



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL REMOTE* COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020
12:30 PM

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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 no later than 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Brady called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Brady asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Brown, Stephens, Jones, Simon 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. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

- a) R2020-0121: A Resolution determining to proceed with submitting to the electors of Cuyahoga County the question of a replacement of 2.5 mills of an existing tax for the benefit of the Cuyahoga County Public Library and an increase of 1.0 mill for the purpose of current

expenses in accordance with the provisions of Sections 3375.23, 5705.192 and 5705.23 of the Ohio Revised Code for a continuing period of time; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Director of Law Gregory Huth addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0121, including the need for a proposed substitute. He also stated that, according to the Ohio Revised Code, this is simply an administrative function of the Council and that there is no latitude but to refer this item to the Board of Elections for the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot as requested by the Library Board.

Council President Brady asked Mr. Huth a question pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

A motion was then made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2020-0121.

Ms. Tracy Strobel, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, addressed the Committee regarding various library statistics including usage and visits, funding, revenues, investments in the local economy, programs, support services, education, workforce development and why the levy is necessary at this time. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Strobel pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2020-0121 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading, as substituted.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Collective bargaining matters, including:
 - i) Cost Savings Agreements requiring employees in various bargaining units of the County to serve ten (10) unpaid furlough days (“cost savings days”).
 - ii) Hazard Pay Agreements for employees in various bargaining units of the County.
- b) Pending or imminent litigation.

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing

collective bargaining matters and pending or imminent litigation and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Brady at 1:07 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens, Simon and Brady.

The following additional attendees were present for Item 5.a)i) and ii): Chief of Staff William Mason, Director of Law Gregory Huth, Assistant Law Director Todd Ellsworth, Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni, Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer, Special Counsel Brendan Doyle and Research and Policy Analyst James Boyle.

The following additional attendees were present for Item 5.b): Director of Law Gregory Huth, Cuyahoga County Prosecuting Attorney Michael O'Malley, Civil Division Chief David Lambert, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Brendan Healy, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Michael Stewart, Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni, Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer, Special Counsel Brendan Doyle and Research and Policy Analyst James Boyle.

At 1:52 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Brady then reconvened the meeting.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Brady adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m., without objection.