



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Council President Jones opened the first Public Hearing pertaining to Ordinance Nos. O2022-0012; O2023-0013 and other items referred. He stated that the Committee will hear three items related to the County jail and that the first two Ordinances relate to the extension of the County's quarter-percent sales and use tax as part of the jail financing plan. Mr. Jones said the Committee would not be voting on any legislation today, as the purpose of the meeting is to hear feedback during public comment, listen to the presentation from the administration, and continue the dialogue around the legislation.

Council President Jones also stated that Ohio law requires the Committee to hold two public hearings before passage of the legislation to extend the sales tax. Today's meeting will serve as the first public hearing on these items, and the second public hearing will be held during the Council meeting on Tuesday, August 1 at 5:00pm. Council will schedule additional meetings if necessary.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Mayor Matt Burke, City of Garfield Heights**
- b) Council President Ron Jackson, City of Maple Heights**
- c) Council President Tom Vaughn, City of Garfield Heights**

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- e) Kareem Henton, Cuyahoga County Jail Coalition
- f) Bob Kehoe, Chairman, Trinity High School Board of Trustees
- g) Lester Foree, Resident of Garfield Heights

4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE/PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to read all three items into the record simultaneously.

a) Items for the Public Hearing:

- i) O2023-0012: An Ordinance amending and codifying Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2007-073101 dated July 26, 2007, and enacting new Chapter 727, Section 727.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code to change the period of time during which the County sales tax shall be levied at the aggregate rate of one and one-fourth percent; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
- ii) O2023-0013: An Ordinance amending and codifying Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2007-073102 dated July 26, 2007, and enacting new Chapter 727, Section 727.02 of the Cuyahoga County Code to change the period of time during which the County use tax shall be levied at the aggregate rate of one and one-fourth percent; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

b) Other Items:

- iii) R2023-0182: A Resolution authorizing a Real Estate Purchase Agreement with CRAIG REALTY GROUP - CLEVELAND, LLC, or its designee in an amount not-to-exceed \$38,703,000.00 for the purchase of certain parcels of real property in Garfield Heights, Ohio with access to Granger Road totaling approximately 72.1 acres now known as permanent parcel numbers 542-14-004, 542-15-002, and 542-22-022, and a portion of permanent parcel number 542-14-002; authorizing the County Executive to take all necessary actions and to execute the Purchase Agreement and any and all other agreements and documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Michael Dever, Director of the Department of Public Works, Ms. Nichole English, Planning and Program Administrator for the Department of Public Works, Mr. Michael Chambers, Fiscal Officer and Mr. Ryan Jeffers, Senior Vice-President of CBRE addressed Council regarding the Cuyahoga County Central Services Campus; recommendations; building assessments, site selections, overview and finalists for Eddy Road & Kirby; Transportation Boulevard and East 98th Street & Granger Road in the City of Garfield Heights development massing; Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

transportation schedules; and a financial summary overview update of financing assumptions, time period, estimated debt service and debt service funding sources. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Dever, Mr. Chambers, Ms. English, and Mr. Jeffers, which they answered accordingly.

Councilmember Simon introduced a proposed substitute on the floor to Resolution R2023-0182. A motion was then made by Ms. Simon and seconded by Ms. Conwell to accept the proposed substitute. Discussion ensued. The motion and the second were withdrawn to give Councilmembers time to consider the legislation for the proposed substitute.

5. DISCUSSION

a) Preliminary Report on 2nd Quarter Financials

Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Director of the Office of Budget & Management, addressed the Committee and gave a preliminary 2nd quarter budget update which covered 2023 highlights; operating deficit; revenue and expenditures; subsidies; cash reserves and ending cash balances for the general fund, and operating surplus; revenue; expenditures/ subsidies, and ending cash balances for the Health and Human Services levy fund. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Parfejewiec pertaining to the preliminary report, which he answered accordingly.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m., without objection.