



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
3:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**At the request of Council Vice-President Brady, Councilmember Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Mr. Miller asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady and Germana were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Jones and Hairston entered the meeting shortly after the roll-call was taken. Council President Connally was absent from the meeting.**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

**There were no public comments given related to the agenda.**

### 4. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) O2014-0020: An Ordinance enacting Chapter 717 of the Cuyahoga County Code to authorize extension of the Capital Improvement Bed Tax and to authorize the use of said proceeds in accordance with agreement with the Mayor of the City of Cleveland as approved by a majority of local mayors and city managers, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
- b) Presentation – David Gilbert, President and CEO, Positively Cleveland

**Clerk Schmotzer read Ordinance No. O2014-0020 into the record.**

**Director of Law Majeed Makhoul and Assistant Law Director Joseph Boatwright explained the background of the legislation and the legalities of extending the bed tax. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Makhlouf and Boatwright, which they answered accordingly.**

**Mr. Greg Harris, President and CEO of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and Board member of Positively Cleveland, addressed Council regarding Ordinance No. O2014-0020. Discussion ensued. Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Harris, which he answered accordingly.**

**Mr. David Gilbert, President and CEO of Positively Cleveland, then gave a presentation to Council regarding how the bed tax can best be utilized to drive the economy, stimulate community vitality and development, and how it impacts the mission of Positively Cleveland and the region. Discussion ensued. Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Gilbert, which he answered accordingly.**

**No further legislative action was taken on Ordinance No. O2014-0020.**

**5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA**

**There were no public comments given unrelated to the agenda.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m., without objection.**