



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
5:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Councilmembers Miller, Sweeney, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Turner, Stephens, Simon, Kelly, and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**4. SILENT MEDITATION**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a) Maurice Rhoades addressed Council regarding various non-agenda items.**
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- a) Stephanie Thomas addressed Council regarding funding for homeless persons.**
- b) Ben McComas addressed Council regarding funding for homeless persons.**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) December 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting**
- b) December 14, 2023 Special Meeting**

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**Council President Jones stated that Resolution No. R2023-0367 awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,297.98, to the City of Bay Village for the purpose of the Bay Village Power Bike Project from the District 1 ARPA Community Grant Fund was introduced at the December 5, 2023 Council meeting and initially referred to the Community Development Committee, is now being referred to the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee taking place on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.**

8. MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**County Executive Ronayne congratulated newly elected and re-elected local leaders throughout Cuyahoga County on their victories; thanked Council for their support of the frontline, non-profit agencies in the County and spoke about a recent visit to The Achievement Centers for Children Camp Cheerful; spoke about the Great Estates Program being held at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium on January 10<sup>th</sup> and thanked the Fiscal Department and Division of Probate Court for their participation and said he looks forward to expanding these events to other communities; and said the County has been proposing various initiatives to the state legislature through the state capital budget and hopes they will support these initiatives, particularly the County's Child Wellness Center and thanked Councilmember Conwell for her leadership on this initiative.**

9. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL

a) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

- 1) R2024-0001: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to the Edgewater Homeowners' Association d.b.a. Edgewater North Homeowners' Association for upgraded security cameras from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Sweeney

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0001 to the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee.**

- 2) R2024-0002: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$250,000 to Euclid Circle Inc. and its' fiscal agent, Olympia Foundation Inc., for phases I and II of a mixed-use development project in the City of East Cleveland from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the

necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Conwell

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0002 to the Economic Development & Planning Committee.**

- 3) R2024-0003: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Greater Cleveland Chapter for the Teen Summit and Cut with a Cop Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Turner

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0003 to the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.**

- 4) R2024-0004: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$3,000, to the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. for the Swim 1922 Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Turner

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0004 to the Community Development Committee.**

- 5) R2024-0005: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Black Child Development Institute Ohio for the trauma informed curriculum which privileges the unique strengths and needs of Black children from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Turner

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0005 to the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.**

- 6) R2024-0006: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Linking Partnership Opportunities Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of Childhood Hunger

Initiative Power Pack Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Turner

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0006 to the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.**

- 7) R2024-0007: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Alpha Omega Foundation for the Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Turner

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0007 to the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.**

- 8) R2024-0008: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation for the purpose of providing a college tour of Historically Black Colleges & Universities in the Atlanta, Georgia area from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Turner

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0008 to the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.**

- 9) R2024-0009: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Impact Youth, Inc. for operating support from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Turner

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0009 to the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.**

- 10) R2024-0010: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the Zeta Omega Foundation for the Annual Food Basket Giveaway from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Turner

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0010 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.**

- 11) R2024-0011: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Devin Moore Heart Foundation for the CPR/AED Preparedness Training Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Turner

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0011 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.**

- 12) R2024-0012: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000, to Community Housing Solutions for the Home Repair Program from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Simon

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0012 to the Community Development Committee.**

## 10. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE

- b) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

**A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Resolution Nos. R2024-0013, R2024-0014 & R2024-0015.**

- 1) R2024-0013: A Resolution approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Ohio

Council 8, AFL-CIO, Local 1746 representing approximately 1,108 employees in 15 classifications within the Department of Health and Human Services at Cuyahoga Job and Family Services, Division of Children and Family Services, and Division of Senior and Adult Services for the period 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2026; directing that funds necessary to implement the agreement be budgeted and appropriated; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Law and Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services/Division of Children and Family Services, and Division of Senior and Adult Services

**On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0013 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 2) R2024-0014: A Resolution approving an Amendment a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc, (“FOP”), representing approximately 46 employees in 8 classifications in the Cuyahoga County Regional Forensic Science Laboratory under the direction of the County Medical Examiner for the period 4/26/2022 – 12/31/2024, to establish the terms of the wage and health insurance re-opensers for 2024 and to modify Articles 31 and 37; directing that funds necessary to implement the amendment be budgeted and appropriated; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Office of the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner and the Regional Forensic Science Laboratory, and the Department of Law

**On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0014 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 3) R2024-0015: A Resolution approving an Amendment to a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, representing approximately 173 employees working in the Probation Department for the period 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2025, to

establish the terms of the wage re-openers for 2024 and 2025 and to modify Article 10; directing that funds necessary to implement the amendment be budgeted and appropriated; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Court of Common Pleas, General Division, and the Department of Law

