

# **MINUTES**

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR
2:00 PM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

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

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following citizens addressed Council regarding the Cuyahoga County Jail Project:

- a) Evan O'Reilly
- b) Josiah Quarles
- c) Christopher Michael Litwinowicz
- d) Josiah Quarles
- e) William Tarter Jr.

Lou addressed Council regarding various agenda and non-agenda items

# 4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

Council President Jones stated that the Committee will be tabling the six pieces of legislation on today's agenda until he has an opportunity to hear from his colleagues

regarding the status of the Cuyahoga County Jail Project. Mr. Jones said he will provide time for Councilmembers to convey their thoughts at the Council meeting taking place at 5:00p.m., during the portion of the meeting allotted to Announcements from the Council President.

- a) Items for the Public Hearing at 2:00 PM
  - i) O2022-0005: An Ordinance amending and codifying Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2007-073101 dated July 26, 2007, and enacting new Chapter 727, Section 727.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code to change the period of time during which the County sales tax shall be levied at the aggregate rate of one and one-fourth percent; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
  - ii) O2022-0006: An Ordinance amending and codifying Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2007-073102 dated July 26, 2007, and enacting new Chapter 727, Section 727.02 of the Cuyahoga County Code to change the period of time during which the County use tax shall be levied at the aggregate rate of one and one-fourth percent; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

# b) Other items:

- iii) O2022-0007: An Ordinance Enacting New Chapter 703 of the County Code establishing a Justice Center Capital Projects Fund in accordance with ORC Section 5705.13; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
- iv) R2022-0008: A Resolution declaring official intent under U.S. Treasury Regulations with respect to reimbursements from bond proceeds of temporary advances, made for payments in connection with the development of a new County jail, prior to issuance of bonds, and related matters; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- v) R2022-0296: A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to accept assignment of a Real Estate Purchase Agreement, as amended, between the Greater Cleveland Community Improvement Corporation and Ohio Properties 2021 LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$6,407,000.00 for the purchase of certain parcels of land containing approximately 40.67 acres bounded by Interstate 77 to the East and Heidtman Road to the South and West, Permanent Parcel Nos. 131-14-013, 131-14-014, 131-14-015, 131-14-016 and 131-14-021; authorizing the assignment of said Real Estate Purchase Agreement; authorizing the County Executive to take all necessary actions and to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with said transaction and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

vi) R2022-0297: A Resolution authorizing a Real Estate Purchase Agreement with UTS Realty, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$20,000,000.00 for the purchase of real property located at 2700 Transport Road, Cleveland, Ohio, Permanent Parcel Nos. 122-27-001, 122-27-013 and 122-27-007; authorizing a lease of said property to UTS Realty, LLC or its designee; authorizing the County Executive to take all necessary actions and to execute the agreements and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

#### 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing pending or imminent litigation and the purchase or sale of property and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Jones at 2:24 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Tuma, Gallagher, Turner, Simon, Baker, Miller, Sweeney, and Jones.

The following additional attendees were present: Law Director Gregory Huth; Civil Division Chief David Lambert; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Brendan Healy; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Greenwell; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Fitzsimmons; Attorney Mark Munson; Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni; Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer; Special Counsel Michael King; and Policy Analyst James Boyle.

# 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

### 7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m., without objection.