



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Brady called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Brady asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Councilmembers Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Simon, Baker, Miller, Tuma and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Stephens entered the meeting after the roll-call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. DISCUSSION:

- a) Testimony by Cuyahoga County Sheriff Clifford Pinkney regarding the Cuyahoga County Jail and operations at the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, in accordance with a subpoena issued on July 23, 2019 as a result of Resolution No. R2019-0170.

Council President Brady gave opening remarks and introduced Mr. Charles Hannan, Litigation Manager; Mr. Brendan Doyle, Special Counsel; and Mr. Richard Blake, Attorney for Sheriff Clifford Pinkney. Mr. Hannan advised Council against asking questions that could impact pending or imminent litigation.

In accordance with Resolution No. R2019-0170, Sheriff Clifford Pinkney answered various questions from Councilmembers regarding staffing, medical care for inmates, building improvements, budget, number of inmates, central booking, staff development and the

report issued by the U.S. Marshals Service relating to the Cuyahoga County Jail and Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Blake thanked Councilmembers for the opportunity to address Council and stated that Sheriff Pinkney is available to answer any additional questions.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Council President Brady stated that there will be a Charter amendment on the ballot in November. Passage of the amendment will hopefully give the new Sheriff more autonomy. Council may also schedule an executive session to address a longer list of questions that were vetted by the Prosecutor's Office.

Ms. Baker reminded Councilmembers that the Council Operations, Intergovernmental Relations & Public Transportation Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. today.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Brady adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m., without objection.