



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

At the request of Council President Brady, Mr. 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 Brady, Miller, Germana, Gallagher, Greenspan, Conwell, Jones, Brown and Hairston were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Schron and Simon were in attendance after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

There were no public comments related to the agenda.

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

- a. Department of Public Safety and Justice Services (Frank Bova)

Mr. Frank Bova, Chief Community Safety & Protection Officer; Mr. Chris Glassburn, Senior Policy Advisor; and Mr. George Taylor, Director of the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Bova, Glassburn and Taylor pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

- b. Office of the Medical Examiner (Dr. Thomas Gilson)

Dr. Thomas Gilson, Medical Examiner, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the Medical Examiner. Discussion ensued.

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

- c. Office of the Clerk of Courts (Nailah Byrd)

Ms. Nailah Byrd, Clerk of Courts; Ms. Kelly Sweeney, Director of Special Projects; and Mr. Glassburn, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the Clerk of Courts. Discussion ensued.

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

- d. Office of the County Sheriff (Clifford Pinkney)

Sheriff Clifford Pinkney; Mr. Kenneth Mills, Director of Regional Corrections; Mr. James Taylor, Fiscal Officer for the Office of the County Sheriff; Ms. Donna Kaleal, Business Service Manager for the Office of the County Sheriff; and Mr. Glassburn, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the County Sheriff. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Sheriff Pinkney, Mr. Mills, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Kaleal and Mr. Glassburn pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

- e. Public Defender Commission (Robert Tobik)

Mr. Robert Tobik, Chief Public Defender, and Mr. Glassburn, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Public Defender Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

- f. Department of Law (Robert Triozzi)

Mr. Robert Triozzi, Director of Law, and Mr. Glassburn, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Law. Discussion ensued.

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

ii) Budget Hearing Session IV (1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.):

a. Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas:

i. General Division (The Honorable John J. Russo)

The Honorable John Russo, Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; Mr. James Ginley, Deputy Court Administrator; Mr. Glassburn; and Mr. Triozzi, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Court of Common Pleas General Division. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Russo, Mr. Ginley, Mr. Glassburn and Mr. Triozzi pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

ii. Juvenile Division (The Honorable Kristin W. Sweeney)

The Honorable Kristin Sweeney, Administrative Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Sweeney pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

iii. Domestic Relations Division (The Honorable Diane M. Palos)

The Honorable Diane Palos, Administrative Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Palos pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

iv. Probate Division (The Honorable Anthony J. Russo)

The Honorable Anthony Russo, Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Probate Division, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Court of Common Pleas Probate Division. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Russo pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

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

b. Department of Public Works (Michael Dever)

Mr. Michael Dever, Director of the Department of Public Works, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Public Works. Discussion ensued.

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

c. Cuyahoga County Planning Commission (Glenn Coyne)

Mr. Glenn Coyne, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Planning Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

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

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

There were no public comments given unrelated to the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to address, Mr. Greenspan adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m., without objection.