



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

2:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

[Clerk's Note: Council President Jones announced that Public Comment will be given after Executive Session adjourns.]

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) Mr. Todd Byrns**
- b) Mr. William Tarter, Jr.**
- c) Mr. Michael Finley**

d) The Honorable Mayor Benjamin Holbert, Village of Woodmere

The following individual did not address Council, but submitted written testimony via email for the record:

a) Hikia Dixon, Coco's Chalky Paints

4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

[Clerk's Note: Item Nos. 4.a) and b) were taken out of order and read into the record simultaneously after Items Nos. 5.a) and b).]

- 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. Neil Weiss, Senior Vice President of Technology & Chief Information Officer with the Cleveland Indians/Guardians; Mr. Joe Znidarsic, Vice President and General Counsel with the Cleveland Indians/Guardians; Mr. Kenneth Silliman, Chairman of the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland; Mr. Robert Franz, Director with Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Inc. and Ms. Christy Corfias, Director of Strategy, Analytics & Special Projects with the Cleveland Indians/Guardians, addressed Council regarding Resolution Nos. R2021-0218 and R2021-0219. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Weiss, Mr. Znidarsic, Mr. Silliman, Mr. Franz and Ms. Corfias pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

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

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Collective bargaining matters, including:

- 1) Memorandum of Understanding between Cuyahoga County and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, representing employees in the classifications of Correction Officer and Protective Services Officer for the period 10/01/2021 – 04/01/2022, allowing for the use of Protective Services Officers to work in the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center when additional corrections staffing is needed;

A motion was made by Ms. Brown seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter and pending or imminent litigation and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Jones at 2:08 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Baker, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Conwell, Brown and Jones.

[Clerk's Note: Councilmembers Stephens and Simon joined the meeting after the roll-call was taken to move to Executive Session.]

The following additional attendees were present: Director of Law Gregory Huth; Assistant Law Director Sarah Nemastil; Assistant Law Director Steve Ritz; Civil Division Chief David Lambert; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Ken Rock; County Sheriff Christopher Viland; Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni; Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer; Special Counsel Brendan Doyle and Research and Policy Analyst James Boyle.

b) Pending or imminent litigation.

At 2:57 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Jones then reconvened the meeting.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m., without objection.