



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL REMOTE\* COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 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 5, 2020

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Council President Brady called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT\*\*

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

### 4. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

**[Clerk's Notes: Item No. 4.a) was taken out of order after Item No. 5.d). Mr. Miller presided over discussions for Item No. 4.a).]**

- a) County Budget Update – Fiscal Officer Michael Chambers

**Mr. Armond Budish, County Executive; Mr. Terry Allan, Health Commissioner; Mr. Michael Chambers, Fiscal Officer; Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Director of the Office of Budget and Management; and Ms. Holly Woods, Interim Director of Human Resources; addressed the Committee regarding the County budget deficit and provided information on potential budget cuts, furloughing employees, COVID-19 pandemic contact tracing efforts, status of the general fund and the Health and Human Services Levy fund, the balance of the County debt and the impact of an employee buyout. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Budish, Mr. Allan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Parfejewiec and Ms. Woods pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**5. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:**

- a) 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.

**Resolution No. R2020-0087 was tabled at the request of the administration; therefore, no legislative action was taken by the Committee.**

**[Clerk's Note: Ms. Conwell presided over discussions for Resolution No. R2020-0088.]**

- b) 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.

**Ms. Christine Alexander, Administrator for the Department of Health and Human Services Contract Administration; Ms. Jacqueline McCray, Deputy Director with the Division of Children and Family Services; and Ms. Rachelle Milner, Executive Director of the Westside Community House; addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0088. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Alexander, Ms. McCray and Ms. Milner pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2020-0088 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

**Committee member Miller requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2020-0088.**

**[Clerk's Note: Ms. Simon presided over discussions for Resolution No. R2020-0089.]**

- c) 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-conceptual 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.

**Dr. Rebekah Dorman, Director of Invest in Children; and Mr. Marcos Cortes, Program Manager with Invest in Children; addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0089. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Dr. Dorman and Mr. Cortes pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2020-0089 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- d) 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.

**Mr. Gregory Huth, Director of Law, and Ms. Holly Woods, Interim Director of Human Resources, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2020-0009. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Huth and Ms. Woods pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Mr. Miller, Ordinance No. O2020-0009 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council**

agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

Committee member Jones requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to Ordinance No. O2020-0009.

[Clerk's Note: Item No. 4.a) was taken out of order after Item No. 5.d).

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Brady reported that the regular Committee meeting schedule will resume with remote Committee meetings following the next Council meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Mr. Miller advised that there will be a Finance & Budgeting Committee Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report and the Harris Project. He also advised that there will be a Finance & Budgeting Committee meeting held during the first week of June to review progress of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System.

Ms. Conwell expressed her concerns regarding the administration's request that all departments equally cut their budgets due to the COVID-19 pandemic before actual priorities and decisions can be made.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Brady adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m., without objection.