



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY FINANCE & BUDGETING COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll. Committee members Miller, Gallagher, Schron, Simon and Greenspan were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Connally was also in attendance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 20, 2011 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Greenspan and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2011 meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

There was no public comment.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) O2011-0032: An Ordinance establishing guidelines under which Council is to consider and approve subsidies to boards, commissions, agencies, corporations, and other entities or authorities over which the County Council does not have direct, immediate oversight of daily, operational management decisions.

Mr. Greenspan addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2011-0032.

Bob Ivory, Special Assistant to Executive FitzGerald, made the Committee aware that the Administration is currently reviewing the legislation and will be prepared to make

comments at the Rules Committee meeting scheduled for August 23, 2011. Discussion ensued.

Majeed Mahklouf, Law Director, responded to requests for information from the Committee regarding how current practice would change as a result of Ordinance No. O2011-0032.

Chairman Miller recommended to table Ordinance No. O2011-0032 until the next scheduled meeting of the Finance & Budgeting Committee.

Jim Boyle, Special Assistant to Executive FitzGerald, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2011-0032 and the funding streams of various agencies, boards and commissions.

Hearing no objection, Chairman Miller tabled Ordinance No. O2011-0032 until the August 29, 2011 meeting.

- b) O2011-0036: An Ordinance approving a Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Matt Rubino, Director of the Office of Budget & Management and Wade Steen, Fiscal Officer, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2011-0036 and the biennial budget process. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Mahklouf addressed the Committee regarding the charter amendment process as it relates to the duties and powers of the Executive and the Council to propose and adopt an annual budget. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Chairman Miller, seconded by Mr. Schron and approved by unanimous vote to amend Ordinance No. O2011-0036 by replacing the word "approving" with the words "establishing the procedure for adopting" and the word "Program" with the words "Plan with an annual update" in the title of the Ordinance.

Mr. Steen addressed the Committee regarding the effect of Ordinance No. O2011-0036 on the responsibilities of the Fiscal Office. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to refer Ordinance No. O2011-0036 to the full Council agenda, as amended.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Chairman Miller announced to the Committee that the budget process will begin in October and requested input regarding the process from the Committee.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no other public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Mr. Schron, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m., without objection.