

County Council Regular Meeting: Feb. 23, 2016

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I. Introduction.

The meeting was called together at 5pm by President Dan Brady, with all 11 Council members present.

II. Antecedents, Announcements and Public Comment.

Mr. Brady requested a moment of silence to reflect on the passing of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. County Executive Armand Budish discussed the Harvest for Hunger campaign and acknowledged support from the county and its employees.

III. Business Transacted.

* Council adopted the amended Cuyahoga County Personnel Review Commission's Administrative Rules. The amendments eliminated conflicts between the PRC rules and the County Code. A few revisions address certain definitions related to job classifications. The PRC is expected to submit its own suggestions for additional changes in the future

* A number of items were introduced and referred to appropriate committees:
-- \$10 million for the Pleasant Valley Bridge project in Independence and Valley View.
-- \$2.3 million for the Cedar Point Bridge project in North Olmsted.
-- An agreement with Cleveland's Department of Public Health, to administer and coordinate that city's Moms First Program.
-- \$1.4 million, \$2.8 million and \$3.9 million contracts to the same company, Starting Point, for the coordination of several pieces of the Invest in Children Program

* Council agreed, on second reading, to move the rewarding of Community Development Block Grant Municipal Grant Program for the remainder of this year along to the March 8 Council meeting agenda for third reading adoption. The \$1.5 million in grants will go to ten different municipalities, among which are Fairview Park and University Heights.

* \$2 million and c. \$600,000 were awarded, respectively, to the Carrington Youth Academy and the Cleveland Christian Home for secure shelter care services.

* Three of the County Executive's appointments were approved: Scot M. Rourke to the position of Chief Information Officer, Douglas M. Dykes to be Director of Human Services, and Evan T Byron to head the County's Debarment Review Board.

IV. Notes.

The Council Operations Committee will meet March 1st at 3pm to continue the discussion of changes to the Code of Ethics.

There will be a workshop for elected officials on March 4th and 5th, conducted by Cleveland State University; Council members should encourage newly elected City Councils in their districts to attend.