



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
10:00 AM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Baker, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Conwell and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Brown and Stephens joined the meeting after the roll-call was taken. Councilmember Schron was absent from the meeting.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**The following individuals addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2021-0218 amending the 2020/2021 Biennial Operating Budget for 2021 by providing for additional fiscal appropriations from the General Fund and other funding sources, for appropriation transfers between budget accounts and for cash transfers between budgetary funds, to meet the budgetary needs of various County departments, offices and agencies and Resolution No. R2021-0219 authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of County sales tax revenue bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$202,500,000, for the purpose of paying or reimbursing the costs of reconstructing, refurbishing, renovating, upgrading, improving and equipping Progressive Field:**

- a) Ms. Marcelle Nance**
- b) Mr. Jeff Scott**

- c) Mr. Kevin Johnson
- d) Mr. Baiju Shah
- e) Ms. Ivy Arndt
- f) Mr. Tom Yablonski
- g) Ms. Hannah Belsito
- h) Mr. Tim Meyer
- i) Ms. Laurie Torres

**Representatives for the following organizations did not address Council, but submitted written testimony via email for the record:**

- a) The Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio
- b) Executive Committee of Destination Cleveland Board of Directors

4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

**[Clerk's Note: Item Nos. 4.a) and b) were read into the record simultaneously.]**

- a) R2021-0218: A Resolution amending the 2020/2021 Biennial Operating Budget for 2021 by providing for additional fiscal appropriations from the General Fund and other funding sources, for appropriation transfers between budget accounts and for cash transfers between budgetary funds, to meet the budgetary needs of various County departments, offices and agencies; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- b) R2021-0219: A Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of County sales tax revenue bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$202,500,000, for the purpose of paying or reimbursing the costs of reconstructing, refurbishing, renovating, upgrading, improving and equipping Progressive Field, together with appurtenances and work incidental thereto, and for the purpose of paying any capitalized interest on the bonds, making any required reserve deposits and paying the costs of issuance in connection therewith; authorizing the preparation and use of one or more preliminary official statements and the preparation, execution and use of one or more official statements; approving and authorizing the execution of one or more trust indentures or supplemental trust indentures and one or more continuing disclosure agreements; authorizing other contracts and other actions related to and necessary for the issuance of the bonds; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Armond Budish, County Executive; Mr. Kenneth Silliman, Chairman of the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland; Mr. Michael Chambers, Fiscal Officer; Mr. Robert Franz, Director with Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Inc.; Ms. Christy Corfias, Director of Strategy, Analytics & Special Projects with the Cleveland Indians/Guardians; Ms. Penny Forster, Director of Community Impact with the Cleveland Indians; Mr. Raphael Collins, Assistant Director of Community Impact & Diversity Initiatives with the Cleveland Indians/Guardians; and Mr. Neil Weiss, Senior Vice President of Technology & Chief Information Officer with the Cleveland Indians/Guardians, addressed Council regarding Resolution Nos. R2021-0218 and R2021-0219. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Budish, Mr. Silliman, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Franz, Ms. Corfias, Ms. Forster, Mr. Collins and Mr. Weiss pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**No further legislative action was taken on Resolution Nos. R2021-0218 and R2021-0219.**

**5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Mr. Miller announced that the Finance & Budgeting Committee meeting will be held at 1:15 p.m.**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m., without objection.**