



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020
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 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gallagher asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Baker, Tuma, Brady and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Miller, Jones, Simon and Brown were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 2, 2020 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2020 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2020-0133: A Resolution making awards on RQ46389 to various providers, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,412,387.68, for the Shelter Care Spectrum of Services Program for the period 3/1/2020 - 2/28/2022; authorizing the County Executive to execute the master contract and all other documents consistent with said awards and this

Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- i) Carrington Youth Academy, LLC in the approximate amount reasonably anticipated to be \$1,012,387.68.
- ii) The Cleveland Christian Home Incorporated in the approximate amount reasonably anticipated to be \$400,000.00.

Ms. Sarah Baker, Business Manager for Juvenile Court, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0133. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Mr. Tuma, Resolution No. R2020-0133 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. DISCUSSION

- a) Opioid spike in Cuyahoga County

Dr. Thomas Gilson, Medical Examiner, addressed the Committee regarding opioid overdoses in the County and provided information related to the number of deaths, race, age, gender and location of the victims. Discussion ensued.

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

- b) Resupply of riot gear

Sgt. Timothy O'Connor, Deputy Sheriff; and Mr. David Schilling, Interim Sheriff, addressed the Committee regarding re-supplying protective gear and use of force and non-lethal weapon system policies. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Sgt. O'Connor and Sheriff Schilling pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

- c) Riot response timeline and cost

Sheriff Schilling addressed the Committee regarding the County's response to rioting that occurred during the protest in downtown Cleveland. Discussion ensued.

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

d) Jail medical treatment

Dr. Julia Brunner, Interim Jail Medical Director; and Ms. Ronda Gibson, Administrator of Corrections, addressed the Committee regarding testing, hospitalizations, costs and next steps related to COVID-19 medical treatment. Discussion ensued.

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

e) Hazard Pay justification

Mr. William Mason, Chief of Staff to County Executive Budish, addressed the Committee regarding justification for hazard pay. Discussion ensued.

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

f) Safety force layoffs

Mr. Mason addressed the Committee regarding layoffs for Public Safety employees. Discussion ensued.

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

g) CARES Act building alterations and timeline

Mr. Michael Dever, Director of the Department of Public Works; and Mr. Matthew Rymer, Facilities Maintenance Administrator, addressed the Committee regarding the status of building modifications related to the CARES Act as well as the jail kitchen and attorney/client visitation area within the Justice Center. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Dever and Rymer pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m., without objection.