



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
2:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Sweeney was absent from the meeting.

[Clerk's Note: Councilmembers Simon, Baker, Turner and Stephens joined the meeting shortly after roll-call was taken.]

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marty McGann, Greater Cleveland Partnership, addressed Council regarding Resolution R2022-0255 authorizing the issuance and sale of County of Cuyahoga, Ohio, Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2022A, in the maximum of \$31,000,000.00, for the purpose of providing moneys to pay costs of a "project" within the meaning of Chapter 165 of the Revised Code;

4. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2022-0255: A Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of County of Cuyahoga, Ohio, Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2022A, in the maximum of \$31,000,000.00, for the purpose of providing moneys to pay costs of a "project" within the meaning of Chapter 165 of the Revised Code; **appropriating additional funds in an amount not to exceed \$9,400,000.00**; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Second

Supplemental Trust Indenture securing the payment of the Series 2022A Bonds; establishing funds of the County related thereto; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Bond Purchase Agreement; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Ron King, General Manager, Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland; Mr. David Gilbert, President & CEO of the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission and Destination Cleveland; Mr. Jeffrey Appelbaum, Managing Director of Project Management Consultants, LLC and Ms. Tammy LeBlanc, General Manager of Hilton Cleveland Downtown, addressed Council regarding the expansion of the Convention Center; the increase of the economic impact in Cuyahoga County and the reasons why the expansion should take place. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. King, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Appelbaum and Ms. LeBlanc pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Michael Chambers, Fiscal Officer, and Mr. Bob Franz, Managing Director, Public Finance, presented a financial overview of a not-to-exceed project estimate for the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio, Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2022A, and addressed Council regarding the cost of a bridge connecting the Convention Center to the Marriott. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Chambers, Mr. Franz and Mr. Appelbaum, pertaining to the project funding sources, estimated bond terms and the cost of the bridge connector, which they answered accordingly.

Greg Huth, Law Director, introduced a proposed substitute on the floor to Resolution No. R2022-0255. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor addressed Council to provide clarification on the funding sources and the proposed substitute. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Council President Jones, seconded by Mr. Schron, and approved by majority vote to amend the proposed substitute by reducing the appropriation of additional funding in an amount-not-to-exceed from \$14,400,000.00 to \$9,400,000.00, removing the bridge portion for future discussion amongst Committee members, with Councilmember Stephens casting the only dissenting vote. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Council President Jones, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by majority vote to accept the proposed substitute as amended, with Councilmembers Conwell and Stephens casting dissenting votes.

On a motion by Council President Jones with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2022-0255 was considered and approved by majority vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading, with Councilmembers Conwell and Stephens casting dissenting votes.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Pending or imminent litigation.
- b) Purchase or sale of property.

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing pending or imminent litigation and purchase or sale of property and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Jones at 4:14 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Simon, Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Turner, Stephens and Jones.

The following additional attendees were present: Law Director Gregory Huth; Public Works Director Michael Dever; Planning and Program Administrator Nichole English; Civil Division Chief David Lambert; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Greenwell; CBRE Senior Vice President Ryan Jeffers; Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer and Special Counsel Brendan Doyle.

At 5:00 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 5:00 p.m., without objection.