



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
10:00 AM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairwoman Stephens called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Ms. Stephens asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Stephens, Jones, Gallagher and Kelly were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon arrived after the roll call was taken. Councilmember Martin Sweeney was also in attendance.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 10, 2023 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2023 meeting.**

**5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) R2023-0230: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the Metro West Community Development Corp for the Future Ink Graphics' Creative Development Project from the District 3 ARPA Community

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

**Ms. Stephanie Kluk, Owner and Founder of Future Ink Graphics, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0230. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2023-0230 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- b) R2023-0233: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Ohio Voice for repairs and refrigerator replacement at the Fifth Christian Church from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Evan Regis Bunch, Pastor of the Fifth Christian Church Disciples of Christ, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0233. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Pastor Bunch pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2023-0233 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- c) R2023-0234: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Delta Alpha Lambda Foundation, Inc. for the Food Pantry Site Building Grounds Driveway and Rear Access Improvement Project from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Dr. Lateef Saffore, Chair of the Delta Alpha Lambda Foundation, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0234. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Dr. Saffore pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2023-0234 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

d) R2023-0248: A Resolution amending Resolution No. R2023-0122, dated 5/23/2023, which made awards to various municipalities for various projects or programs in connection with the 2022 & 2023 Community Development Block Grant Program for the period 4/1/2023 - 9/30/2023, by removing Village of Highland Hills and reducing the total not-to-exceed amount from \$3,004,930.00 to \$2,854,930.00; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Village of Highland Hills in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for a Comprehensive Plan Update.
- 2) City of Bedford in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the Bedford Gazebo and Train Station Repair Project.
- 3) City of Berea in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the Emerson Avenue Improvement Project.
- 4) City of Brooklyn in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Brooklyn Recreation Center Natatorium Roof and Skylight Replacement.
- 5) City of Brooklyn Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the ADA Restroom Project.
- 6) Village of Cuyahoga Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the East 71<sup>st</sup> Street Stabilization Project.
- 7) City of Fairview Park in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the Public Facility Regional Environmental Improvement Project.
- 8) City of Garfield Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the Dan Kostel Recreation Center Infrastructure and Accessibility Improvement Project.

- 9) City of Maple Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the Stafford Park Restoration Project-Phase 2: Construction of Shelter and Bandstand.
- 10) City of Mayfield Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for installation of ADA Playground Equipment and Surfacing.
- 11) City of Middleburg Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the Bardbury Avenue Resurfacing Project.
- 12) Village of Newburgh Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$69,930.00 for Master Planning services.
- 13) City of North Olmsted in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the Brookpark Road Underpass Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Project.
- 14) Village of North Randall in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the Housing Rehabilitation and Preservation Program.
- 15) Village of Oakwood in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the Tryon Road Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project.
- 16) Olmsted Township in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the Cook Road Sidewalk Project.
- 17) City of Parma Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the purchase of a Fire Paramedic Vehicle.
- 18) City of Richmond Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Richmond Heights Fire Station No. 1 Roof Replacement.
- 19) City of South Euclid in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the South Belvoir Boulevard Phase 2: Concrete Repair Project.
- 20) City of Warrensville Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for the Granada Boulevard

Reconstruction: Street and Road Repair Project – Phase 4.

- 21) Village of Woodmere in the amount not-to-exceed \$85,000.00 for the Exterior Home Maintenance Grant Program.

**Ms. Sara Parks Jackson, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0248. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2023-0248 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- e) R2023-0249: A Resolution authorizing HOME and Emergency Rental Assistance 2 loans to various organizations, or their designees, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$6,350,000.00 for various affordable housing projects; authorizing the County Executive and/or Director of Housing and Community Development to execute all documents consistent with said loans and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
  - 1) Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00 for the construction of (20) new units and rehabilitation of (60) units at the Margaret Wagner Senior Apartments, located at 2373 Euclid Avenue, in the City of Cleveland Heights.
  - 2) Commonwealth Development Corporation of America in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 for the construction of (49) new units at the Garrett Square Senior Apartments, located at East 125<sup>th</sup> Street, in the City of Cleveland.
  - 3) Commonwealth Development Corporation of America in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00 for the construction of (48) new

units at the Puritas Senior Apartments, located at 14410 Puritas Avenue, in the City of Cleveland.

- 4) Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00 for the construction of (62) new units at the Emerald Senior, located at 11100 Superior Avenue, in the City of Cleveland.
- 5) Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 for the rehabilitation of (4) housing units and construction of (1) housing unit for Nelson Court Phase II Project, located at 11714 – 11716 Nelson Court, in the City of Lakewood.
- 6) Famicos Foundation in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 for the construction of (40) newly constructed single family housing units in the City of Cleveland.
- 7) Flaherty & Collins in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00 for the construction of (61) new units for low-income families in the City of Cleveland.
- 8) Levin Group Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00 to construct (60) multi-family housing units for a mixed-used, mixed-income, mixed-population, historic adaptive-reuse of a vacant property, located at 3160 West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, in the City of Cleveland.

**Ms. Parks Jackson addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0249. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2023-0249 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- f) R2023-0250: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 2487 with Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People for counseling and financial assistance services to income-eligible tenants in connection with the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 Program for the period 6/1/2022 – 3/31/2025 to extend the time period to 6/30/2025 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$10,000,000.00; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Parks Jackson addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0250. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2023-0250 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- g) R2023-0251: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$10,000,000.00 for emergency rental and utility services to income-eligible tenants in connection with the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 Program for the period 6/1/2023 – 6/30/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 3407 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Parks Jackson addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0251. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2023-0251 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**Ms. Jackson addressed the committee members regarding a grant funding opportunity from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the PRO (Pathways to Removing Obstacles) Housing grant providing an amount between \$1 million and \$10 million of funding to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m., without objection.**