

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2014-0206

<p>Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald</p>	<p>A Resolution amending Resolution No. R2014-0052 dated 2/25/2014, which expressed support for the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee, Inc.'s efforts to secure a National Presidential Convention in Cleveland in 2016, to allow the use of certain County facilities on a rent-free basis as set forth in a County Service Agreement with Cleveland 2016 Host Committee, Inc. and SMG; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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WHEREAS, in Resolution No. R2014-0052 dated 2/25/2014, County Council previously authorized the County Executive to negotiate and enter into contracts in support of bringing a National Presidential Convention to Cleveland in 2016 ("Convention") in the amount of \$2,500,000 to support the bid for the Convention and a contract to contribute up to \$2,500,000 in in-kind law enforcement services and resources, by and through the Cuyahoga County Sheriff, in connection with providing security for the Convention;

WHEREAS, now that a National Presidential Convention will be coming to Cleveland in 2016, the Cuyahoga Council would like to amend Resolution No. R2014-0052 dated 2/25/2014 to additionally allow the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee, Inc. to use certain County facilities on a rent free basis as set forth in County Service Agreement with the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee, Inc. and SMG;

WHEREAS, Cleveland 2016 Host Committee, Inc. will not be considered a political committee under any state or federal laws or regulations;

WHEREAS, Cleveland 2016 Host Committee, Inc.'s primary function will be to (i) advise and support the host city, its partners and the local community in efforts to promote the local economy, encourage commerce and economic development, assist with the projection of a favorable image of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County; (ii) create and implement a program designed to promote Cuyahoga County area businesses as well as to attract and permanently retain business opportunities from outside of the State of Ohio; and (iii) fulfill all bid obligations to facilitate the needs of hosting a National Convention;

WHEREAS, the Convention will feature Cuyahoga County as a major convention and tourist destination;

WHEREAS, the Convention will have a positive economic impact, benefiting significantly our regional economy;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the Convention will attract 35,000 visitors to Cuyahoga County, create new jobs, and have a \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000 net positive economic impact on our region;

WHEREAS, travel and tourism rank among the Cuyahoga County's largest industries and the positive impact of hosting a National Convention in the Cuyahoga County would be significant for our community; and

WHEREAS, hosting the National Convention will not only bring immediate economic gains, but would place the entire metropolitan region in the national spotlight for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That County Council hereby amends R2014-0052 dated 2/25/2014 to expressly authorize the County to enter into a Service Agreement with the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee, Inc. and further authorize it to use the facilities as set forth in the County Service Agreement on a rent free basis, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Cleveland Convention Center and Global Center for Health Innovation up to 6 weeks, including the dates of the Convention;
- (b) Convention Center Hotel's Junior Ballroom, Grand Ballroom and Meeting Rooms A-L for 3 weeks, including the dates of the Convention;
- (c) From the effective date of this Resolution through the Convention, space for three people; for up to sixteen months, an additional 3,000 square feet of office space; for up to twelve months, an additional 12,000 square feet of office space; for up to nine months, an additional 10,000 square feet of office space, and for up to six months an additional 15,000 square feet of office space. For clarity, a total of up to 40,000 square feet of office space could be used at various times for an estimated 300 employees and volunteers of the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee, Inc.;
- (d) County Courthouse Rotunda for one or more Official Convention Events or Special Events during non-business hours at mutually agreeable times during the Convention;
- (e) Huntington Park Garage's available surplus parking spaces not reserved for County use; and

- (f) Reasonable amount of space for a volunteer and bus staging area at the County Airport during the Convention.

SECTION 2. The use of the County Facilities is subject to Usage Agreements and News Media User Agreements that will be negotiated in good faith by various parties in the future and the Rent Recovery provision as set forth in the County Service Agreement, which will help off-set costs related to the use of the County Facilities.

SECTION 3. That all other provisions of Resolution No. R2014-0052 dated 2/25/2014 shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 4. Any and all exemptions from competitive bidding, authorizations to engage in an alternative procurement process, and/or exemptions from state and/or federal law for anything contemplated in this Resolution or the County Service Agreement are hereby granted.

SECTION 5. That the County Executive or his authorized designee is authorized to take all actions, and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver (a) all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to facilitate and/or consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, including, but not limited to, the County Service Agreement and any potential Agreements referenced therein, including the contemplated Usage Agreements and News Media User Agreements, and all documents to be executed by the County pursuant to the Resolution, (b) all other and further documents, instruments, certificates, agreements, amendments, assignments, consents, affidavits, certifications, payments, disbursements, and notices, and (c) amendments, modifications and supplements to any of the foregoing, that the County Executive may deem necessary or advisable in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein, in all cases containing such terms and conditions as may be approved by the County's Director of Law or his designee.

SECTION 6. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 7. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that

resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Conwell, Jones, Hairston, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron and Connally

Nays: None


County Council President

9-9-14
Date


County Executive

9/16/14
Date


Clerk of Council

9/9/2014
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: August 26, 2014
Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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