



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**

**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

**3:00 PM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Council President Brady called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Council President Brady asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Hairston was absent from the meeting.**

**A motion was then made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Mr. Hairston from the meeting.**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA**

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

### **4. PRESENTATION:**

- a) The Plastic Pollution Problem – Marcus Eriksen, PhD, Director of Research, The 5 Gyres Institute

**Council President Brady turned the gavel over to Councilwoman Simon.**

**Dr. Marcus Eriksen, Director of Research of The 5 Gyres Institute, addressed Council regarding environmental and ecological effects of waste; plastic pollution accumulation zones; life cycle assessment of plastic bags; and the impact of plastic bag fees on cities. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Eriksen pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**Ms. Diane Bickett, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, addressed Council regarding plastic pollution, changeover in waste stream valves, fees imposed on plastic bags and the District's new countywide public education campaign. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Bickett pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**Ms. Simon then turned the gavel over to Council President Brady the chair the remainder of the meeting.**

**5. DISCUSSION / EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**a) Collective bargaining matters, including:**

- i) an amendment to a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Ohio Council 8, Local 1746, AFL-CIO, representing approximately 1,158 employees in various classifications in the Departments of Health and Human Services and Public Works for the period 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2017 to establish terms of the wage re-opener for the period 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017 and to modify Article 78.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining agreement and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Brady at 4:31 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown and Brady. The following additional attendees were present: Director of Law Robert Triozzi, Assistant Law Director Todd Ellsworth and Special Counsel Michael King. At 4:41 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Brady then reconvened the meeting.**

**6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA**

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Germana with a second by Mr. Schron, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m., without objection.**