



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
10:00 AM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairwoman Stephens called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**The following individuals addressed Council regarding Ordinance No. O2023-0004:**

- a) Ms. Margie Glick, Advocacy Director of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry**
- b) Mr. Ronald Ware, resident and employee of the Men's Shelter**

**Kris Keniray, Associate Director of the Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research submitted correspondence via email in support of Ordinance No. O2023-0004.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 30, 2023 MEETING**

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

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

**Michael King, Special Counsel for County Council, addressed the Committee and gave an overview of Ordinance O2023-0004. Discussion ensued.**

**Ms. Stephens introduced a proposed substitute on the floor to Ordinance No. O2023-0004. Discussion ensued.**

**A motion was then made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Stephens and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.**

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

**Councilmember Miller addressed Committee members regarding Ordinance No. O2023-0004. Discussion ensued.**

**The following Mayors and local leaders of Cuyahoga County addressed Council and gave testimony regarding Ordinance No. O2023-0004:**

- a) **Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell, City of Warrensville Heights**
- b) **The Honorable Gigi Traore, Mayor of the Village of Newburgh Heights**
- c) **The Honorable Michael Brennan, Mayor of the City of University Heights**
- d) **Ms. Hazel Remesch, Director of Enterprise Community Partners**
- e) **Councilman Walter Stewart, City of Warrensville Heights**
- f) **Mr. Gary Benjamin, Co-Chair of the Housing and Economic Opportunity Sub-Committee of the Racial Justice Taskforce, represented Council President Melody Joy Hart, City of Cleveland Heights**
- g) **Matthew Vincel, Managing Attorney of the Housing Practice Group at The Legal Aid Society**
- h) **The Honorable Annette Blackwell, Mayor of the City of Maple Heights**

**Committee members asked questions of them pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

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

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m., without objection.**