



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023  
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 2:07 p.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Schron, Stephens, Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

**[Clerk's Note: Councilmembers Conwell, Turner and Simon entered the meeting after the roll-call was taken.]**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mr. Kenneth Surratt, Vice President of Community Investment and Chief Investment Officer of United Way of Greater Cleveland addressed Council regarding Ordinance No. O2023-0007 and Resolution No. R2023-0055.**

**[Clerk's Note: Item No. 5.a) was taken out of order and considered before Item Nos. 4.a) and b).]**

### **4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / CONFIRMATION HEARING:**

**Clerk Richardson made a brief statement regarding committee referral of Ordinance No. O2023-0007. Clerk Richardson said that for procedural purposes, assuming the item is referred out of this Committee to the full body of the Council, Council President Jones will ask for a motion to dispense with committee review and discharge Ordinance No. O2023-0007 to the full Council for second reading at tonight's Council Meeting.**

- a) 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.

**Mr. Eric Wobser, Chief of Staff to County Executive Ronayne, addressed Council regarding Ordinance No. O2023-0007. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Wobser pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Miller, Ordinance No. O2023-0007 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- b) R2023-0055: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Sara Parks Jackson, upon her taking the oath of office, as Director of Housing and Community Development; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Sara Parks Jackson, County Executive Ronayne's nominee for the position of Director of Housing and Community Development, was called upon to deliver an opening statement. She provided background into her education, experience and qualifications for the position.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson pertaining to her experience and expertise, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0055 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

## **5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) Purchase or sale of property.

**A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Schron, and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or sale of property and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Jones at 2:12 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Schron, Conwell, Turner, Stephens, Simon, Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher and Jones.**

**The following additional attendees were present: Law Director Gregory Huth; Director of Public Works, Michael Dever; Planning and Program Administrator Nichole English; County Executive Chief of Staff Eric Wobser; County Executive Special Counsel Brendan**

**Doyle; Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni; 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 4:32 p.m., without objection.**