



MINUTES

**JOINT CUYAHOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Stephens, Chair of the Community Development Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Stephens asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Johnson to call the roll for the Community Development Committee. Committee members Stephens, Jones and Baker were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon joined the meeting after the roll call was taken. Committee member Gallagher was absent from the meeting. Councilmembers Turner and Schron were also in attendance.

Mr. Schron asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Johnson to call the roll for the Economic Development & Planning Committee. Committee members Schron, Baker and Stephens were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon joined the meeting after the roll call was taken. Committee member Tuma was absent from the meeting. Councilmembers Turner and Jones were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Committee regarding Resolution Nos. R2021-0268, a Resolution authorizing HOME loans to various organizations, or their designees, and Resolution No. R2021-0269, a Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 1990 (formerly Contract No. 1333) with CHN Housing Partners for emergency rental assistance to income-eligible tenants:

- a) **The Honorable Mayor Annette Blackwell**
- b) **Ms. Gretchen Bowman**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 4, 2021 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Stephens, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2021 Economic Development & Planning Committee meeting.

Chairwoman Stephens passed the gavel to Mr. Schron, Chair of the Economic Development & Planning Committee.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2021-0259: A Resolution allocating capital funds in the total amount of \$1,000,000.00 in support of the Veterans Service Commission of Cuyahoga County's headquarters project; determining the services and programs that shall be provided and funded from the Veterans Services Fund in 2021; authorizing payments to various providers, in the total amount of \$700,024.35, for said services and programs for the period ending 12/31/2022; authorizing the County Executive to negotiate and execute any necessary agreements, contracts or other documents for same and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor; Mr. Jon Reiss, Executive Director of the Veterans Service Commission; Mr. Michael Dever, Director of Public Works; and Mr. Kahlil Seren, Policy Advisor, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0259. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. McAleer, Mr. Reiss, Mr. Dever and Mr. Seren pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2021-0259 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.

- b) R2021-0268: A Resolution authorizing HOME loans to various organizations, or their designees, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$2,250,000.00 for various affordable housing projects; authorizing the County Executive and/or Director of Development to execute all documents consistent with said loans and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Cuyahoga TAY in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 for the development of a new, 50-unit supportive housing building for

transition-aged youth experiencing homelessness in Cuyahoga County.

- 2) The Arch at Saint Michael in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 to renovate the former Central Catholic School and convent to a 46-unit, senior independent living building, located at 3146 Scranton Road in Clark-Fulton Neighborhood in the City of Cleveland.
- 3) Jennings Center for Older Adults and PIRHL Developers, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 for the development of Hazelwood Court, a 53-unit senior community in City of Maple Heights.
- 4) The Warner and Swasey in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 to construct 140 units for a mixed-used, mixed-income, mixed-population, historic adaptive-reuse of the former Warner and Swasey Manufacturing Plant, located at in the City of Cleveland.
- 5) Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 for the development of the Margaret Wagner Apartments III, to construct 20 new units of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 202 Supportive Housing for the elderly, located at 2373 Euclid Heights Boulevard in City of Cleveland Heights.

Ms. Sara Parks Jackson, Deputy Director of Housing and Community Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0268. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson, pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2021-0268 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.

Mr. Jones requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2021-0268.

Chairman Schron returned the gavel to Chairwoman Stephens to chair the remainder of the meeting.

- c) R2021-0269: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 1990 (formerly Contract No. 1333) with CHN Housing Partners for emergency rental assistance to income-eligible tenants unable to pay their full monthly rent due to the economic impact from COVID-19 for the period 4/1/2021 – 12/31/2021

for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,494,727.40; 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.

Ms. Parks Jackson; Ms. Laurie Leverette, Director of Utilities and Emergency Services with CHN Housing Partners; and Ms. Gretchen Bowman, Legal Compliance Manager with CHN Housing Partners, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0269. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson, Ms. Leverette and Ms. Bowman pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Baker, Resolution No. R2021-0269 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.

Mr. Jones requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2021-0269.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m., without objection.