



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Schron called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Schron asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Johnson to call the roll. Committee members Schron, Baker and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Tuma and Stephens were absent from the meeting. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 7, 2022 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Baker, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2022 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2022-0100: A Resolution authorizing an Economic Development Loan to JumpStart, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,500,000.00 to provide local matching funds to support one-half of the operating costs to carry out the Ohio Third Frontier Entrepreneurial Services Program to assist early-stage tech

startups, innovators, and small businesses throughout Cuyahoga County; authorizing the County Executive and/or Director of Development to execute all documents consistent with said loan and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Paul Herdeg, Director of the Department of Development; Mr. Ray Leach, Chief Executive Officer of Jump Start, Inc.; Ms. Teleangé Thomas, Chief Operations and Relationship Officer with Jump Start, Inc.; Ms. Tonia Porras, Founder of Gloria's Way; Ms. India Johnson, Chief Executive Officer of UAVistas, LLC; Mr. Kevin von Keyserling, Chief Executive Officer of Ready Set Surgical; and Ms. Ms. Felecia Townsend Ivey, Director of the Cuyahoga Small Business Development Center with the Urban League of Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0100. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Herdeg, Mr. Leach, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Porras, Ms. Johnson, Mr. von Keyserling, and Ms. Townsend Ivey pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2022-0100 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Schron adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m., without objection.