



MINUTES  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

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

**[Clerk's Note: Councilmember Conwell entered the meeting after the roll-call was taken.]**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

4. PRESENTATION

- a) David Gilbert, President and Chief Executive Officer for Destination Cleveland and Greater Cleveland Sports Commission – Regarding Funding for the Sports Commission.

**Mr. Bob Klonek, Chair of the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission thanked Councilmembers for their support over the years, and stated that in order for the organization to carry on with their mission to drive economic growth throughout the region the County's continued assistance is needed.**

**Mr. David Gilbert, President & CEO of the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission gave a presentation and provided the Committee with an update on the work being done by the organization; defined the responsibilities, mission, vision and core values of the Commission; and reported on the direct economic impact of past and future national events hosted by the Sports Commission. He stated that in 2022 the economic impact for scheduled events totaled \$156,165,000; this year the economic impact for scheduled events total \$17,875,000; and in 2024 the economic impact for scheduled events total \$57,225,000 and continues to grow. Mr. Gilbert also mentioned the Sports Commission’s annual operating and overall budgets; priority goals and strategies that are part of their new strategic plan to maximize their capacity and capabilities; and the Equity & Inclusion Playbook that helps the organization expand their resources to create a more inclusive, equitable and sustainable culture and work environment.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Gilbert pertaining to the presentation, which he answered accordingly.**

**5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m., without objection.**