



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2013
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
1:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2, 2012 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) O2012-0036: An Ordinance establishing a College Savings Account Program for the purpose of investing in the higher education of Cuyahoga County residents, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
- 7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Rogers asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Rogers and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Germana entered the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken. Councilmembers Miller and Brady were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 4, 2012 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Rogers and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2012 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) O2011-0053: An Ordinance establishing a Department of Consumer Affairs and the powers and duties of the Director of Consumer Affairs and placing the duties and responsibilities of the operation of Weights and Measures of the County under the direction of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Mr. Brady addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2011-0053. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to accept a proposed substitute to Ordinance No. O2011-0053.

Mr. David Rothstein, Project Director of Policy Matters Ohio; Mr. James Boyle, Special Assistant to County Executive FitzGerald; and Mr. Kahlil Seren, Research and Policy Analyst, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2011-0053. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Rothstein, Mr. Boyle and Mr. Seren pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

A motion was then made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to amend Ordinance No. O2011-0053 by deleting "*contain*" and inserting "*consist of*" in Section 1(d).

Committee members Germana and Rogers asked to have their names added as co-sponsors to Ordinance No. O2011-0053.

On a motion by Mr. Rogers with a second by Mr. Germana, Ordinance No. O2011-0053 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. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Rogers adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2012-0036

Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald and Councilmember Rogers	An Ordinance establishing a College Savings Account Program for the purpose of investing in the higher education of Cuyahoga County residents, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 7.01 of the Cuyahoga County Charter provides that “The County shall have as a primary responsibility the promotion and enhancement of the economic well-being and prosperity of the County and all of its residents. In furtherance of that purpose, the County shall, as authorized by the Constitution of Ohio, general law, and this Charter and enactments pursuant thereto, develop and implement policies, programs, and activities for the expansion and enhancement of economic activity in the County so as to create and preserve jobs and employment opportunities for and available to residents of the County;” and,

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.09 of the Cuyahoga County Charter provides that the County may, through legislation, “establish and provide for the administration of a program to provide scholarships, loans, grants and other forms of financial assistance for residents of the County that will enable them to participate in post-secondary education, including vocational education and job training and retraining;” and,

WHEREAS, the County wishes to promote a culture of academic achievement and college success within Cuyahoga County; and,

WHEREAS, the County wishes to establish the Cuyahoga County College Savings Account Program to invest in the college education of Cuyahoga County residents; and,

WHEREAS, the County through the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Early Childhood, will evaluate and choose an appropriate entity to administer the Program, and one or more financial institution partners to provide the financial savings product and other programmatic support; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Cuyahoga County College Savings Account Program to be known as the “Cuyahoga County College Savings Account Program.”

SECTION 2. The Cuyahoga County College Savings Account Program may include the following:

- a) An agreement with a qualified entity to administer the County College Savings Account Program, which administration may be subsidized by the County;
- b) College savings accounts automatically established for each County resident upon entering kindergarten, where the County is the custodial owner of the account and the student is the beneficiary, to be used for qualifying post-secondary education expenses;
- c) An initial deposit of County funds into each college savings account;
- d) Growth of the accounts through family, student, and other outside private or public contributions;
- e) “Benchmark” incentives to promote educational success and sound savings habits, such as savings matches and donor deposits from other sources;
- f) Opportunities for families and students to increase financial literacy; and
- g) Opportunities for families and students to establish banking relationships.

SECTION 3. “Post-secondary education” as used in this ordinance includes post-secondary education, including but not limited to vocational education and any two or four-year degree program from an accredited educational institution.

SECTION 4. Within Six (6) months of passage of this Ordinance, the Administration shall provide Council with policies to implement the College Savings Account Program, which must include a definition of expenses that college savings account funds may be used for.

SECTION 5. The program shall include a foundation board consisting of members who shall provide advice, support, and fundraising services to advance its mission.

