



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
10:00 AM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairwoman Stephens called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Ms. Stephens asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Johnson to call the roll. Committee members Stephens, Jones, Gallagher, and Baker were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon joined the meeting after the roll call was taken. Councilmember Tuma was also in attendance.**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mr. Lee Weingart addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0153, a Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$4,000,000 to the City of Parma for the purpose of constructing the Ridgewood Golf Course Clubhouse & Event Center from the District 4 ARPA Community Grant Fund, R2022- 0156, a Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$3,500,000 to the City of Strongsville for the purpose of the Strongsville Town Center Enhancement & Walkability Initiative from the District 5, and Resolution No. R2022-0157, a Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$1,000,000 to the City of North Royalton for the purpose of the Memorial Park Improvement Project from the District 5 ARPA Community Grant Fund.**

**Loh addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No R2022-0172, a Resolution authorizing a contract with Frank Ford Consulting, LLC in the total amount not to exceed \$39,000 for the provision of Mortgage Lending Research and Technical Assistance to Cuyahoga County.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 1, 2022 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Jones, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2022 meeting.**

**5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) R2022-0172: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Frank Ford Consulting, LLC in the total amount not to exceed \$39,000 for the provision of Mortgage Lending Research and Technical Assistance to Cuyahoga County Council for the period 8/1/2022 – 7/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Joseph Nanni, Council Chief of Staff, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0172. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Nanni pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**Mr. Frank Ford, Principal of Frank Ford Consulting, LLC, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0172. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Ford pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2022-0172 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- b) R2022-0186: A Resolution authorizing a grant award to Cuyahoga Arts & Culture in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,650,000.00 to provide support to arts and culture mission-based, non-profit organizations in Cuyahoga County, commencing upon contract signature of all parties for a period of 1 year; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2414 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Paul Herdeg, Director of the Department of Development, and Ms. Jill Paulsen, Executive Director of Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0186. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Herdeg and Ms. Paulsen pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Baker, Resolution No. R2022-0186 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- c) R2022-0187: A Resolution authorizing a grant award to Arts Cleveland dba Assembly for the Arts in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,650,000.00 to provide support to artists and creative businesses based in Cuyahoga County in one of the following program areas: general operating, cultural heritage, and/or project support; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2479 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Paulsen and Mr. Jeremy Johnson, President & CEO of Assembly for the Arts, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0187. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Paulsen and Mr. Johnson pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**A motion was then made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2022-0187 to remove *“in one of the following program areas: general operating, cultural heritage, and/or project support”* throughout the legislation.**

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2022-0187 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules, as amended.**

- d) R2022-0188: A Resolution authorizing a grant award to The Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000.00 to match funds with Ohio Department of Development for the demolition of vacant and distressed properties in suburban Cuyahoga County communities; commencing upon contract signature of all parties for a period of 3 years; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2416 and all other documents consistent with said

award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Herdeg and Ms. Kim Kimlin, Director of Community Stabilization for the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0188. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Herdeg and Ms. Kimlin pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2022-0188 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- e) R2022-0153: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$4,000,000 to the City of Parma for the purpose of constructing the Ridgewood Golf Course Clubhouse & Event Center from the District 4 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**The Honorable Mayor Timothy DeGeeter, Mayor of Parma, Ohio; addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0153. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mayor DeGeeter pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2022-0153 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Mr. Jones, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Simon, Ms. Baker, and Ms. Stephens requested to have their names added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2022-0153.**

- f) R2022-0156: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$3,500,000 to the City of Strongsville for the purpose of the Strongsville Town Center Enhancement & Walkability Initiative from the District 5 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**The Honorable Mayor Thomas Perciak, Mayor of Strongsville, Ohio; and Mr. Brent Painter, Economic Development Director for the City of Strongsville, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0156. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mayor Perciak and Mr. Painter pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2022-0156 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Mr. Jones, Ms. Simon, Ms. Baker, Mr. Tuma and Ms. Stephens requested to have their names added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2022-0156.**

- g) R2022-0157: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$1,000,000 to the City of North Royalton for the purpose of the Memorial Park Improvement Project from the District 5 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**The Honorable Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Mayor of North Royalton, Ohio; and Mr. Thomas Jordan, Community Development Director for the City of North Royalton, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0157. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mayor Antoskiewicz and Mr. Jordan pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2022-0157 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Mr. Jones, Ms. Simon, Ms. Baker, and Ms. Stephens requested to have their names added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2022-0157.**

#### **6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m., without objection.**