



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:15 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CLERK OF COUNCIL

In accordance with Council Rule 2B, Clerk Schmotzer called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Schmotzer called the roll. Councilmembers Baker, Miller, Brady, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Hairston and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Brown was absent from the meeting.

A motion was then made by Mr. Hairston, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Ms. Brown from the meeting.

3. ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

a) President of Council

Ms. Schmotzer described the process to be used for the election of Council officers, as prescribed by Council Rule 2C, and then opened the floor for nominations for President of Council. A motion was made by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Schron to nominate Mr. Brady. Hearing no further nominations, Ms. Schmotzer then called the roll. Councilmembers Baker, Miller, Brady, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Hairston and Simon voted for Mr. Brady.

By unanimous roll-call vote, Councilmember Dan Brady was elected as President of Council.

b) Vice-President of Council

Ms. Schmotzer opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President of Council. A motion was made by Mr. Hairston and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to nominate Mr. Jones. Hearing no further nominations, Ms. Schmotzer then called the roll. Councilmembers Baker, Miller, Brady, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Hairston and Simon voted for Mr. Jones.

By unanimous roll-call vote, Councilmember Pernel Jones, Jr. was elected as Vice-President of Council.

Ms. Schmotzer then stepped down and Council President Brady presided over the remainder of the meeting.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Brady congratulated new Councilmembers Scott Tuma and Nan Baker. He then thanked all of the Councilmembers for their continued support and for again electing him as President. He acknowledged that former Councilmember Chuck Germana was in the audience. He then thanked his wife, City of Cleveland Councilmember Dona Brady, for her friendship and support. He thanked former County Council President C. Ellen Connally for swearing-in Councilmembers and County Executive Budish for a good working relationship over the past two years. Council President Brady then gave remarks regarding the Council's bipartisanship and effectiveness over the last six years and concluded that he is looking forward to working with the Councilmembers, the Administration, the Prosecutor's Office and the Courts to continue building a better government in Cuyahoga County.

5. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Resolution No. R2017-0001.

- a) R2017-0001: A Resolution establishing the 2017 and 2018 schedules of County Council meetings, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers **Baker**, Miller, Brady, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Hairston and Simon/Clerk of Council

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2017-0001 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Councilmembers Tuma and Baker thanked the residents of Cuyahoga County for the opportunity to serve on County Council and stated that they are looking forward to working with other Councilmembers as well as the Administration.

County Executive Budish wished everyone a happy New Year, welcomed the new Councilmembers and congratulated those Councilmembers that were re-elected.

Mr. Brady thanked Council staff for all of their hard work and efforts.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

Rev. Pamela Pinkney Butts addressed Council regarding a book she had authored and thanked Councilmembers for their hard work.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Hairston with a second by Mr. Schron, the meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m., without objection.