



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Stephens, Jones, Schron and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 14, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0166: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$106,000, to Merrick House for the Youth Development and Leadership Program from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Harriet Hadley, Executive Director of Merrick House; and Ms. Sharon Grant Burton, Program Consultant for Merrick House, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0166. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Hadley and Ms. Grant Burton pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2023-0166 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2023-0167: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$49,000, to Merrick House for capital improvements to the Merrick House Community Center from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Hadley and Ms. Grant Burton addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0167. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Hadley and Ms. Grant Burton pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2023-0167 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2023-0169: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$75,000, to the Catholic Charities Job and Career Training Center for the Workforce Development Career Pathways Project from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Autumn Winfield, Director of Job and Career Training for Catholic Charities, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0169. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Winfield pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2023-0169 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- d) R2023-0173: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to the Olivet Housing and Community Development Corporation for the NECESS Initiative and workforce development training and education from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Daisy Alford-Smith, Executive Director of Olivet Housing and Community Development Corporation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0173. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Alford-Smith pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2023-0173 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- e) R2023-0189: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Dunnican Foundation for the Comics at the Corner Literacy Lounge from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Dawn Arrington, Founder of Comics at the Corner, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0189. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Arrington pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Mr. Joseph Nanni, Chief of Staff for County Council, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0189. Discussion ensued.

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

Committee members Simon, Jones and Stephens stated that they will introduce an amendment to the legislation at the next Council meeting to increase the award to the Dunnican Foundation.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2023-0189 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

f) R2023-0200: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for the Comprehensive Case Management Employment Program- Employment, Education and Training Services for Young Adults for the period 4/1/2022 – 12/31/2023, to change the terms, effective 4/1/2023, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$829,059.00; authorizing the County Executive to amend Contracts Nos. 2389 and 2390 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 2389 with Verge, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$-0-.
- 2) Contract No. 2390 with Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the amount not-to-exceed \$829,059.00.

Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts Administration and Performance; Mr. Craig Dorn, President and CEO of Youth Opportunities Unlimited; Mr. Eric Dillenbeck, Director of Work Experience for Youth Opportunities Unlimited; and Mr. Paul Bounds, Deputy Administrator of Employment and Career Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0200. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Cortes, Dorn, Dillenbeck and Bounds pertaining to the item, which then answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2023-0200 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m., without objection.