



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Loh addressed Council regarding funding for the judicial system and the Public Defender Commission.

4. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / DISCUSSION:

Chair Miller gave opening remarks regarding the process for the budget hearings and asked Councilmembers to provide any proposed budget amendments to him and Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer by Tuesday, November 5th.

- a) R2019-0224: A Resolution adopting the 2020/2021 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Justice Services and Public Safety Overview – Brandy Carney

Ms. Brandy Carney, Chief Community Protection and Safety Officer, addressed Council and provided an overview of budget requests for justice services and public safety. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Carney pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

2) Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas:

a. General Division – The Honorable John J. Russo

The Honorable John J. Russo, Administrative Judge for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas General Division, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Court. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Russo pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

b. Juvenile Division – The Honorable Kristin W. Sweeney

The Honorable Kristin W. Sweeney, Administrative Judge for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Court. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Sweeney; Mr. Jim Ginley, Fiscal Director; Mr. Mark Majer, Legal Counsel; and Mr. Tom Rehnert, Deputy Court Administrator-Detention pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

c. Domestic Relations Division – The Honorable Leslie Ann Celebrezze

After a briefing recess, the Honorable Leslie Ann Celebrezze, Administrative Judge for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Court. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Celebrezze pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

d. Probate Division – The Honorable Anthony J. Russo

The Honorable Anthony J. Russo, Administrative Judge for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Probate Division, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Court. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Russo pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- 3) Court of Appeals of Ohio, Eighth Appellate District – The Honorable Mary Eileen Kilbane

On behalf of The Honorable Mary Eileen Kilbane, Administrative Judge for the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Eighth Appellate District, The Honorable Eileen T. Gallagher, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Court. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Gallagher pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

- 4) Office of the Prosecuting Attorney – The Honorable Michael C. O'Malley

The Honorable Michael C. O'Malley, Cuyahoga County Prosecuting Attorney, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. O'Malley pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- 5) Public Defender Commission – Mark Stanton

Mr. Mark Stanton, Chief Public Defender, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Public Defender Commission. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Stanton pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

[Clerk's Note: Ms. Maggie Keenan, Director of the Office of Budget and Management, interjected during various presentations to answer questions or to clarify information.]

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m., without objection.