



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed Council regarding various agenda and non-agenda items.

4. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / DISCUSSION:

- a) R2021-0238: A Resolution adopting the 2022/2023 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) The MetroHealth System – Dr. Akram Boutros

Dr. Akram Boutros, President and Chief Executive Officer of The MetroHealth System, addressed Council regarding budget requests for The MetroHealth System. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Boutros pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

2) Opioid Fund – Brandy Carney

Ms. Brandy Carney, Chief of Special Operations, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Opioid Fund. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Carney pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

3) Office of the Clerk of Courts – Nailah Byrd

Clerk Nailah Byrd addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the Clerk of Courts. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Clerk Byrd pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

At 2:50 p.m., a brief recess was taken by Council after which, Mr. Miller then reconvened the meeting.

[Clerk’s Note: Item No. 4.a) 9) was taken out of order and considered before Item No. 4.a) 4).]

4) Office of the Medical Examiner – Dr. Thomas Gilson

Dr. Thomas Gilson, Medical Examiner, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the Medical Examiner. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Gilson pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

5) Department of Public Safety and Justice Services – Melinda Burt

Ms. Melinda Burt, Interim Director of the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Burt pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

6) Department of Development – Paul Herdeg

Mr. Paul Herdeg, Director of Economic Development, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Development. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Herdeg pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

7) Department of Workforce Development – Frank Brickner

Mr. Frank Brickner, Interim CEO and CFO of Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Ohio Means Jobs, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Workforce Development. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Brickner pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

8) Cuyahoga County Planning Commission – Mary Cierebiej

Ms. Mary Cierebiej, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission; Ms. Jennifer Karaffa, Business Services Manager for the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission; and Ms. Michele Pomerantz, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed Council regarding budget requests for Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Cierebiej, Ms. Karaffa and Ms. Pomerantz pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

9) Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District – Jan Rybka

Ms. Janine Rybka, Director of the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Rybka pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

10) Department of Sustainability – Michael Foley

Mr. Michael Foley, Director of the Department of Sustainability, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Sustainability. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Foley pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

11) Department of Public Works – Michael Dever

Mr. Michael Dever, Director of the Department of Public Works, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Public Works. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Dever pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Miller announced that the next Committee of the Whole Budget meeting will be held on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m., without objection.