



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

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

**At the request of Council President Brady, Councilmember Greenspan, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Mr. Greenspan asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Miller, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Brown, Hairston, Brady and Greenspan were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Simon and Jones were in attendance shortly after the roll call was taken.**

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

**Dr. Jennell Vick addressed Council regarding the Audiology Patient Assistance Program.**

**Mr. Edward Stockhausen addressed Council regarding proposed decreases in funding for the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board.**

**Mr. James McCafferty addressed Council regarding proposed budget cuts for mental health services.**

**Ms. Gail Long and Ms. Gloria Aron addressed Council regarding The MetroHealth System subsidy.**

**Ms. Rosie Palfy addressed Council regarding funding for homeless programs and the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board.**

**Mr. José Feliciano submitted written testimony regarding proposed cuts to the Health and Human Services budget.**

**Dr. Jacklyn Chisholm addressed Council regarding funding for early childhood programs.**

**Pastor Omar Medina addressed Council regarding proposed budget cuts and impact to Latino social service providers.**

**Ms. Megan Bonem addressed Council regarding funding for The Metanoia Project.**

**Ms. Nicole Debose addressed Council regarding proposed budget cuts to The Ohio State University Extension Program.**

**4. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / DISCUSSION:**

a) R2015-0209: A Resolution adopting the 2016/2017 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

i) Continuation of questions and answers on budget overview

ii) Budget Hearing Session I (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.):

a. Department of Health and Human Services/Office of the Director (Matt Carroll)

**Mr. Matthew Carroll, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, provided an overview of the department including the budget, services provided and priorities of individual agencies. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Carroll pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

b. Department of Health and Human Services:

i. Division of Children and Family Services  
(Thomas Pristow)

**Mr. Thomas Pristow, Director of the Division of Children and Family Services, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Division of Children and Family Services. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Pristow pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

- ii. Division of Senior and Adult Services (Dr. Richard Jones)

**Dr. Richard Jones, Director of the Division of Senior and Adult Services; Mr. Chris Glassburn, Senior Policy Advisor; and Mr. Eric Martin, Business Services Manager, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Division of Senior and Adult Services. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked question of Messrs. Jones, Glassburn and Martin pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**A recess was taken by Council, after which Mr. Greenspan then reconvened the meeting.**

- iii. Cuyahoga Job and Family Services (David Merriman)

**Mr. David Merriman, Administrator of Cuyahoga Job and Family Services, addressed Council regarding the budget for Cuyahoga Job and Family Services. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Merriman pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

iii) Budget Hearing Session II (1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.):

- a. Department of Health and Human Services:

- i. Division of Community Initiatives:

- 1. Office of Homeless Services (Ruth Gillett)

**Ms. Ruth Gillett, Director of the Office of Homeless Services, and Mr. Glassburn addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of Homeless Services. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Gillett and Mr. Glassburn pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

- 2. Office of Early Childhood (Dr. Rebekah Dorman)

**Dr. Rebekah Dorman, Director of the Office of Early Childhood, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of Early Childhood. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Dorman pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

3. Family and Children First Council (Robin Martin)

**Ms. Robin Martin, Director of the Family and Children First Council, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Glassburn addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Family and Children First Council. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Martin, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Glassburn pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.  
A brief recess was taken by Council, after which Mr. Greenspan then reconvened the meeting.**

4. Office of Re-entry (Luis Vazquez)

**Mr. Luis Vazquez, Director of the Office of Re-entry, and Mr. Carroll addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of Re-entry. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Vazquez and Mr. Carroll pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

b. Department of Workforce Development (Grace Kilbane)

**Ms. Grace Kilbane, Director of the Department of Workforce Development, and Mr. Glassburn addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Workforce Development. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Kilbane and Mr. Glassburn pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**No further legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2015-0209.**

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**Mr. Greenspan announced that budget discussions will continue at the next Committee of the Whole meeting which will be held on Friday, October 23, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Mr. Greenspan adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m., without objection.**