

MINUTES
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 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 4:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING MARCH 22nd COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Miller summarized Ordinance No. O2011-0014 and then discussed efforts made by the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee and the future steps that will be taken in connection with the Ordinance. County Executive FitzGerald, Council President Connally and Councilmembers Germana, Brady, Schron and Simon also commented on the Ordinance.

Greg Popovich, Common Pleas Court Administrator, discussed Resolution Nos. R2011-0109 and R2011-0110 and the immediate need for the purchases as outlined in the Resolutions. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Simon reported that the Justice Affairs Committee met to discuss Resolution Nos. R2011-0112, R2011-0113 and R2011-0114. County Executive FitzGerald stated that representatives from Juvenile Court will be attending the Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. to answer questions.

Matt Rubino, Director, Office of Budget and Management; Rick Werner, Director of Health & Human Services and County Executive FitzGerald addressed Council regarding Resolution No. 2011-0114. Discussion ensued.

Council President Connally asked for clarification as to who has the authority to grant the approval of sewer licenses as stipulated in Resolution No. R2011-0080. Under the former governance this duty was assigned to the Board of County Commissioners however, Council President Connally did not feel it was appropriate for Council to have this authority under the new governance. County

Executive FitzGerald; Bonita Teeuwen, Director of Public Works and Ed Morales, Interim Law Director addressed Council regarding the matter and agreed that this authority would be more suitable for the County Executive execute. Council President Connally asked if an Ordinance was needed to grant this authority to the County Executive. Mr. Morales stated that he would research the issue and come back to Council with his findings.

Mr. Germana requested that Ordinance No. O2011-0021 be passed under suspension of the rules at the Council meeting.

Mr. Schron asked questions in regard to Resolution No. R2011-0082 and then requested that it be passed under suspension of the rules at the Council meeting.

Marita Kavalec, Juvenile Court Administrator, addressed Council regarding Resolution Nos. R2011-0133 and R2011-0132. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Greenspan asked County Executive FitzGerald questions regarding Motion No. M2011-0020, appointment of individuals to serve on the Tax Incentive Review Councils. Discussion ensued.

4. MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Miller reported that the proposed advisory sub-committee to address concerns with the state budget will not move forward.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

County Executive FitzGerald announced his appointment of Majeed Makhlof to the position of Law Director.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marcia Goldberg, representing the League of Women Voters, addressed Council regarding issues of concern to her relating to the Ethics Ordinance.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, on a motion by Ms. Conwell and seconded by Ms. Simon, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m., without objection.