

**MINUTES**  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
5:00 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**The meeting was called to order by Council President Connally at 5:17 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**The Clerk called the roll. Councilmembers Connally, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana and Gallagher were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

**3. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE DEFENDING CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE**

**Craig Tame, representing the United States Department of Justice-Office of the Attorney General, addressed Council regarding the Defending Childhood Initiative. He discussed the importance of this initiative; the financials involved and requested support of the Council moving forward.**

**4. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND BANK**

**Gus Frangos, representing the Cuyahoga County Land Bank, addressed Council regarding the importance of the Land Bank and how it can be used as a regional tool in Northeast Ohio.**

**5. MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mr. Greenspan stated that a meeting of the Rules, Charter Review, Ethics & Council Operations Committee regarding the Office of the Inspector General will be held on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, today was the deadline to submit any amendments for the ethics ordinance.**

**Mr. Brady reported that there will be a Health, Human Services & Aging Committee meeting regarding the Family & Children First Council and the Fatherhood Initiative on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

**Council President Connally commented that she was impressed by comments made by Mr. Majeed Makhlof, nominee for the position of Law Director,**

regarding his involvement with the Juvenile Diversion program. She stated that this program is very important and that there is a need for more programs like this in both the City of Cleveland and the eastern suburbs.

Councilmember Miller stated that if Councilmembers have amendments to the contracting rules legislation to please have them submitted by Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Ken Ledford, Fire Chief for the City of Bedford Heights, addressed Council regarding the need for Council's support of pending legislation for interoperable radio communications. Kevin Moore, Fire Chief for the City of Cleveland Heights, addressed Council regarding technology of the system. Mayor Joseph Cicero, City of Lyndhurst, addressed Council regarding the importance and financial parameters of the pending legislation. Norberto Colon, Deputy Chief of Staff for Justice and Communications, responded to questions posed by Council. Mr. Gallagher also discussed the status of this legislation.

#### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There was no public comment**

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Having no further business and on a motion by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m., without objection.**