



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL REMOTE* COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020
1:00 PM

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cuyahoga County Administration Building is closed for public meetings 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:
<https://www.youtube.com/CuyahogaCounty>

**Public comment for this meeting may be submitted in writing via email to the Clerk of Council at jschmotzer@cuyahogacounty.us no later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Brady called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Clerk Schmotzer reported that public comments were submitted via email by Mr. William Tarter, Jr. regarding Resolution No. R2020-0155, authorizing a Sports Facility Agreement.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Collective bargaining matters, including:

- i) a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Ohio Council 8, representing approximately 19 employees in various classifications for the period 8/4/2020 - 8/3/2023.

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining matters and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Brady at 1:08 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Jones, Brown, Stephens, Simon, Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell and Brady.

The following additional attendees were present: Mr. Jon Reiss, Executive Director for the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission; Assistant County Prosecutor Brian Gutkoski; Director of Law Gregory Huth; Assistant Law Director Melisa Fisco; Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni; Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer; and Special Counsel Brendan Doyle.

At 1:26 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Brady then reconvened the meeting.

5. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

- a) R2020-0155: A Resolution authorizing a Sports Facility Agreement between Cuyahoga County, Cleveland Indians Baseball Company LLC and Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,500,000.00 in accordance with Supplemental Trust Indenture No. 5 between Cuyahoga County and The Huntington National Bank, as Trustee, dated 10/1/2017; authorizing the County Executive or his designee to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Director of the Office of Budget and Management and Mr. Kenneth Silliman, Chair of the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0155. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Parfejewiec and Silliman and Mr. Robert Franz, Director of Public Finance for Stifel Financial Corp., pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2020-0155 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading adoption under suspension of rules.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Brady adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m., without objection.