

MINUTES
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Connally at 4:04 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. SILENT MEDITATION

Council President Connally requested there be a moment of silent meditation for the people of Japan as they suffer through serious concerns and deprivation resulting from earthquakes and tsunamis that have devastated their country.

4. ROLL CALL

Council President Connally asked the Clerk to call the roll. Councilmembers Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Connally, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

No public comments were given.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) March 8, 2011 Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Conwell, the minutes of the March 8, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Ed FitzGerald reported the following:

- a) **The Governor's State budget was released; it includes major funding cuts to local governments (e.g., 25% to the Local Government Fund for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, 10% to Human Services and funding for Medicaid). The State budget is being analyzed and Council will be kept informed of the impact to the County budget. Additionally, the County needs to advocate its point of view and Council was invited to participate.**
 - b) **The State of the County address will be held on April 6, 2011 at 12:00 noon at the Marriott and Council was invited to attend.**
8. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brady and approved by majority vote to suspend Rules 9D and 13A and to place on final passage Resolution No. R2011-0106. Mr. Schron and Mr. Greenspan cast dissenting votes.

- a) R2011-0106: A Resolution opposing the decisions of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Governor John Kasich to close the Cleveland Campus of Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare and to abstain from construction of a new state mental health hospital in Cleveland; urging the Governor and the Director of the Department of Mental Health to reconsider these decisions, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive FitzGerald and Councilmembers Brady and Jones

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2011-0106 was considered and adopted by majority vote, with Mr. Greenspan casting a dissenting vote.

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING REGIONAL COLLABORATION

Mr. Ed Jerse, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed Council regarding regional collaboration trends, best practices, possible linkages to economic development, current County initiatives and planned activities. Council President Connally requested that Mr. Jerse update Council in six months.

10. MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) DISCUSSION REGARDING CODE OF ETHICS

Upon the request of Mr. Greenspan, discussion regarding the Code of Ethics was deferred to a future meeting.

Mr. Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, reported that he had appointed an Advisory Subcommittee of the Finance & Budgeting Committee to work with the administration and help present our concerns regarding the State budget to Columbus. The Advisory Subcommittee consists of the following members: Michael Gallagher, Chair; Jack Schron, Vice Chair; Chuck Germana; Danita Love; Larry Macon, Jr.; Mayor Thomas Perciak; and Martin McGann.

The following Committee Chairs reported on various Committee activities:

- a) Mr. Jones: Public Works, Procurement & Contracting**
- b) Mr. Schron: Economic Development & Planning**
- c) Mr. Brady: Health, Human Services & Aging**

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSIONS REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION**

Council President Connally announced that Executive Session was cancelled and will be rescheduled for the March 22, 2011 Council meeting.

12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

No miscellaneous business was discussed.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

Ms. Sheila Howard, CSU student, addressed Council regarding issues of concern to her relating to a school project.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Conwell, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m., without objection.