

MINUTES
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
4:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Council President Connally at 4:00 p.m. after which the Clerk called the roll. All Councilmembers were present and a quorum was determined.

William Denihan, Executive Director of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, asked for support of two resolutions on the Council's agenda, Resolution No. R2011-0003—calling for the Ohio Department of Mental Health to hold the ADAMHS Board harmless in the 408 funding formula revision and Resolution No. R2011-0004—calling for the Ohio General Assembly to adequately fund behavioral health services. Mr. Miller suggested Rules 9D and 13A be suspended for each Resolution and to make a motion for final passage at the regular Council meeting.

Jeanne Schmotzer, Clerk of Council, discussed items that were requested to be removed from the agenda per the Office of the County Executive.

Michael Dever, Deputy Sanitary Engineer, addressed Council regarding Ordinance No. O2011-0007. It was recommended that this item be removed from the agenda per the County Executive.

Paul Herdeg, Housing Manager for the Cuyahoga Department of Development, spoke in regard to Ordinance No. 2011-0006. Mr. Herdeg discussed the purpose of increasing the loan amounts and allowing the County Executive or Director of Development to make the loans.

Robert Klaiber, County Engineer, spoke in regard to Resolution Nos. R2011-0005, R2001-0008 and R2011-0009—applications to use funds for various road projects and funding sources associated with the projects.

Ed Morales, Interim Law Director, spoke in regard to Cost Savings Agreements with several bargaining units for five (5) unpaid cost savings days (“furlough days”) during the period of 1/1/2011 – 6/30/2011, resulting in approximately \$6 million in savings for the County. Thus far AFSCME has not accepted the agreement.

Matt Rubino, Director of the Office of Budget and Management, spoke in regard to amending the 2011 Annual Appropriation Measure to meet the budgetary needs of the County departments, offices and agencies. Mr. Rubino addressed the issue of a budget error

in the amount of 10% for the Coroner's Office. Mr. Rubino addressed questions and concerns from Council.

Debbie Southerington, Director of the Office of Human Resources, spoke in regard to extending the contract for healthcare benefits with Kaiser Foundation. This will be the third year contact with Kaiser. A request for proposals will be issued for this service in the future.

Rick Werner, Office of Health and Human Services, spoke in regard to annual contracts with Starting Point; a) for child care resource and referral services and b) for scholarship money for child care providers. He also spoke of a contract to assist with transition services operated by the Salvation Army.

Deb Forkas, Director of Children and Family Services, spoke in regard to the thirteen contracts on the agenda for community services.

Mr. Werner, representing the Department of Senior and Adult Services, spoke in regard to a contract for guardianship services.

Mr. Germana raised a question regarding Councilmembers donating time, since they are not subject to furlough days due to their salary being established by Charter. Mr. FitzGerald will seek a legal opinion.

Council President Connally stated that she had sent a letter to County Executive FitzGerald regarding the process and notification of appointments for confirmation hearings.

Mr. FitzGerald addressed the topic of confirmation hearings for Sheriff Reid and the Clerk of Courts. He also introduced his new staff that were present and his thoughts on his appointments and an estimated time frame for additional appointments.

Mr. Rogers asked logistical questions regarding the scheduling and dates of council work sessions and distribution of agendas.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m., without objection.