



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers, Tuma, Schron, Conwell, Turner, Stephens, Baker, Miller, Sweeney and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

[Clerk's Note: Councilmember Gallagher was in attendance after the roll-call was taken.]

[Clerk's Note: Councilmember Simon joined the meeting during the presentation.]

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. PRESENTATION

- a) **David Gilbert, President and Chief Executive Officer for Destination Cleveland and Greater Cleveland Sports Commission – Regarding Convention Center Expansion.**

Mr. David Gilbert, President & CEO of the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission and Destination Cleveland, gave a presentation and reported on the state of the meetings and conventions industry; current Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland complex review; the need to expand to stay competitive, which included lost business due to inadequate space; industry trends - meeting planner requirements; adaptive reuse and

community and economic benefits; impractical alternatives; costs and proposed funding and the creation of a convention center district.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Gilbert pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Purchase or sale of property.

A motion was made by Ms. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing purchase or sale of property and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Jones at 4:12p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Turner, Stephens, Simon, Baker, Miller, Sweeney and Jones.

The following additional attendees were present: Law Director Gregory Huth; Public Works Director Michael Dever; Planning and Program Administrator Nichole English; Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer; Special Counsel Brendan Doyle and Policy Analyst James Boyle.

At 4:55 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.