



## **MINUTES**

### **CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**

**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

**1:00 PM**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.**

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Ms. Conwell asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Conwell, Sweeney, Turner and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Stephens was absent.**

**A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Ms. Stephens from the meeting.**

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There was no public comment given.**

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 26, 2023 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2023 meeting.**

#### **5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

**[Clerk's Note: Item No. 7.a) was taken out of order and considered before Item Nos. 5.a), 5.b), 5.c), 6.a) and 6.b)]**

- a) R2023-0222: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$250,000, to Mobile Med1 d.b.a. Medworks for the purpose of expanding Medworks Oral Health and Dental Care in Cleveland from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Charnell Robertson, Executive Director; Mr. Zac Ponsky, Founder and Board Chair; Ms. Rosemary Pierce, Director of Advancement; and Ms. Shannon Mathers, Volunteer and Supply Coordinator for Mobile Med1 d.b.a. Medworks and Ms. Sabrina Roberts, Senior Advisor of Partnerships and Engagement for the Executive's Office, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0222. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Robertson, Mr. Ponsky, Ms. Pierce, Ms. Mathers and Ms. Roberts pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2023-0222 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Ms. Conwell, Ms. Turner, Mr. Miller and Mr. Sweeney requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- b) R2023-0232: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$100,000, to Hazelwood Court, LLC for the Hazelwood Court Senior Housing Project from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. MaryEllen Melcher, Vice President of Development Operations, PIRHL Developers, LLC and Ms. Allison Salopeck, President and Chief Executive Officer, Jennings Center for Older Adults, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0232. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Melcher and Ms. Salopeck pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2023-0232 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Ms. Turner requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.**

- c) R2023-0246: A Resolution authorizing a payment to The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation, as fiscal agent for The Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition, in the amount not-to-exceed \$800,000.00 for operational support for the period 9/26/2023 – 12/31/2023; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Brian Edwards, Portfolio Manager for the Department of Development; Mr. Daniel Cohn, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer for The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation; Ms. Ayonna Blue Donald, Vice President, Ohio Market Leader for Enterprise Community Partners; and Mr. Kevin DeLeon, Co-Director of Programs for Environmental Health Watch, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0246. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Edwards, Mr. Cohn, Ms. Blue Donald and Mr. DeLeon pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2023-0246 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Ms. Turner, Ms. Conwell and Mr. Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

**6. DISCUSSION**

**a) Section 1 - Item AD. from R2023-0238:**

AD. 4600 - Capital Projects	BA2323015
PW600120 – Non-Subsidy Facility Projects	
Personal Services	\$ 916,354.00
Other Expenses	\$1,243,110.00

The Department of Public Works is requesting new appropriation in the amount of \$2,159,464 to establish the Interim Foster Care Housing Facility capital project. This project, which aims to design and construct foster care housing at Metzenbaum Center, includes interior renovations, a new fire suppression system, a new HVAC system, and a new ADA ramp to access the building. This project will be funded by the Human Services Fund.

**b) Section 3 - Item H. from R2023-0238:**

H. FROM: 2260 – Human Services	CT2313332
HS260130 – Office of the Director	
Trans Out – Transfer Out	\$2,159,464.00
TO: 4600 – Capital Projects	
PW600120 – Non Subsidy Facility Projects	
Trans In – Transfer In	\$2,159,464.00

The Department of Public Works requests a cash transfer of \$2,159,464 to establish the Interim Foster Care Housing Facility capital project. This

project, which aims to design and construct foster care housing at Metzenbaum Center, includes interior renovations, a new fire suppression system, a new HVAC system, and a new ADA ramp to access the building. The funding source is the Human Services Fund.

**Mr. Matt Rymer, Facilities Design & Maintenance Administrator for the Department of Public Works and Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, addressed the Committee and provided a presentation regarding the funding request related to the Interim Foster Care Housing Facility capital project.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Rymer and Mr. Merriman pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**There was no legislation action taken.**

## **7. PRESENTATION**

- a) Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County/Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) – James McCafferty

**Mr. James McCafferty, Board Chair and Mr. Dennis Kusler, Court Appointed Special Advocate, addressed the committee members and provided an overview of the Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County/Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program and described the funding challenges experienced while carrying out the program's mission.**

## **8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m., without objection.**