



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022
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 3:25 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

[Clerk's Note: In accordance with Council Rule 12F, Council President Jones appointed Councilmember Miller as a Member Pro Tem of the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.]

Ms. Simon asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Turner and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Stephens was in attendance after the roll call was taken. Committee member Jones was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Schron and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2022 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2022-0150: A Resolution authorizing a grant award to Cleveland Water Alliance in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,450,000.00 to establish the Water Economy Growth Initiative Program, commencing upon contract signature of all parties for a period of two (2) years; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2417 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Michael Foley, Director of the Department of Sustainability; and Mr. Bryan Stubbs, Executive Director and President of the Cleveland Water Alliance, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0150. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Foley and Stubbs pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Ms. Simon introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2022-0150. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2022-0150 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted.

Ms. Turner requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- b) R2022-0254: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement among Cuyahoga County, Say Yes Cleveland, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Breakthrough Public Schools, Near West Intergenerational School, Horizon Science Academy and College Now Greater Cleveland, Inc. to establish funding responsibilities for Year 4 of the Say Yes Cleveland Strategy Program for the period 7/24/2019 – 7/23/2022, to add Hope Academy Northwest Campus and Northeast Ohio College Preparatory High School, as parties to the Memorandum of Understanding, effective 7/23/2022, to extend the time period to 7/23/2023 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$9,256,000.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Jennifer Croessmann, Social Program Administrator; and Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0254. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Croessmann and Mr. Merriman pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Ms. Simon introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2022-0254. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2022-0254 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules, as substituted.

- c) R2022-0331: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$250,000, to the Global Ambassadors Language Academy for the purpose of renovating a permanent school building located at 3349 West 125th Street from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Meran Rogers, Founder and Executive Director of Global Ambassadors Language Academy; Mr. Eric Grater, representing Shook Construction Co.; and Ms. Wendy Naylor, Principal at Naylor Hellman, LLC, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0331. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Rogers, Mr. Grater and Ms. Naylor pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2022-0331 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Stephens requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- d) R2022-0335: A Resolution authorizing the Department of Public Works to utilize a total sum, not to exceed, \$50,000 for the purpose of capital improvements at the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Mindy Naticchioni, Administrator of County Animal Shelter, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0335. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2022-0335 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- e) R2022-0336: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Chippewa Creek Conservation Corridor in the City of Broadview Heights; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Allison Ball, Planner; and Mr. Derek Schafer, Executive Director of the West Creek Conservancy addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0336. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Ball and Mr. Schafer pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2022-0336 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

Ms. Stephens and Ms. Turner requested to have their names added as a co-sponsors to the legislation.

- f) R2022-0337: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Western Reserve Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Sweetwater Preserve in the City of Brecksville; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Ball addressed the Committee and requested that Resolution No. R2022-0337 be withdrawn.

There was no further legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2022-0337.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m., without objection.