



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
11:15 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CLERK OF COUNCIL

In accordance with Council Rule 2B, Clerk Richardson called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Richardson called the roll. Councilmembers Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Turner, Stephens and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

a) President of Council

Ms. Richardson described the process to be used for the election of Council officers, as prescribed by Council Rule 2C, and then opened the floor for nominations for President of Council. A motion was made by Ms. Simon and seconded by Ms. Stephens to nominate Mr. Jones. Hearing no further nominations, Ms. Richardson then called the roll. Councilmembers Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Turner, Stephens and Simon voted for Mr. Jones.

By unanimous roll-call vote, Councilmember Pernel Jones, Jr. was elected as President of Council.

Pursuant to Rule 2B of the Cuyahoga County Rules of Council Ms. Richardson then turned the meeting over to Council President Jones, who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

b) Vice-President of Council

Council President Jones opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President of Council. A motion was made by Mr. Tuma and seconded by Mr. Miller to nominate Ms. Stephens. Hearing no further nominations, Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Turner, Stephens and Simon voted for Ms. Stephens.

By unanimous roll-call vote, Councilmember Cheryl Stephens was elected as Vice-President of Council.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Jones thanked previous Council Presidents C. Ellen Connally and Dan Brady for their leadership on Council. He also thanked his Council colleagues for supporting his re-election as Council President and for serving the constituents of Cuyahoga County well. Council Vice-President Stephens also thanked Councilmembers for supporting her re-election as Council Vice-President.

5. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Resolution No. R2023-0001.

a) R2023-0001: A Resolution establishing the 2023 and 2024 schedules of County Council meetings; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Turner, Stephens, and Simon/Clerk of Council

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2023-0001 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Council President Jones acknowledged and congratulated County Executive Ronayne.

County Executive Ronayne thanked Councilmembers for their leadership and support during the transition, as well as members of his cabinet and wished previous County Executive Budish well.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed Council regarding homelessness.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m., without objection.