



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

10:00 AM – SESSION I

2:00 PM – SESSION II

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Miller asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Brown, Hairston and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Jones, Schron, Conwell and Simon entered the meeting after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

The following individuals addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2017-0182, a Resolution adopting the 2018/2019 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, specifically pertaining to funding for the Division of Senior and Adult Services:

- a) Ms. Stacey O'Brien**
- b) Reverend Lorenzo Norris**
- c) Ms. Mary Rice**
- d) Dr. Andrew Clark**
- e) Ms. Wendy Allan Sattin**
- f) Ms. Dabney Conwell**
- g) Ms. Loh**

4. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / DISCUSSION:

- a) R2017-0182: A Resolution adopting the 2018/2019 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

Session I (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.):

- 1) Department of Health and Human Services – TBD
- 2) Division of Senior and Adult Services – Dr. Richard Jones
- 3) Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County – Valeria A. Harper
- 4) Division of Children and Family Services – Cynthia Weiskittel
- 5) Cuyahoga Job and Family Services – David Merriman/Christy Nicholls
- 6) Office of Child Support Services – Deborah Watkins

During Session I, Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Interim Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; Dr. Richard Jones, Administrator for the Division of Senior and Adult Services; Ms. Valeria Harper, Chief Executive Officer for the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County; Ms. Cynthia Weiskittel, Administrator for the Division of Children and Family Services; Mr. David Merriman, Assistant Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; Ms. Christy Nicholls, Social Program Administrator 4 for the Cuyahoga Job and Family Services; and Ms. Deborah Watkins, Social Program Administrator 6 for the Office of Child Support Services, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2017-0182 and provided an overview of their respective budgets. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Parfejewiec, Dr. Jones, Ms. Harper, Ms. Weiskittel, Mr. Merriman, Ms. Nicholls and Ms. Watkins pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Chair Miller stated that the Committee will recess for lunch.

Session II (2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.):

- 1) Office of Homeless Services – Ruth Gillett
- 2) Office of Early Childhood/Invest in Children – Dr. Rebekah Dorman
- 3) Family and Children First Council – Robin Martin
- 4) Office of Re-entry – Crystal Bryant
- 5) County Executive Administration – Sharon Sobol Jordan
- 6) Department of Communications – Eliza Wing
- 7) Cuyahoga County Board of Elections – Patrick McDonald
- 8) Agency of the Inspector General – Mark Griffin

At 2:04 p.m., Chair Miller then convened the meeting.

During Session II, Ms. Ruth Gillett, Social Program Administrator 5 for the Office of Homeless Services; Dr. Rebekah Dorman, Executive Officer for the Office of Early

Childhood/Invest in Children; Ms. Robin Martin, Executive Officer for the Family and Children First Council; Ms. Crystal Bryant, Social Program Administrator 5 for the Office of Re-entry, Ms. Maggie Keenan, Director of the Office of Budget and Management on behalf of Chief of Staff Sharon Sobol Jordan; Ms. Eliza Wing, Chief Communications Officer for the Department of Communications; Mr. Patrick McDonald, Director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections; Mr. Sean Webster, Manager of Business Administration for the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections; and Mr. Mark Griffin, Inspector General, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2017-0182 and provided an overview of their respective budgets. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Gillett, Dr. Dorman, Ms. Martin, Ms. Bryant, Ms. Keenan, Ms. Wing, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Webster and Mr. Griffin pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

There was no further legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2017-0182.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

Mr. William Tarter invited Council to attend the “2017 Celebration of Human Services” event sponsored by The Center for Community Solutions.

Ms. Loh addressed Council regarding grievance procedures and food at the Norma Herr Women’s Shelter.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m., without objection.