



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL REMOTE* REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020
2:00 PM**

***Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cuyahoga County Administration Building is closed to the public at this time. As this meeting is being conducted remotely, in accordance with HB 197, interested persons may access the meeting via livestream by using the following link: council.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Streaming-Video.aspx**

****Public comment for this meeting may be submitted in writing via email to the Clerk of Council at jschmotzer@cuyahogacounty.us no later than 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Brady called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Brady asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens, Simon, Baker, Miller, Tuma and Brady were present and a quorum was determined.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. SILENT MEDITATION

There was no moment of silent meditation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Clerk Schmotzer reported that Ms. Loh submitted public comment via email regarding the COVID-19 outbreak in homeless shelters.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting
- b) April 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Brady and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2020 Regular and April 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole meetings.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Brady announced that today's Council meeting will include a presentation that will be the beginning of a series of hearings on the status of the County's finances. Today's discussion will focus on the administration's budget projections and the Federal CARES Act. The next discussion will take place on May 5th during the Committee of the Whole meeting. At the Committee of the Whole meeting, the administration will discuss plans to close the budget deficit and human resources issues.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Budish thanked Council for their work and for holding the meeting remotely due to the social distancing requirements.

9. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

[Clerk's Notes: Item No. 9.a) was taken out of order after Item No. 10.d)2). Councilmember Miller presided over discussions for Item No. 9.a).]

- a) County Budget Update – Fiscal Officer Michael Chambers

Mr. Miller gave brief opening remarks regarding the COVID-19 crisis and the need for dealing with the budgetary impact on County government.

Mr. Michael Chambers, Fiscal Officer, then addressed Council with an update on the County's budget and presented information relating to sales tax projections, the impact of the Federal CARES Act on the County's finances, property tax deadline, and the General Fund budget for 2020. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Holly Woods, Interim Director of Human Resources, addressed Council regarding the number of employees eligible for early retirement and the impact of a buyout on the County's finances. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. William Mason, Chief of Staff to County Executive Budish, addressed Council regarding the Local Government Fund and proposed furloughs for County employees. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Robert Coury, Chief Public Safety and Justice Affairs Officer, addressed Council regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the County jail and presented information relating to the healthcare costs, average daily population, quarantining of staff, testing regime and closing of housing units in the jail. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked question of Mr. Coury pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

10. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE

- a) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Resolution Nos. R2020-0085 and R2020-0086.

- 1) R2020-0085: A Resolution amending the 2020/2021 Biennial Operating Budget for 2020 by providing for additional fiscal appropriations from the General Fund and other funding sources, for appropriation transfers between budget accounts and for cash transfers between budgetary funds, to meet the budgetary needs of various County departments, offices and agencies; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Fiscal Officer/Office of Budget and Management

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2020-0085 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

- 2) R2020-0086: A Resolution amending the Cuyahoga County Citizen Participation Plan required by the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development to comply with requirements under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, by adding Title X – CARES Act Funding; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Development

Mr. Paul Herdeg, Deputy Chief Economic Development Officer, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2020-0086. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2020-0086 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

b) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

- 1) R2020-0087: A Resolution authorizing a loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$12,890,904.00 to The MetroHealth System for the provision of services to County employees covered under the MetroHealth Services Group Healthcare Benefits Plan; authorizing the County Executive and/or Fiscal Officer to execute all documents consistent with said loan and this Resolution, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Human Resources

Council President Brady referred Resolution No. R2020-0087 to the Committee of the Whole.

- 2) R2020-0088: A Resolution authorizing amendments to agreements and contracts with various providers for community-based services to support at-risk children and families in Cuyahoga County for various time periods to extend the time periods to 3/31/2021 and for additional funds; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendments and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- i) for the period 4/1/2018 - 3/31/2020:
 - a) No. AG1800016-01 with City of Lakewood in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,694.00.
 - b) No. AG1800055-01 with Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority in the amount not-to-exceed \$361,803.00.
 - c) No. CE1800160-01 with Catholic Charities Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$645,749.77.
 - d) No. CE1800161-01 with The East End Neighborhood House in the amount not-to-exceed \$427,161.00.
 - e) No. CE1800162-01 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System in the amount not-to-exceed \$964,877.00.
 - f) No. CE1800163 -01 with The Centers for Families and Children in the amount not-to-exceed \$394,105.00.
 - g) No. CE1800164-01 with University Settlement, Incorporated in the amount not-to-exceed \$681,925.84.
 - h) No. CE1800165-01 with West Side Community House in the amount not-to-exceed \$439,715.00.

