



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL REMOTE\* REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 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:  
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\*\*Public comment for this meeting may be submitted in writing via email to the Clerk of Council at [jschmotzer@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:jschmotzer@cuyahogacounty.us) no later than 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Council President Brady called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

**[Clerk's Note: Clerk Schmotzer was in attendance shortly after the roll-call was taken and clerked the remainder of the meeting.]**

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 4. SILENT MEDITATION

**There was no moment of silent meditation.**

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT\*\*

Clerk Schmotzer reported that there were no public comments submitted via email.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting
- b) May 5, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting

**A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Tuma and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2020 Regular and May 5, 2020 Committee of the Whole meetings.**

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**There were no announcements from the Council President.**

8. MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**County Executive Budish updated Council regarding getting ready for the reopening of County buildings. He said that the top priority is to protect the safety of the employees and the public by following the guidelines established by the County Board of Health, the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC. This is an evolving process, so changes will be seen as we move forward.**

**County Executive Budish then reported the following:**

- a) **Screening everyone who enters County buildings with temperature checks and several questions will continue.**
- b) **Extensively cleaning and sanitizing County buildings will continue.**
- c) **All Executive employees must wear a face mask when in a common area or if their workspace is within six feet of a common area and without a protective barrier. All visitors to the County buildings, under the Executive, other than the Justice Center, will be required to wear a face mask. He understands that the Judges have decided to follow the same approach for the public entering the Justice Center.**
- d) **All employees who can work remotely will be encouraged to continue to do so, with the permission of their supervisor.**
- e) **Lobbies and workspaces will be adjusted and remodeled to facilitate social distancing, and floor markings and barriers are being added.**
- f) **Elevators will be limited to two individuals at a time.**
- g) **Employees and the public will continue to be reminded to follow the Board of Health and CDC guidelines, including hand washing, sanitizing, and social distancing. Signage will be used in County buildings for employees and the County website, social media and weekly press conferences will be used for the public.**
- h) **The goal, when buildings are reopened, will be to keep everyone safe.**

9. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL

a) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

- 1) R2020-0090: A Resolution adopting various changes to the Cuyahoga County Non-bargaining Classification Plan, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmember Brown on behalf of Cuyahoga County Personnel Review Commission

**Council President Brady referred Resolution No. R2020-0090 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

b) CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

- 1) O2020-0011: An Ordinance amending Sections 1304.03 and 1304.04 of the Cuyahoga County Code to provide for a “grace period” wherein Chapter 1304 shall not be enforced until 1/1/2021, and penalties shall only be imposed for violations occurring on or after that date; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Simon

**Council President Brady referred Ordinance No. O2020-0011 to the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.**

10. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE

a) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 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 No. R2020-0091.**

- 1) R2020-0091: 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. Brady, Resolution No. R2020-0091 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

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

- 1) R2020-0092: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of David Merriman, upon his taking the oath of office, as Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

**Council President Brady referred Resolution No. R2020-0092 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.**

- 2) R2020-0093: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Jesse S. Drucker, upon his taking the oath of office, as Director of Human Resources; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

**Council President Brady referred Resolution No. R2020-0093 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- 3) R2020-0094: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with State of Ohio, Office of the Auditor in the amount not-to-exceed \$526,235.00 for an annual audit for Calendar Year 2019 for the period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020; 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/Fiscal Officer

**Council President Brady referred Resolution No. R2020-0094 to the Finance & Budgeting Committee.**

- 4) R2020-0095: A Resolution making an award on RQ47599 to Duct Fabricators, Incorporated in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,376,400.00 for fire and smoke dampers; combination fire and smoke dampers; and systems inspection, repair and replacement services for the period 5/1/2020 - 4/30/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Public Works

**Council President Brady referred Resolution No. R2020-0095 to the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee.**

- 5) R2020-0096: A Resolution making an award on RQ47939 to Independence Excavating, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$5,853,453.30 for replacement of Memphis Road Bridge No. 00.62 over CSXT Railroad in the City of Brooklyn; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Public Works/Division of County Engineer

**Council President Brady referred Resolution No. R2020-0096 to the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee.**

- 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. R2020-0088 and R2020-0089.**

- 1) 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.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Children and Family Services and Councilmembers Miller **and Brown**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2020-0088 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 2) 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.

**Sponsors:** County Executive Budish/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Community Initiatives/Office of Early Childhood **and Councilmembers Conwell, Miller and Simon**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2020-0089 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- d) COMMITTEE REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE 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 Ordinance No. O2020-0009.**

- 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.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish and Councilmember Jones

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

**On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Miller, Ordinance No. O2020-0009 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Clerk Schmotzer gave a brief overview of how Committees would meet remotely and stated that meetings would now revert to the regularly scheduled day and time. She then requested that Chairpersons connect with their assigned clerk staff to make Committee meeting arrangements and to finalize Committee agendas.**

**Mr. Miller reported that the Finance & Budgeting Committee will meet on Monday, May 18, 2020 and June 1, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Ms. Brown reported that the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Mr. Gallagher reported that the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Ms. Baker reported that the Council Operations, Intergovernmental Relations & Public Transportation Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Mr. Tuma reported that the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Ms. Conwell reported that the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Ms. Simon reported that the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.**

12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**Councilmember Schron asked about opening the County buildings. County Executive Budish clarified that we are still in the process of getting ready to re-open.**



13. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Council President Brady adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m., without objection.**