



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 1:07 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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 24, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0309: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$5,000, to the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry for the "Welcome Home!" Anniversary Celebration from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Maria Foschia, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0309. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Foschia pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0309 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

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

- b) R2024-0317: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to incYOU Resource Foundation Inc. for the Lifeline Cleveland Project from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Monica Grays, Founder and Executive Director and Ms. Lena Wilson, Project Manager and Co-Chair of Naomi Women of Distinction Project, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0317. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Grays and Ms. Wilson pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2024-0317 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2024-0318: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Harvard Community Services Center for the Grandparents Family Day and Resource Fair from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Louis Moore, Event Coordinator for the Grandparents Family Day and Resource Fair, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0318. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Moore pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Ms. Conwell requested to add funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; Mr. Sweeney requested to add funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and Ms. Turner requested to add funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund, which will be incorporated into a proposed substitute for consideration at the next Council meeting for second reading.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2024-0318 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

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

d) R2024-0343: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to Skills Employment and Training services for the period 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024 to extend the time period to 9/30/2025, to make budget line item revisions, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,257,500.00, effective 10/1/2024; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Master Contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 3684 with The Centers for Families and Children in the amount not-to-exceed \$130,000.00.
- 2) Contract No. 3704 with Cleveland Center for Arts & Technology dba New Bridge Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.00.
- 3) Contract No. 3707 with Cuyahoga County Public Library in the amount not-to-exceed \$27,500.00.
- 4) Contract No. 3710 with Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00.
- 5) Contract No. 3706 with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00.
- 6) Contract No. 3708 with Towards Employment in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00.
- 7) Contract No. 3711 with West Side Catholic Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00.

Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts and Performance for the Department of Health and Human Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0343. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Cortes pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2024-0343 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- e) R2024-0344: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 4223 with Catholic Charities Corporation for success coaching services for eligible Ohio Works First applicants and management of the incentive payment system in connection with the Benefit Bridge Pilot Program for the period 3/1/2024 – 12/31/2024 to extend the time period to 6/30/2025, to make budget line item revisions, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,870,000.00, effective 7/1/2024; 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.

Mr. Cortes and Mr. Paul Bounds, Deputy Administrator for Cuyahoga Job & Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0344. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Cortes and Mr. Bounds pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2024-0344 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- f) R2024-0345: A Resolution making awards on RQ14523 to various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,575,000.00 for emergency assistance services for the period 9/1/2024 – 8/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute a Master Contract and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 4620 with A-Z Furniture Co., Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$315,000.00.
- 2) Contract No. 4617 with Burlington Stores, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00.
- 3) Contract No. 4622 with Dave’s Supermarket, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$125,000.00.

- 4) Contract No. 4621 with Penney OpCo, LLC dba JCPenney in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$250,000.00.
- 5) Contract No. 4619 with West 25th Furnishings and Appliances, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$385,000.00.

Mr. Cortes addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0345. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Cortes pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2024-0345 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

6. PRESENTATION

- a) Various Capital Improvements - Atunyese Herron, President and Chief Executive Officer, East End Neighborhood House, Inc.

Ms. Atunyese Herron, President and Chief Executive Officer; Dr. Tatiana Wells, Board Chair; and Mr. Derrick Fulton, Board Member for the East End Neighborhood House, Inc., made a presentation to the committee, which included an overview of the organization's mission, purpose and the services they offer to the community. They also provided an update on the expenses and capital improvements made on the Ubuntu Gathering Place and other various landscaping and maintenance improvements.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Herron, Dr. Wells and Mr. Fulton pertaining to the presentation, which they answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m., without objection.