



MINUTES
CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Conwell asked Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Conwell, Turner, Miller and Stephens were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Sweeney was absent from the meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Mr. Sweeney from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 27, 2022 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Stephens and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2022 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2022-0261: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$250,000, to the Cleveland Christian Home for the Cleveland Christian Home Capital Renovation Project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Charles Tuttle, Chief Executive Officer of Cleveland Christian Home, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0261. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2022-0261 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Committee members Conwell, Stephens, Turner and Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation. Ms. Conwell also requested to add Mr. Sweeney's name as a co-sponsor.

- b) R2022-0263: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to the Denison Avenue United Church of Christ for the purpose of making capital repairs at 9900 Denison Avenue from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Pastor Nozomi Ikuta of the Denison Avenue United Church of Christ, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0263. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Pastor Ikuta pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2022-0263 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Committee member Miller requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- c) R2022-0264: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$250,000, to the Centers for Families and Children and Circle Health Services for the purpose of facility expansion at the Centers and Circle Health Services at Gordon Square from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Eric Morse, Chief Executive Officer of the Centers for Families and Children and Circle Health Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0264. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2022-0264 was considered and approved by majority vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, with Mr. Miller recusing from the vote.

Committee members Conwell, Stephens and Turner requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation. Ms. Conwell also requested to add Mr. Sweeney's name as a co-sponsor.

- d) R2022-0278: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$400,000, to the AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland for the E-volution behavioral health program from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Miquel Brazil, Project Director of the Compass Connections Initiative; Ms. Tracy Jones, Executive Director; Mr. Anthony Forbes, Interim Director and Ms. Rebecca Strong, Director of Development and Marketing of the AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0278. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Brazil, Ms. Jones, Mr. Forbes and Ms. Strong pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2022-0278 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Committee members Conwell, Miller and Turner requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- e) R2022-0285: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$47,280.43, to the East Cleveland Domestic Violence Program for the purpose of supporting operational expenses from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Deborah Black, Director of the East Cleveland Domestic Violence Program, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0285. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Black pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2022-0285 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Committee members Conwell, Miller and Turner requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- f) R2022-0327: A Resolution authorizing a grant award with Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,103,000.00 to support various mission activities, commencing upon contract signature of all parties through 4/30/2023, authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2437 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Myron Bennett, Manager of Performance Measurement & Quality Initiatives for the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0327. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2022-0327 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.

Committee members Conwell, Stephens, Miller and Turner requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- g) R2022-0328: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for emergency assistance services for the period 9/1/2021 – 8/31/2022, to extend the time period to 8/31/2023, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,575,000.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendments and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
- 1) Contract No. 1628 with A-Z Furniture Co., Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$315,000.00.
 - 2) Contract No. 1630 with Burlington Stores, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$420,000.00.
 - 3) Contract No. 1633 with Dave’s Supermarket, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$125,000.00.
 - 4) Contract No. 1634 with Penney OpCo LLC, dba JC Penney in the amount not-to-exceed \$330,000.00.
 - 5) Contract No. 1635 with West 25th Furnishings and Appliances, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$385,000.00 and to amend the Product Price List, effective 9/1/2022.

Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; Mr. Marcos Cortes, Interim Administrator for the Division of Contracts Administration and Performance; and Mr. Chris Cabot, Deputy Director of the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0328. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Merriman, Cortes and Cabot pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2022-0328 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.

h) R2022-0329: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for the Comprehensive Case Management Employment Program- Employment, Education and Training Services for Young Adults for the period 4/1/2022 – 12/31/2023 for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$819,123.00; authorizing the County Executive to amend Contracts Nos. 2389 and 2390 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 2389 with Verge, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$-0-.
- 2) Contract No. 2390 with Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the amount not-to-exceed \$819,123.00.

Mr. Paul Bounds, Deputy Administrator of Division of Children and Family Services; Mr. Cortes; and Mr. Craig Dorn, President and Chief Executive Officer of Youth Opportunities Unlimited, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0329. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Bounds, Mr. Cortes and Mr. Dorn pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2022-0329 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.

Committee members Conwell, Stephens, Miller and Turner requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

6. PRESENTATION

Ms. Conwell confirmed with Clerk Georgakopoulos that there were no presentations for this meeting.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m., without objection.