



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
2:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council Vice-President Brady called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

The following citizens addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to them relating to Resolution No. R2014-0002, a Resolution determining to submit to the electors the question of levying an extension of the alcohol and cigarette excise taxes:

- a) Mr. Mike Burns, Positively Cleveland**
- b) Dr. Jon Steinbrecher, Commissioner, Mid-American Conference**
- c) Mr. Dave Wondolowski, Executive Secretary, Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council**
- d) Mr. Joe Marinucci, President, Downtown Cleveland Alliance**
- e) Mr. Zack Bruell, Chef and business owner**
- f) Mr. Don Scipione**

4. PRESENTATIONS REGARDING PROPOSED EXTENSION OF ALCOHOL AND CIGARETTE EXCISE TAXES

Mr. Kevin Kelly, City of Cleveland Council President; Mr. Tim Offtermat, Gateway Economic Development Corporation Chairman; Mr. Kenneth Silliman, Chief of Staff to City of Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson; Mr. Dennis Lehman, Executive Vice President of the Cleveland Indians; Mr. Len Komoroski, CEO of the Cavaliers/Quicken Loans Arena; and Mr. David Jenkins, CFO of the Cleveland Browns, addressed the Committee regarding the proposed extension of alcohol and cigarette excise taxes. Discussion ensued. Councilmembers asked questions pertaining to the item, which were answered accordingly.

5. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2014-0002: A Resolution determining to submit to the electors the question of levying an extension of the alcohol and cigarette excise taxes for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing, renovating, improving, or repairing sports facilities and reimbursing a county for costs incurred by the county in the construction of sports facilities.

Clerk Schmotzer read Resolution No. R2014-0002 into the record, after which no legislative action was taken.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

The following citizens addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to them relating to Resolution No. R2014-0002, a Resolution determining to submit to the electors the question of levying an extension of the alcohol and cigarette excise taxes:

- a) **Mr. Don Scipione**
- b) **Mr. Josh Damankos**

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Germana with a second by Mr. Rogers, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m., without objection.