



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 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, Councilmember Greenspan, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

A motion was made by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Mr. Schron from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

No public comments were given 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 V (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.):

- a. The MetroHealth System (Dr. Akram Boutros)

Dr. Akram Boutros, President and Chief Executive Officer of The MetroHealth System, addressed Council regarding budget requests for The MetroHealth System. Discussion ensued.

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

b. Department of Regional Collaboration (Edward Kraus)

Mr. Edward Kraus, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Regional Collaboration. Discussion ensued.

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

c. Department of Sustainability (Michael Foley)

Mr. Michael Foley, Director of the Department of Sustainability, and Mr. Chris Glassburn, Senior Policy Advisor, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Sustainability. Discussion ensued.

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

d. Department of Development (Nathan Kelly)

Mr. Nathan Kelly, Interim Director of the Department of Development, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Development. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Kenneth Surratt, Deputy Director of Housing and Community Development, addressed Council regarding the Demolition Fund program. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Surratt, which he answered accordingly.

e. Department of Communications (Eliza Wing)

Ms. Eliza Wing, Chief Communications Officer, and Mr. Glassburn addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Communications. Discussion ensued.

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

f. Department of Information Technology (Michael Young)

Mr. Michael Young, Interim Chief Information Officer, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Information Technology. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Robert Triozzi, Director of Law, addressed Council regarding the interim status of Mr. Young's position. Discussion ensued.

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

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

g. Office of the Fiscal Officer (Dennis Kennedy)

Mr. Dennis Kennedy, Fiscal Officer, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the Fiscal Officer. Discussion ensued.

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

h. Office of the County Treasurer (Christopher Murray)

Mr. Christopher Murray, County Treasurer, and Mr. Glassburn addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Office of the County Treasurer. Discussion ensued.

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

i. Department of Human Resources (TBD)

Ms. Lisa Durkin, Interim Director of the Department of Human Resources, and Mr. Glassburn addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Department of Human Resources. Discussion ensued.

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

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

a. Personnel Review Commission (Rebecca Kopcienski)

Ms. Rebecca Kopcienski, Administrator for the Personnel Review Commission, and Mr. Glassburn addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Personnel Review Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

b. Agency of the Inspector General (Mark Griffin)

Mr. Mark Griffin, Inspector General, addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Agency of the Inspector General. Discussion ensued.

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

c. Cuyahoga County Board of Elections (Patrick McDonald)

Mr. Patrick McDonald, Director of the Board of Elections; Mr. Sean Webster, Fiscal Services Manager for the Board of Elections; and Mr. Glassburn addressed Council regarding budget requests for the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. Discussion ensued.

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

iii) Capital Plan and Debt Management Overview (Dennis Kennedy)

Mr. Kennedy; Mr. Michael Dever, Director of the Department of Public Works; and Mr. Glassburn addressed Council regarding the 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Plan, including the expenses projected for each major capital improvement category and the proposed funding source for each category. Discussion ensued.

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

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

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

No public comments were given unrelated to the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m., without objection.