



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2013
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

At the request of Council President Connally, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Miller at 1:09 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Miller asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Conwell and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Jones entered the meeting sometime after the roll call was taken. Councilmember Schron was absent from the meeting.

A motion was then made by Mr. Germana, seconded by Mr. Brady and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Mr. Schron from the meeting due to being out of town.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

No public comments related to the agenda were given.

Chairman Miller turned the meeting over to Council President Connally to chair. She introduced Mr. Jeffrey Appelbaum who introduced Mr. Mark Leahy of SMG, the new venue management group overseeing operations for the Global Center for Health Innovation and the Convention Center.

Council President Connally then turned the meeting back over to Mr. Miller to chair the remainder of the meeting.

4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / DISCUSSION:

- a) R2013-0229: A Resolution adopting the 2014/2015 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Clerk Schmotzer read Resolution No. R2013-0229 into the record.

- 1) Budget Presentations:

[Note: Item No. 1 vii) was taken out of order and considered before Item No. 1 i)]

- i) Sheriff's Department (Frank Bova)

Sheriff Frank Bova addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Sheriff's Department. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Sheriff Bova pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- ii) Office of the Clerk of Courts (Andrea Rocco)

Ms. Andrea Rocco, Clerk of Courts, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Office of the Clerk of Courts. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Rocco pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

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

Dr. Thomas Gilson, Medical Examiner, addressed the Committee 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.

- iv) Department of Public Safety and Justice Services (Norberto Colon)

Mr. Norberto Colon, Deputy Chief of Staff of Justice, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services. Discussion ensued.

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

- v) Office of the Public Defender (Robert Tobik)

Mr. Robert Tobik, Chief Public Defender, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Office of the Public Defender. Discussion ensued.

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

- vi) Cuyahoga County Law Library (Kathleen Dugan)

Ms. Kathleen Dugan, Director, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Cuyahoga County Law Library. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Dugan pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

A brief recess was taken by the Committee after which Chairman Miller reconvened the meeting.

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- vii) Court of Appeals of Ohio, Eighth Appellate District (The Honorable Melody J. Stewart)

The Honorable Melody J. Stewart, Administrative Judge, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Eighth Appellate District. Discussion ensued.

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

- viii) Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas:

- a. General Division (The Honorable Nancy A. Fuerst)

The Honorable Nancy A. Fuerst, Administrative and Presiding Judge, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Court of Common Pleas, General Division. Discussion ensued.

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

- b. Domestic Relations Division (The Honorable Diane M. Palos)

The Honorable Diane M. Palos, Administrative Judge, addressed the Committee 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.

- c. Juvenile Division (The Honorable Thomas F. O'Malley)

The Honorable Thomas F. O'Malley, Administrative Judge, addressed the Committee regarding budget requests for the Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Judge O'Malley pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- d. Probate Division (The Honorable Anthony J. Russo)

The Honorable Anthony J. Russo, Presiding Judge, addressed the Committee 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.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No other public comments were given.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Rogers, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m., without objection.