



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Miller asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Brown, Hairston, Baker, Miller and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Conwell and Simon entered the meeting after the roll call was taken. Councilmember Jones was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

Ms. Loh addressed Council regarding funding for the Norma Herr Women's Shelter.

4. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / DISCUSSION:

- a) R2017-0182: A Resolution adopting the 2018/2019 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

1) Justice Services & Public Safety Overview – TBD

[Clerk's Note: This item was not discussed.]

2) Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas:

a. General Division – The Honorable John J. Russo

The Honorable John Russo, Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas General Division; Ms. Colleen Brown, Director of Fiscal Operations; and Mr. Gregory Popovich, Court Administrator, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas General and Domestic Relations Divisions. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Russo, Ms. Brown and Mr. Popovich pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

b. Juvenile Division – The Honorable Kristin W. Sweeney

The Honorable Kristin Sweeney, Administrative Judge of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division; Mr. Mark Majer, Chief Staff Attorney; and Ms. Karen Lippmann, Deputy Director, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Sweeney, Mr. Majer and Ms. Lippmann pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

c. Probate Division – The Honorable Anthony J. Russo

The Honorable Anthony Russo, Presiding Judge of Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Probate Division, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Probate Division. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Russo pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

d. Domestic Relations Division – The Honorable Rosemary Grdina Gold

[Clerk’s Note: This item was discussed during Item No. 2.a).]

3) Court of Appeals of Ohio, Eighth Appellate District – The Honorable Kathleen A. Keough

The Honorable Kathleen Keough, Administrative Judge of the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Eighth Appellate District, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Eighth Appellate District. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Keough pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

4) Office of the Prosecuting Attorney – The Honorable Michael C. O’Malley

The Honorable Michael O'Malley, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor; Ms. Colleen Majeski, Assistant Prosecutor; and Mr. Dennis Kennedy, Fiscal Officer, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. O'Malley, Ms. Majeski and Mr. Kennedy pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

5) Public Defender Commission – Mark Stanton

Mr. Mark Stanton, Chief Public Defender, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Public Defender Commission. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Stanton pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

A brief recess was taken by Council, after which, Chair Miller reconvened the meeting.

6) Department of Law – Robert Triozzi

Mr. Robert Triozzi, Director of Law, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Law. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Triozzi pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

7) Office of the Clerk of Courts – Nailah Byrd

Ms. Nailah Byrd, Clerk of Courts, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the Clerk of Courts. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Byrd pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

8) Office of the Medical Examiner – Dr. Thomas Gilson

Dr. Thomas Gilson, Medical Examiner, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the Medical Examiner. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Gilson pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

9) Office of the County Sheriff – Clifford Pinkney

Mr. Clifford Pinkney, Sheriff, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the County Sheriff. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Sheriff Pinkney pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

10) Department of Public Safety and Justice Services – Brandy Carney

Ms. Brandy Carney, Director of the Department of Public Safety & Justice Services, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Public Safety & Justice Services. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Carney pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

There was no further legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2017-0182.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Chair Miller announced that the Committee of the Whole will meet on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

Mr. Rico Dancy addressed Council regarding establishing a hearing and speech interpretation department within Cuyahoga County.

Ms. Loh addressed Council regarding funding for the Norma Herr Women’s Shelter.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m., without objection.