



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
10:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Stephens called the meeting to order at 10:04 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 Turner was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed the Committee regarding various agenda and non-agenda items.

4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) **R2022-0218: A Resolution making awards on RQ7775 to various non-profit organizations in the total amount not-to-exceed \$3,000,000.00 to provide various emergency rental assistance services to income-eligible tenants in connection with the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 Program for the period 6/1/2022 – 3/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contracts and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:**

- 1) Contract No. 2487 with Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People in the amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00 for counseling and financial assistance services.
- 2) Contract No. 2486 with Famicos Foundation in the amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00 for planning, budgeting and financial assistance services.
- 3) Contract No. 2485 with Front Steps Housing and Services in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 for rental assistance and housing stability services.
- 4) Contract No. 2488 with The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000.00 for community outreach and legal services.
- 5) Contract No. 2505 with Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. dba Frontline Service in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 for outreach, mediation, and conflict resolution services.

Ms. Sara Parks Jackson, Deputy Director of Housing and Community Development; Mr. John Anoliefo, Executive Director of the Famicos Foundation; Ms. Candice Wood, Homeownership Program Manager for the Famicos Foundation, Ms. Colleen Cotter, Executive Director of The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland; Ms. Melanie Shakarian, Director of Development & Communications for the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland; and Ms. Danielle Cosgrove, Director of Cleveland Mediation Center at Frontline Service, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0218. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson, Mr. Anoliefo, Ms. Wood, Ms. Cotter, Ms. Shakarian, and Ms. Cosgrove pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2022-0218 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) R2022-0162: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$130,000 to the City of Highland Heights for the purpose of restoring and regrading six city-owned baseball fields from the District 11 ARPA

Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

The Honorable Mayor Chuck Brunello, Jr., Mayor of Highland Heights, Ohio; and Mr. Jerad Zibritosky, Assistant Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0162. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mayor Brunello and Mr. Zibritosky pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2022-0162 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2022-0163: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000 to the City of Highland Heights for the purpose of updating and expanding the city community center from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mayor Brunello addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0163. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2022-0163 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- d) R2022-0164: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$250,000 to the City of Highland Heights for the purpose of purchasing a replacement emergency generator from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mayor Brunello and Chief William Turner, Fire Chief for the City of Highland Heights, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0164. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mayor Brunello and Chief Turner pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2022-0164 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council

agenda for second reading.

- e) R2022-0165: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000 to the City of Highland Heights for the purpose of upgrading the City Municipal Complex Technology equipment from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mayor Brunello and Chief Turner addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0165. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mayor Brunello and Chief Turner pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2022-0165 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- f) R2022-0166: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$100,000 to the City of Highland Heights for the purpose of adding trails and connectivity points throughout the Highland Heights Community Park from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mayor Brunello addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0166. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2022-0166 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Gallagher requested to have their names added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2022-0166.

- g) R2022-0167: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$700,000 to the City of Lyndhurst for the purpose of purchasing a Fire Attack Engine from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Chief Michael Carroll, Fire Chief for the City of Lyndhurst, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0167. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Chief Carroll pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2022-0167 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Gallagher requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2022-0167.

- h) R2022-0168: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$40,000 to the City of Richmond Heights for the purpose of creating a Citywide Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

The Honorable Mayor Kim Thomas, Mayor of Richmond Heights, Ohio; and Mr. Brian Gleisser, Economic and Community Development Director for the City of Richmond Heights, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0168. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mayor Thomas and Mr. Gleisser pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2022-0168 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Jones requested to have their names added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2022-0168.

- i) R2022-0169: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$150,000 to the City of Richmond Heights for the purpose of replacing the pedestrian bridge North of the Richmond Heights Fire Station from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mayor Thomas and Mr. Gleisser addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0169. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mayor Thomas and Mr. Gleisser pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2022-0169 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Jones requested to have their names added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2022-0169.

- j) R2022-0170: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$100,000 to the City of Richmond Heights for the purpose of replacing the porch at the Greenwood Farm Community Park farmhouse from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mayor Thomas and Mr. Gleisser addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0170. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mayor Thomas and Mr. Gleisser pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2022-0170 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Gallagher requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2022-0170.

- k) R2022-0171: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$300,000 to the City of South Euclid for the purpose of constructing the Victory Park Adult & Senior Recreation Area from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Keith Benjamin, Community Services Director for the City of South Euclid, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0171. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2022-0171 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Gallagher requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2022-0171.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m., without objection.