



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Stephens called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Stephens asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Stephens, Jones, Simon and Kelly were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Gallagher was absent from the meeting. Councilmember Dale Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 30, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Jones, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0041: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. for the Tenant Engagement and Quality Housing Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Meg Weingart, Convener for Morelands Group; Ms. Sherita Mullins, Director of Supportive Services for Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc.; and Mr. Ronald James, Tenant, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0041. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Ms. Weingart, Ms. Mullins and Mr. James pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2023-0041 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

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

- b) R2023-0050: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to City Fresh for the purchase of a replacement diesel Class 4-7 truck from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Anna Kiss Mauser-Martinez, Executive Director for City Fresh, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0050. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Ms. Kiss Mauser-Martinez pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Simon introduced an amendment to Resolution No. R2023-0050 to amend the language in the legislation, by deleting “a *replacement diesel*” and inserting “an *electric*”. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Mike King, Senior Legislative Strategist for County Council, addressed the Committee regarding the amendment to the language contained in the item caption description, Section 1 and the 6th “Whereas” clause in the legislation.

A motion was then made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2023-0050, to change the language in the legislation, by deleting “a *replacement diesel*” and inserting “an *electric*”.

Committee members Kelly and Stephens stated that they would like to contribute funding for this project from their respective districts’ shares of ARPA Community Grant Funds.

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor for County Council addressed the Committee and recommended to refer this item to the full Council for second reading, incorporating the previously approved change in the legislative language and the inclusion of the additional funding sources, as a proposed substitute.

A motion was then made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to withdraw the prior motion to amend Resolution No. R2023-0050, to change the language in the legislation, by deleting “a *replacement diesel*” and inserting “*an electric*”.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2023-0050 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2023-0051: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000, to the Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center for Arts and Culture Community Programming from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Letitia Lopez, Executive Director and Mr. Gilberto Rivera, Project Manager, Artist & Educator for the Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0051. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Ms. Lopez and Mr. Rivera pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2023-0051 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- d) O2023-0004: An Ordinance enacting the right of county renters to Pay-to-Stay; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Ms. Molly Martin, Community Organizer for Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless; Ms. Hazel Remesch, Supervising Attorney for the Legal Aid Society; Mr. Greg Huth, Director of the Law Department and Mr. King, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2023-0004. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Ms. Martin, Ms. Remesch, Mr. Huth and Mr. King pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

There was no legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2023-0004.

- e) O2023-0007: An Ordinance amending Section 202.08 of the Cuyahoga County Code regarding the Department of Development and enacting new Section 202.09 to establish the Department of Housing and Community Development; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

There was no legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2023-0007.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m., without objection.