**Clerk Ricardson read Resolution No. R2024-0014 into the record. No further legislative action was taken by Council.**

c) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

- 1) R2024-0016: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment and re-appointments of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees for various terms; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

Appointment:

- i) Debbie Berry for an unexpired term ending 3/31/2026

Re-appointments:

- i) Michael Chambers for the term 10/16/2023 – 10/15/2026
- ii) Sara Parks Jackson for the term 10/16/2023 – 10/15/2026

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0016 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- 2) R2024-0017: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's re-appointment of Dean E. DePiero to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees for the term 2/1/2024

– 1/31/2031, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0017 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- 3) R2024-0018: A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s appointment of various Mayors to serve on the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission representing various regions for various terms, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

Appointments:

- i) The Honorable Gregory P. Kurtz (Cuyahoga Region) for an unexpired term ending 12/31/2025
- ii) The Honorable Matthew Burke (Chagrin/Southeast Region) for the term 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
- iii) The Honorable David E. Weiss (Heights Region) for the term 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0018 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- 4) R2024-0019: A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s appointment of Sharon Dumas to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees for an unexpired term ending 3/1/2026, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0019 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- 5) R2024-0020: A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s appointment of J. Stefan Holmes to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees for an unexpired term ending



3/6/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0020 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- 6) R2024-0021: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's re-appointment of Erskine Cade to serve on the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County for the term 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0021 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- 7) R2024-0022: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's re-appointment of Salvatore Talarico to serve on the Cuyahoga County Audit Committee for the term 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0022 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- 8) R2024-0023: A Resolution authorizing a revenue generating Agreement with the City of Cleveland Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$600,000.00 for maintenance and repair of storm and sanitary sewers located in County Sewer District No. 17 for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 3902 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0023 to the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee.**

- 9) R2024-0024: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Court Community Service Inc., in the amount not-to-exceed \$555,000.00 for Community Works Service Placement and Supervision Program services for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 4022 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/on behalf of Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Corrections Planning Board

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0024 to the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee.**

- 10) R2024-0025: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Agreement No. 3381 with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities for reimbursement of staffing services for the DD Medicaid Waiver Program for the period 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023 to extend the time period to 12/31/2024, to make budget line item revisions effective 1/1/2024, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$527,573.69; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0025 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.**

- 11) R2024-0026: A Resolution making an award on RQ13370 to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,350,000.00 for Adult Guardianship services for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 4013 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Senior and Adult Services

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0026 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.**

- 12) R2024-0027: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with City of Cleveland, Department of Public Health in the amount not-to-exceed \$682,276.00 for Prenatal and Inter-conceptual Care services to high-risk families in connection with the expansion of the MomsFirst Program for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 3718 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Community Initiatives/Office of Early Childhood

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0027 to the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.**

- 13) R2024-0028: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,350,000.00 for fiscal agent and administrative services in connection with Bright Beginnings System and Parent Support Department related Program services for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 3719 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Community Initiatives/Office of Early Childhood

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0028 to the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.**

- 14) R2024-0029: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Cuyahoga County Board of Health in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,450,000.00 for Program Administration services for the Newborn Home Visiting Program for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 3725 and all

other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Community Initiatives/Office of Early Childhood

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0029 to the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.**

- 15) R2024-0030: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 2525 (fka Contract No. 1791) with Applewood Centers, Inc. for emergency respite and crisis bed services for youth referred by the Coordinated Approach to Misdemeanors (CALM) Program for the period 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2023, to extend the time period to 6/30/2024 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,029,949.61; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Health and Human Services/on behalf of Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0030 to the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee.**

- 16) R2024-0031: A Resolution authorizing a Place-Based/Mixed Use Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,200,000.00 to Euclid Circle, Inc., or their designee, for the benefit of a mixed-use, real estate redevelopment project for property located at 13231 Euclid Ave., City of East Cleveland; authorizing the County Executive and/or Director of Development to execute all documents consistent with said loan and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Development

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2024-0031 to the Economic Development & Planning Committee.**

#### 11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Mr. Miller reported that the Finance & Budgeting Committee will not meet next week but expects to meet on Monday, January 29 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Mr. Gallagher reported that the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 16 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Mr. Schron reported that the Economic Development & Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 16 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Ms. Conwell reported that the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 17 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Ms. Turner reported that the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Ms. Stephens reported that the Community Development Committee will meet on Monday, January 22 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Ms. Simon reported that the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 31 at 3:00 p.m.**

#### 12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m., without objection.**