



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL REMOTE* ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021
2:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CLERK OF COUNCIL

In accordance with Council Rule 2B, Clerk Richardson called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Richardson called the roll. Councilmembers Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

Ms. Richardson announced that Councilmembers Miller, Tuma, Schron, Jones, and Stephens were re-elected on November 3, 2020 and have taken their respective oaths of office as required by Section 107.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code.

3. ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

a) President of Council

Ms. Richardson described the process to be used for the election of Council officers, as prescribed by Council Rule 2C, and then opened the floor for nominations for President of Council. A motion was made by Ms. Brown and seconded by Ms. Simon to nominate Mr. Jones. Hearing no further nominations, Ms. Richardson then called the roll. Councilmembers Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens and Simon voted for Mr. Jones.

By unanimous roll-call vote, Councilmember Pernel Jones, Jr. was elected as President of Council.

Pursuant to Rule 2B of the Cuyahoga County Rules of Council Ms. Richardson then turned the meeting over to Council President Jones, who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

b) Vice-President of Council

Council President Jones opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President of Council. A motion was made by Ms. Simon and seconded by Ms. Brown to nominate Ms. Stephens. Hearing no further nominations, Ms. Richardson then called the roll. Councilmembers Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens and Simon voted for Ms. Stephens.

By unanimous roll-call vote, Councilmember Cheryl Stephens was elected as Vice-President of Council.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Jones thanked his colleagues for supporting his election as Council President as well as expressed the importance of healing and moving forward. He also stated that he would like Council to continue to be an effective, independent and strong body that will serve the residents of Cuyahoga County in the new year. Mr. Jones also acknowledged the Administration and stated that he looked forward to working with them this year.

5. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL 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. R2021-0001.

a) R2021-0001: A Resolution establishing the 2021 and 2022 schedules of County Council meetings, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens and Simon/Clerk of Council

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2021-0001 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Council Vice-President Stephens thanked her colleagues for their support. She also expressed her commitment to aid in providing services Countywide as well as ensuring that Council will continue to operate smoothly.

County Executive Budish congratulated Council President Jones and Council Vice-President Stephens on their new positions.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

[Clerk's Note: Item No. 7 was taken out of order and considered before Item No 3].

Ms. Richardson stated that public comment was received via e-mail by Ms. Loh regarding the Women's Shelter and COVID-19.

Ms. Conwell announced that she contacted the Department of Health and Human Services as well as the Office of Homeless Services to discuss Ms. Loh's concerns related to the Women's Shelter.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m., without objection.