- ii) for the period 11/19/2018 - 3/31/2020:

- a) No. CE1800452-01 with The Harvard Community Services Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$461,704.00.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Children and Family Services

Council President Brady referred Resolution No. R2020-0088 to the Committee of the Whole.

- 3) R2020-0089: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Agreement No. AG1900216-01 with City of Cleveland/ Department of Public Health for administration, coordination, prenatal and inter-conceptional care services to high risk families in connection with expansion of the MomsFirst

Program for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2021 to change the scope of services, effective 1/1/2020, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$774,940.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Community Initiatives/Office of Early Childhood

Council President Brady referred Resolution No. R2020-0089 to the Committee of the Whole.

- c) COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rule 9D and to place on final passage Resolution Nos. R2020-0081, R2020-0082, R2020-0083 and R2020-0084.

- 1) R2020-0081: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a revenue generating Agreement with City of Berea for maintenance and repair of storm sewers and sanitary sewers located in County Sewer District No. 8 for the period 6/1/2017 - 3/31/2020 to extend the time period to 3/31/2021 and for additional revenue in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,600,000.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Public Works

Committee Assignment and Chair: Committee of the Whole – Brady and Tuma

On a motion by Mr. Tuma with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2020-0081 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

- 2) R2020-0082: A Resolution amending Resolution No. R2019-0018 dated 2/12/2019, which declared that public convenience and welfare requires resurfacing Brainard Road

in the Cities of Highland Heights and Lyndhurst, by changing the termini from Cedar Road to Wilson Mills Road to Falkirk Road to Wilson Mills Road; making an award on RQ47967 to Perk Company, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,028,622.80 for resurfacing Brainard Road from said termini in said municipalities; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; authorizing the County Engineer, on behalf of the County Executive, to make an application for allocation from County Motor Vehicle \$5.00 License Tax Funds in the amount of \$302,862.28 to fund a portion of said contract; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish/Department of Public Works/Division of County Engineer and Councilmember Simon

Committee Assignment and Chair: Committee of the Whole – Brady and Tuma

On a motion by Mr. Tuma with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2020-0082 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

- 3) R2020-0083: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. CE1900152-02 with AEP Onsite Partners, LLC fka Enerlogics Solar LLC for the purchase of electricity generated by Rooftop Solar Systems installed at various County facilities in connection with the Aggregated Solar Project for the period 6/1/2019 - 5/31/2029 to change the scope of services, effective 3/1/2020, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$624,466.74; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish/Departments of Public Works and Sustainability and Councilmember Simon

Committee Assignment and Chair: Committee of the Whole – Brady and Simon

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Brady, Resolution No. R2020-0083 was considered and adopted by a majority roll-call vote, with Councilmember Schron casting the only dissenting vote.

- 4) R2020-0084: A Resolution authorizing a revenue generating agreement with The Cleveland Clinic Foundation in the amount not-to-exceed \$900,000.00 for six Medicaid Enrollment Eligibility Specialists for the period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2021; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services

Committee Assignment and Chair: Committee of the Whole – Brady and Conwell

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2020-0084 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

d) CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

- 1) O2020-0009: An Uncodified Ordinance amending uncodified Ordinance No. O2020-0008 dated 4/14/2020, which amended uncodified Ordinance No. O2020-0007 dated 3/16/2020, which provided for paid emergency administrative leave for all County employees and which deleted the requirement that the paid emergency administrative leave can only be used after the employee has exhausted his or her existing accrued sick leave, by revising the date on which the paid emergency administrative leave will expire; and declaring the necessity that this uncodified Ordinance become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

Council President Brady referred Ordinance No. O2020-0009 to the Committee of the Whole.

- 2) O2020-0010: An Ordinance amending Section 202.10(G) of the Cuyahoga County Code to provide for displacement rights resulting from a layoff or layoffs within the Department of Health and Human Services, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Health and Human Services

Council President Brady referred Ordinance No. O2020-0010 to the Committee of the Whole.

[Clerk's Note: Item No. 9.a) was taken out of order after Item No. 10.d)2).

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no miscellaneous Committee reports.

12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Bown announced that today is the last day to vote. Citizens can deliver ballots to the Board of Elections or cast a provisional ballot in person if their ballot was not received.

Council President Brady stated that current turnout for the April 28, 2020 primary election is higher than expected. He also announced that after the May 12, 2020 Council meeting, legislation will be referred to Committees and Committee meetings will be held remotely via Zoom. He also encouraged Councilmembers to work with staff if they are interested in holding Committee meetings.

Council Vice-President Jones reported that he was recently informed that Mr. Rico Dancy lost his parents and grandparents due to COVID-19. He requested that Council keep the Dancy family in their prayers.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Brady adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m., without objection.