



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
9:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Miller asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Miller, Gallagher, Conwell and Brown were in attendance; however, a quorum was not determined at that time. Councilmembers Baker and Tuma entered the meeting after the roll call was taken and a quorum was then determined. Councilmember Schron entered the meeting after a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Jones, Stephens, Simon and Brady were absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Gail Long addressed Council regarding The MetroHealth System budget.

Ms. Loh addressed Council regarding County departmental budgets as they relate to homelessness.

Mr. Evan O'Reilly addressed Council regarding the need for a comprehensive centralized data collection system at the County Jail.

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) The MetroHealth System – Dr. Akram Boutros

Dr. Akram Boutros, President and Chief Executive Officer for The MetroHealth System, addressed Council regarding budget requests for The MetroHealth System. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Boutros pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- 2) Office of the County Sheriff – David Schilling

Mr. David Schilling, Cuyahoga County Sheriff, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the County Sheriff. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Sheriff Schilling pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- 3) Office of the Clerk of Courts – Nailah Byrd

Ms. Nailah Byrd, Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the Clerk of Courts. Discussion ensued.

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

- 4) Office of the Medical Examiner – Dr. Thomas Gilson

Dr. Thomas Gilson, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the Medical Examiner. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Gilson pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- 5) Department of Public Safety and Justice Services – Alex Pellom

After a brief recess, Mr. Alex Pellom, Director of the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services. Discussion ensued.

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

6) Department of Development – Theodore Carter

Mr. Theodore Carter, Chief Economic Development Officer, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Development. Discussion ensued.

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

7) Department of Workforce Development – Frank Brickner

Mr. Frank Brickner, Deputy Director of the Department of Workforce Development, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Workforce Development. Discussion ensued.

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

8) Cuyahoga County Planning Commission – Susan Infeld

Ms. Susan Infeld, Interim Director of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

9) Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District – Jan Rybka

Ms. Jan Rybka, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District. Discussion ensued.

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

10) Department of Sustainability – Michael Foley

Mr. Michael Foley, Director of the Department of Sustainability, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Sustainability. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Foley 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 12:49 p.m., without objection.