



**MINUTES**  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Mr. Schron called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Mr. Schron asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Schron, Hairston, Tuma and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Baker entered the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

**There were no public comments given.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 31, 2017 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Hairston and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2017 meeting.**

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2017-0152: A Resolution determining the services and programs that shall be provided and funded from the Veterans Services Fund in 2017; authorizing payments to various providers, in the total amount of \$461,117.00, for said services and programs for the period ending 12/31/2017; 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:

- i) Cuyahoga Community College, Veterans Services and Program Office for scholarships for veterans residing in Cuyahoga County in the amount of \$46,112.00.
- ii) Towards Employment Career Pathway Services for job readiness training, job search and placement, coaching and support for professional development of low-income veterans in the amount of \$30,000.00.
- iii) The Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services for the Supportive Services for Veterans Families Program and for move-in kits for veterans entering permanent supportive housing in Cuyahoga County in the amount of \$85,005.00.
- iv) The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland for the Legal Services for U.S. Veterans Program in the amount of \$85,000.00.
- v) United Way 2-1-1 for the Help2Veterans Program in the amount of \$70,000.00.
- vi) Joseph's Home for wraparound services and transition to permanent housing for medically fragile, homeless veterans in Cuyahoga County in the amount of \$40,000.00.
- vii) Cuyahoga County Public Library for the GetWorkerFIT Program in the amount of \$50,000.00.
- viii) The Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation to rehabilitate houses and provide financial counseling for veterans in the amount of \$50,000.00.
- ix) The Chagrin Falls Historical Society for the restoration of the Chagrin Falls Civil War Memorial in the amount of \$5,000.00.

**Mr. Michael King, Special Counsel, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2017-0152. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Tuma, Resolution No. R2017-0152 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. Hairston requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.**

b) R2017-0161: A Resolution making awards to various municipalities, each in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00, for the SBA-Municipal-County Small Business Financing Initiative Pilot #2 Program for the period 10/1/2017 - 9/30/2019; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- i) City of Cleveland Heights
- ii) City of Fairview Park
- iii) City of Lakewood
- iv) City of Maple Heights

**Mr. Michael May, Economic Development Administrator, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2017-0161. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Mr. Hairston with a second by Ms. Baker, Resolution No. R2017-0161 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.**

**Committee members Hairston and Tuma requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

c) R2017-0162: A Resolution authorizing an Economic Development Fund Redevelopment and Modernization Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,500,000.00 to Link59 Leverage Lender, LLC for the benefit of the Phoenix Building Project, located at the intersection of East 61<sup>st</sup> Street and Euclid Avenue, Cleveland; authorizing the County Executive and/or Director of Development to execute all documents consistent with said loan and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Anthony Stella, Sr. Development and Finance Analyst addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2017-0162. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Mr. Schron introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2017-0162. Discussion ensued.**

**A motion was then made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Tuma and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.**

**Mr. May; Mr. Jim Doyle, representing Hemingway Development; and Mr. Aaron Saltzman, representing Dave's Supermarkets, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2017-0162. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. May, Doyle and Saltzman pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Baker, Resolution No. R2017-0162 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, as substituted.**

## **6. DISCUSSION**

### **a) Report on Outstanding Economic Development Loans**

**Mr. Theodore Carter, Chief Economic Development Officer; Mr. Paul Herdeg, Housing Manager; and Mr. Michael Reardon, Attorney for David Douglass & Associates, LLC, addressed the Committee regarding collection procedures and payments relating to the County's outstanding economic development loans. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Carter, Herdeg and Reardon pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

## **8. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairman Schron adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m., without objection.**