



MINUTES
CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gallagher asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Baker and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Tuma and Brady were absent from the meeting. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 30, 2019 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Baker, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 30, 2019 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) None

There were no matters referred to Committee.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Introduction and update from Administrator of Corrections

Ms. Brandy Carney, Chief Community Protection and Safety Officer, introduced Ms. Ronda Gibson, Administrator of Corrections. Ms. Gibson then provided the Committee with an overview of her background, education and experience. She also addressed the Committee regarding her goals to improve jail operations, increase training and recruit more staff. Discussion ensued.

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

b) Update regarding Jail contracts

Ms. Carney provided the Committee with an update on the contracts for the Cities of Bedford and Euclid jail facilities. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Carney and Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor, addressed Council regarding the jail agreement with the City of Cleveland. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Carney and Mr. McAleer pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

c) Dormitory space in County Jail

Ms. Carney and Mr. Matthew Rymer, Maintenance Administrator, addressed the Committee regarding the construction timeline for the dormitory space in the County jail. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Carney and Mr. Rymer pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

d) Hiring of new Corrections Officers

Ms. Carney addressed the Committee regarding the hiring process, pay, testing and number of newly hired Correction Officers. Discussion ensued.

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

e) Update regarding Food Service RFP at County Jail

Ms. Carney addressed the Committee regarding the number of responses received and the evaluation process for the food service RFP. Discussion ensued.

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

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Michael Brown, Manager of Talent Acquisitions, addressed the Committee regarding the salary information for Ken Mills and Ronda Gibson. Discussion ensued.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m., without objection.