



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
12:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Hairston and Germana were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Connally entered the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken. Committee member Schron was absent from the meeting. Councilmembers Miller, Greenspan and Conwell were also in attendance.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

**No public comments were given.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 5, 2014 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Germana, seconded by Mr. Hairston and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting.**

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2014-0264: A Resolution determining the services and programs that shall be provided and funded from the Veterans Services Fund in 2014; authorizing payments to various providers, in the total amount of \$241,867.20, for said services and programs for the period ending 12/31/2015; authorizing the County Executive to negotiate and execute any necessary agreements, contracts or other documents for same; and

declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Greenspan addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0264. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Michael King, Special Counsel, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0264. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. King pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Germana with a second by Mr. Hairston, Resolution No. R2014-0264 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.**

**[Clerk's Note: Resolution Nos. R2014-0277, R2014-0278, R2014-0279, R2014-0280, R2014-0281 and R2014-0282 were read into the record simultaneously]**

- b) R2014-0277: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Baldwin Creek Corridor, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Alison Ball, Special Projects Coordinator, and Mr. Derek Schaefer, Executive Director of the West Creek Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0277. Discussion ensued.**

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

**A motion was made by Mr. Germana, seconded by Ms. Connally and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2014-0277 by deleting "\$250,000.00" and inserting "\$125,000.00" in the fourth Whereas clause.**

**On a motion by Mr. Germana with a second by Mr. Hairston, Resolution No. R2014-0277 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. Germana requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2014-0277.**

- c) R2014-0278: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the West Creek Reservation, Phase 4; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Derek Schaefer, Executive Director of the West Creek Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0278. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Schaefer pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Germana with a second by Mr. Hairston, Resolution No. R2014-0278 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. Germana requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2014-0278.**

- d) R2014-0279: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of City of Bedford Heights for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Solon Road Preserve, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Sarah Ryzner, Director of Projects for the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0279. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2014-0279 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. Germana requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2014-0279.**

- e) R2014-0280: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners for the conservation of ecologically significant

areas along the Bear Creek, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Babette Oestreicher, Watershed Coordinator for Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0280.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2014-0280 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. Germana requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2014-0280.**

- f) R2014-0281: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works for the preservation and restoration of natural open space within Stage 3 of the Towpath Trail Extension in connection with the Tremont Pointe Preserve and Greenway Project, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Stan Kosilesky, Chief Deputy Engineer, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0281. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Kosilesky pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2014-0281 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. Germana and Ms. Conwell requested to have their names added as a co-sponsors to Resolution No. R2014-0281.**

- g) R2014-0282: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Western Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along Lakeshore Boulevard in the Village of Bratenahl, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Ryzner addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2014-0282. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Hairston, Resolution No. R2014-0282 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. Germana and Mr. Hairston requested to have their names added as a co-sponsors to Resolution No. R2014-0282.**

- h) O2014-0036: An Ordinance amending Section 804.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code by adding a new Section 804.01(D) to establish a post-secondary, small business internship component to the Educational Assistance Program and renumbering subsequent sections.

**Mr. Miller addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2014-0036. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Kahlil Seren, Research and Policy Analyst, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2014-0036. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Seren pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**No further legislative action was taken on Ordinance No. O2014-0036.**

#### **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, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m., without objection.**