



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
3:00 PM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Ms. Simon asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Turner, Jones, Schron and Stephens were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mr. Rico Dancy addressed the Committee regarding the County jail.**

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 27, 2022 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Schron and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2022 meeting.**

### **5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) R2022-0260: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000, to the Horizon Education Centers for startup expenses at the Shoreway Horizon Education Center from the District 3 ARPA

Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Cathy Heck, Chief Officer of Horizon Education Centers, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0260. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Heck pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2022-0260 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

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

- b) R2022-0282: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$250,000, to Family Connections of Northeast Ohio for the purpose of engaging families and strengthening literacy in kindergarten students from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Beth Darmstadter, Executive Director of Family Connections of Northeast Ohio; Ms. Karen Gillooly, Program Director for Family Connections of Northeast Ohio; and Ms. Charniece Holmes, Program Coordinator for Family Connections of Northeast Ohio, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0282. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Darmstadter, Ms. Gillooly and Ms. Holmes pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2022-0282 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Mr. Jones and Ms. Turner requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- c) R2022-0283: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$200,000, to the Literacy Cooperative for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Joan Spoerl, Director of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library for the Literacy Cooperative; and Mr. Robert Paponetti, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Literacy Cooperative, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0283. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Spoerl and Mr. Paponetti pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2022-0283 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

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

- d) R2022-0302: A Resolution authorizing a grant award to Growth Opportunity Partners, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00 to support the development of renewable energy resources in underserved communities through a low-interest loan program, commencing upon contract signature of all parties through 12/31/2024; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2558 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Marcus Glanton, Chief Operating Officer of Growth Opportunity Partners, Inc.; and Mr. Michael Foley, Director of the Department of Sustainability, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0302. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2022-0302 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.**

**Mr. Miller, Ms. Turner, Mr. Jones and Ms. Simon requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- e) R2022-0303: A Resolution authorizing a grant award to College Now Greater Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,500,000.00 for the administration and management of debt repayment scholarships and completion scholarships to eligible post-secondary students in connection with the Cuyahoga County Completion Scholarship Program, commencing upon contract signature of all parties for a

period of (2) years; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2611 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Catherine Tkachyk, Chief of Innovation and Performance; Ms. Lee Friedman, Chief Executive Officer of College Now Greater Cleveland; Ms. Maggie McGrath, Executive Director of the Higher Education Compact of Greater Cleveland for College Now Greater Cleveland; and Mr. Robert Durham, Chief Scholarship Services Officer for College Now Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0303. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Tkachyk, Ms. Friedman and Ms. McGrath pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2022-0303 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. Turner requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.**

- f) R2022-0322: A Resolution authorizing a grant award ~~with to~~ Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00 to support the planning design and construction of green infrastructure control measures within the combined sewer system wastewater service area of Cuyahoga County, commencing upon agreement signature of all parties through 12/31/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 2550 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Foley; and Mr. Matt Sharber, Director of Watershed Programs for the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0322. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2022-0322 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 5:02 p.m., without objection.**