

**MINUTES**  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
4:00 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Council President Connally called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**The Clerk called the roll. Councilmembers Connally, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell and Jones were present and a quorum was determined.**

**3. DISCUSSION OF FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**Council President Connally called upon Ms. Bonnie Teeuwen, Interim Director of Public Works to address Council regarding Resolution Nos. R2011-0042, R2011-0049, R2011-0056, R2011-0058 and R2011-0059. Ms. Teeuwen responded to the questions accordingly. Council President Connally also asked how the budget is affected when money is encumbered for a project. Mr. Matt Rubino, Interim Director of the Office of Budget & Management addressed this question.**

**Mr. Schron asked questions regarding Resolution No. R2011-0045 and Mr. Gallagher asked questions regarding Resolution No. R2011-0046. Ms. Teeuwen addressed their questions.**

**Mr. Gallagher had several concerns regarding the budget and project end date specified on Resolution No. R2011-0051. Ms. Teeuwen deferred to Mr. Jay Ross, Director of Central Services, who answered accordingly.**

**Council President Connally then posed questions concerning Resolution No. R2011-0060. Mr. Joseph Gauntner, Deputy Chief of Staff for Health and Human Services, addressed President Connally's questions.**

**Mr. Brady asked questions regarding Resolution Nos. R2011-0061 and R2011-0062. Mr. Rick Werner, Interim Director the Department of Health and Human Services, addressed these questions.**

**As Chair of the Health, Human Services and Aging Committee, Mr. Brady discussed concerns regarding Resolution No. R2011-0063. Mr. Werner and Ms. Deborah Forkas, Director of the Department of Children & Family Services, addressed these concerns.**

#### **4. MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mr. Miller stated that he is working with Mr. Germana to create a subcommittee of citizens to convey concerns to the state legislature about the budget process. Mr. Miller continued by discussing another possible subcommittee to focus on education, scholarships, workforce development and early childhood development that could possibly fall under Economic Development or Human Resources. Council President Connally mentioned that Executive FitzGerald has appointed Mr. Justin Bibb as his Special Assistant for Education and that Council should interface with him to get that initiative moving.**

**Mr. Schron mentioned that the Economic Development Commission will be meeting on February 23, 2011 to begin working on the Economic five-year Development Plan for the County. He said that the initiative stated by Mr. Miller could be discussed then as well.**

#### **5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Mr. Rogers asked if there had been any action in regard to providing free parking to the public for attending the Council Meetings. Mr. Joe Nanni, Chief of Staff, stated that he has been discussing options as to how the process could be handled, but no final decision has been made. Mr. Jones mentioned that this issue has also been referred to the Public Works Committee to handle.**

**Mr. Miller mentioned that at the regular meeting this evening, legislation will be introduced for first reading to adopt permanent rules for the County Council.**

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

**On a motion made by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m., without objection.**