226 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2024-0243: A Resolution submitting a grant agreement among Say Yes Cleveland and College Now Greater Cleveland, Inc., in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,600,000.00 for administration and fiscal agent services for the Say Yes Cleveland Program for the period 7/16/2024 – 7/15/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute a Grant Agreement via Contract No. 4575 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts, Administration and Performance; Ms. Jacqueline Fletcher, Director of the Department of Children and Family Services; and Ms. Diane Downing, Executive Director of Say Yes Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0243. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Cortes, Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Downing pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0243 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Conwell, Ms. Simon and Mr. Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- c) R2024-0244: 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 – 10/31/2024, for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed

\$800,461.00, effective 5/1/2024; 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. 2389 with Verge, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$-0-.
- 2) Contract No. 2390 with Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the amount not-to-exceed \$800,461.00.

Mr. Cortes and Mr. Paul Bounds, Deputy Administrator of Job and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0244. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0244 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- d) R2024-0248: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to S.H.I.N.E. for the S.H.I.N.E. Girlz Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Danita Harris, founder of S.H.I.N.E., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0248. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0248 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- e) O2024-0007: An Ordinance amending 804.01(C) of the Cuyahoga County Code to modify the scholarship provisions of Component Two of the Educational Assistance Program; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Mr. Michael King, Special Counsel, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2024-0007. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Schron, Ordinance No. O2024-0007 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. PRESENTATIONS

a) Green Infrastructure Grant Program

Mr. Matthew Scharver, Director of Watershed Programs for the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS), provided the Committee with an update regarding the Green Infrastructure Grant Program, including applicant eligibility, funding allocations, service areas, challenges and Project Clean Lake. Discussion ensued.

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

b) Department of Sustainability Strategy Plan

Ms. Jenita McGowan, Deputy Chief of Sustainability and Climate, provided the Committee with an overview and framework of the Department of Sustainability Strategy. Discussion ensued.

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

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m., without objection.