



**AGENDA**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR**  
**3:00 PM**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 6, 2013 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
  - a) O2012-0036: An Ordinance establishing a College Savings Account Program for the purpose of investing in the higher education of Cuyahoga County residents, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
- 7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

\*In accordance with Ordinance No. O2011-0020, as amended, complimentary parking in the Huntington Park Garage will be available for the public on any day when the Council or any of its committees holds meetings. Please see the Clerk to obtain a parking pass.



## MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Mr. Rogers asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Rogers, Simon, Germana and Schron were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Connally entered the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken. Councilmembers Greenspan, Jones and Miller were also in attendance.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

**No public comments were given.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2, 2012 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2012 meeting.**

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) Q2012-0036: An Ordinance establishing a College Savings Account Program for the purpose of investing in the higher education of Cuyahoga County residents, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

**Mr. David Merriman, Interim Deputy Chief for Health and Human Services, and Ms. Rebekah Dorman, Director of Invest in Children, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2012-0036. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Merriman and Ms. Dorman pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**No further legislative action was taken regarding Ordinance No. O2012-0036.**

**6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**a) Presentation regarding Eastside Greenway Project**

**Ms. Anna Swanberg, Project Manager for the LAND studio, and Ms. Ann Zoller, Executive Director of the LAND studio, provided an overview of the Eastside Greenway Project. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Swanberg and Ms. Zoller pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**

**No public comments were given.**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairman Rogers adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m., without objection.**

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Ordinance No. O2012-0036

Sponsored by: <b>County Executive FitzGerald and Councilmember Rogers</b>	<b>An Ordinance</b> establishing a College Savings Account Program for the purpose of investing in the higher education of Cuyahoga County residents, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 7.01 of the Cuyahoga County Charter provides that “The County shall have as a primary responsibility the promotion and enhancement of the economic well-being and prosperity of the County and all of its residents. In furtherance of that purpose, the County shall, as authorized by the Constitution of Ohio, general law, and this Charter and enactments pursuant thereto, develop and implement policies, programs, and activities for the expansion and enhancement of economic activity in the County so as to create and preserve jobs and employment opportunities for and available to residents of the County;” and,

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.09 of the Cuyahoga County Charter provides that the County may, through legislation, “establish and provide for the administration of a program to provide scholarships, loans, grants and other forms of financial assistance for residents of the County that will enable them to participate in post-secondary education, including vocational education and job training and retraining;” and,

WHEREAS, the County wishes to promote a culture of academic achievement and college success within Cuyahoga County; and,

WHEREAS, the County wishes to establish the Cuyahoga County College Savings Account Program to invest in the college education of Cuyahoga County residents; and,

WHEREAS, the County through the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Early Childhood, will evaluate and choose an appropriate entity to administer the Program, and one or more financial institution partners to provide the financial savings product and other programmatic support; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County agency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby created the Cuyahoga County College Savings Account Program to be known as the “Cuyahoga County College Savings Account Program.”

**SECTION 2.** The Cuyahoga County College Savings Account Program may include the following:

- a) An agreement with a qualified entity to administer the County College Savings Account Program, which administration may be subsidized by the County;
- b) College savings accounts automatically established for each County resident upon entering kindergarten, where the County is the custodial owner of the account and the student is the beneficiary, to be used for qualifying post-secondary education expenses;
- c) An initial deposit of County funds into each college savings account;
- d) Growth of the accounts through family, student, and other outside private or public contributions;
- e) “Benchmark” incentives to promote educational success and sound savings habits, such as savings matches and donor deposits from other sources;
- f) Opportunities for families and students to increase financial literacy; and
- g) Opportunities for families and students to establish banking relationships.

**SECTION 3.** “Post-secondary education” as used in this ordinance includes post-secondary education, including but not limited to vocational education and any two or four-year degree program from an accredited educational institution.

**SECTION 4.** Within Six (6) months of passage of this Ordinance, the Administration shall provide Council with policies to implement the College Savings Account Program, which must include a definition of expenses that college savings account funds may be used for.

**SECTION 5.** The program shall include a foundation board consisting of members who shall provide advice, support, and fundraising services to advance its mission.

**SECTION 6.** It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order to retain secured financing and project completion. Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

**SECTION 7.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 Ordinance was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

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County Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Executive

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Date

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Clerk of Council

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Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: December 11, 2012

Committee(s) Assigned: Environment & Sustainability

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