



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 3:11 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 MEETING

b) OCTOBER 30, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2024 and October 30, 2024 meetings.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

[Clerk's Note: Resolution Nos. R2024-0401 and R2024-0402 were considered prior to Resolution No. R2024-0396.]

- a) R2024-0396: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$250,000, to the Murtis Taylor Human Services System for the Students of Promise Leadership Academy from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Bob Ivory, representing Students of Promise Leadership Academy; Ms. Nancy Peppler, Supervisor of Community and School Partnerships for Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District; and Pastor Darian Sheppard, Senior Pastor of Imani Temple Ministries, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0396. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Ivory, Ms. Peppler and Pastor Sheppard pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

There was no further legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2024-0396.

- b) R2024-0398: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Women of Color Foundation for personal and professional development training programs from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2024-0398.

- c) R2024-0401: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000 to the City of South Euclid for the purpose of the Deer Sterilization Pilot Program from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Keith Ari Benjamin, Director of Community Services & Development for the City of South Euclid, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0401. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0401 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- d) R2024-0402: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the City of South Euclid for the purpose of the Dog Park at Quarry Park North Project from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Benjamin addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0402. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0402 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- e) R2024-0422: A Resolution authorizing amendments to contracts with various providers for the Ohio Works First Program for the period 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2024 to extend the time period to 12/31/2025, to make budget line-item revisions, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$6,686,146.75, effective 1/1/2025; 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. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts and Performance; and Mr. Paul Bounds, Deputy Administrator of the Department of Jobs and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0422. 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 Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0422 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- f) R2024-0426: A Resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Child Care Resource Center of Cuyahoga County dba Starting Point in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,650,000.00 for Out-of-School Time services for youth for the period 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 4873 and all other documents consistent with said award and 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. R2024-0426. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0426 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- g) R2024-0427: A Resolution authorizing a Master Contract with various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$700,000.00 for infant and early childhood mental health services in connection with the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Master Contract and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
- a) Contract No. 4848 with Beech Brook in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00.
 - b) Contract No. 4849 with OhioGuidestone in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00.
 - c) Contract No. 4850 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$65,000.00.
 - d) Contract No. 4898 with The Centers for Families and Children in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00.

- e) Contract No. 4902 with Positive Education Program in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$177,500.00.
- f) Contract No. 4922 with Achievement Centers for Children in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00.
- g) Contract No. 4923 with Applewood Centers, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$7,500.00.

Ms. Shawna Rohrman, Director of the Office of Early Childhood/Invest in Children, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0427. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2024-0427 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Simon, Ms. Conwell and Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Schron for his service on Council.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m., without objection.