



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL REMOTE* REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020
2:00 PM

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cuyahoga County Administration Building is closed to the public at this time. As this meeting is being conducted remotely, in accordance with HB 197, interested persons may access the meeting via livestream by using the following link: council.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Streaming-Video.aspx or by calling 1-877-336-1828 Access Code 3279066#.

**Public comment for this meeting may be submitted in writing via email to the Clerk of Council at jschmotzer@cuyahogacounty.us no later than 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Brady called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Brady asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens, Simon, Baker and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. SILENT MEDITATION

There was no moment of silent meditation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Clerk Schmotzer reported that Ms. Loh submitted public comment via email concerning shortfalls of COVID-19 social distancing and self-quarantining for the homeless.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) March 16, 2020 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Schron and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2020 Special meeting.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Brady welcomed Councilmembers to the remote meeting and recapped the March 16th Special meeting. He said that it has been a difficult time for everyone [due to the COVID-19 virus and subsequent shutdown]. He stated that the March 17, 2020 primary election was cancelled and has been reset as a mail-in only campaign with a deadline of April 28, 2020. Council President Brady also indicated that the County's Health and Human Services levy campaign continues and is being coordinated with our consultants. Due to staffing issues at the Board of Elections, final results may not be available until sometime in early May. As to when we may be able to return to business as before, we will be looking to the Governor for direction on this matter. In the meantime, we will do our best to perform our responsibilities during the shutdown. Next Tuesday, April 21, 2020, a Committee of the Whole [remote] meeting will be conducted as a substitute for our regular committee meetings and at that time there will also be a discussion regarding the state of the County's finances as it is time for Council to resume its oversight responsibilities. We all need to work closely together and do our jobs in spite of the limitations we are living with.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Budish stated that we are in the midst of a health and economic crisis unlike anything he has ever seen. People are suffering and the economy has fallen off a cliff. He said that we are doing everything we can to protect our residents and employees to slow the spread of the virus and to put us in the best possible position to recover as we come out of this crisis including: activating the Emergency Operations Center and coordinating with our many partners; reducing the jail population in half, setting up isolation and quarantine locations, screening every person before entering and eliminating most in-person visits; searching for, obtaining and distributing personal protective equipment for first responders, jail personnel and others; reducing in half the number of people in the homeless shelters by incentivizing them to move in with family or friends, providing hotel rooms and working with advocates to place port-a-potties with wash stations in areas used by people who are homeless; halting Sheriff's sales and working with banks to seek a moratorium on foreclosures and evictions; supporting United Way's 211 service helping people who

are unemployed to get the information and services they need; creating a small business resource center to help guide small business owners through the SBA program and other available resources, initiating a Small Business Stabilization Fund to fill in the funding gaps to help our small businesses get through the next few months; and, in partnership with AT&T, providing hotspots and Chromebooks to students in the Cleveland Municipal School District to continue to learn even if they don't have internet access.

County Executive Budish also reported that we are continuing to maintain County services to residents through this crises, but that we are anticipating a devastating loss of sales tax and other revenue which will clearly impact the way we do business and will require very tough decisions. He said that he has instituted a hiring freeze and is requiring two-week furloughs for all non-bargaining employees. He also said that all department heads were asked to submit proposed 15% budget cuts in order to maintain the goal of prudent financial management to get through this crisis while still ensuring the safety, health and security of our residents. He then thanked Councilmembers for what they are doing during this challenging time.

9. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE

a) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Resolution Nos. R2020-0079 and R2020-0080.

- 1) R2020-0079: A Resolution amending the 2020/2021 Biennial Operating Budget for 2020 by providing for additional fiscal appropriations from the General Fund and other funding sources, for appropriation transfers between budget accounts and for cash transfers between budgetary funds, to meet the budgetary needs of various County departments, offices and agencies; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Fiscal Officer/Office of Budget and Management

Council President Brady asked questions of Mr. Michael Chambers, Fiscal Officer, pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2020-0079 was considered and adopted by majority roll-call vote, with Mr. Gallagher casting the only dissenting vote.

- 2) R2020-0080: A Resolution approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association representing approximately 18 Deputy Sergeants at the Sheriff's Department for the period 1/1/2019 - 12/31/2021; directing that funds necessary to implement the Collective Bargaining Agreement be budgeted and appropriated; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Law and County Sheriff

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2020-0080.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2020-0080 was considered and adopted by unanimous roll-call vote.

b) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

- 1) R2020-0081: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a revenue generating Agreement with City of Berea for maintenance and repair of storm sewers and sanitary sewers located in County Sewer District No. 8 for the period 6/1/2017 - 3/31/2020 to extend the time period to 3/31/2021 and for additional revenue in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,600,000.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Public Works

Council President Brady referred Resolution No. R2020-0081 to the Committee of the Whole.

- 2) R2020-0082: A Resolution amending Resolution No. R2019-0018 dated 2/12/2019, which declared that public convenience and welfare requires resurfacing Brainard Road in the Cities of Highland Heights and Lyndhurst, by changing

the termini from Cedar Road to Wilson Mills Road to Falkirk Road to Wilson Mills Road; making an award on RQ47967 to Perk Company, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,028,622.80 for resurfacing Brainard Road from said termini in said municipalities; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; authorizing the County Engineer, on behalf of the County Executive, to make an application for allocation from County Motor Vehicle \$5.00 License Tax Funds in the amount of \$302,862.28 to fund a portion of said contract; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Public Works/Division of County Engineer

Council President Brady referred Resolution No. R2020-0082 to the Committee of the Whole.

- 3) R2020-0083: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. CE1900152-02 with AEP Onsite Partners, LLC fka Enerlogics Solar LLC for the purchase of electricity generated by Rooftop Solar Systems installed at various County facilities in connection with the Aggregated Solar Project for the period 6/1/2019 - 5/31/2029 to change the scope of services, effective 3/1/2020, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$624,466.74; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Departments of Public Works and Sustainability

Council President Brady referred Resolution No. R2020-0083 to the Committee of the Whole.

- 4) R2020-0084: A Resolution authorizing a revenue generating agreement with The Cleveland Clinic Foundation in the amount not-to-exceed \$900,000.00 for six Medicaid Enrollment Eligibility Specialists for the period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2021; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services

Council President Brady referred Resolution No. R2020-0084 to the Committee of the Whole.

- c) CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Ordinance No. O2020-0008.

- 1) O2020-0008: An uncodified Ordinance amending uncodified Ordinance No. O2020-0007 dated 3/16/2020, which provided for paid emergency administrative leave for all County employees, by deleting the requirement that the paid emergency administrative leave can only be used after the employee has exhausted his or her existing accrued sick leave; and declaring the necessity that this uncodified Ordinance become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish and Council President Brady

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Mr. Miller, Ordinance No. O2020-0008 was considered and adopted by unanimous roll-call vote.

10. MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council President Brady reported that the Committee of the Whole will meet on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Brady adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m., without objection.