

## **County Council Regular Meeting: July 12, 2016**

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### **I. Introduction.**

President Dan Brady called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. All other Council members except Yvonne Conwell were present. The meeting ended at 5:25 p.m.

### **II. Antecedents, Announcements and Public Comment.**

Both Mr. Brady and County Executive Armond Budish said they were looking forward to next week's Republican National Convention. Mr. Budish added that county sheriff deputies have received 50 body cameras and that the sheriff's department also has five new mobile camera units. He said that county offices will be open every day next week until 3 p.m.

Mr. Budish also reported that the U.S. Surgeon General (Vice Admiral Vivek H. Murthy) was in Cleveland today to meet with 50 community leaders as they try to combat the region's serious opioid problem. The battle against opioid addiction requires collaboration among local, state and federal agencies, Mr. Budish said.

The Rev. Pinckney-Butz addressed various topics before and after the regular agenda.

### **III. Business Transacted**

\* The routine, regular cash transfer item was approved, as usual, but Mr. Greenspan said that spending to cover costs of the pedestrian bridge (from downtown to the lakefront) may have to be discussed again in the future.

- \* Several items were passed unanimously on second reading, among them the following:
- Confirmation of the county executive's appointment of Terry Allan to serve as co-chair of the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Health Services Planning Council for an unexpired term ending June 30, 2018. Allan is the commissioner of the county's Board of Health.
  - \$8.9 million for county airport runway improvements.
  - \$1.2 million for 2016 road resurfacing projects in Berea and Garfield Heights. The county engineer will apply for allocation of \$1.03 million in county motor vehicle license tax funds to help fund the project.
  - Adoption of the county's Annual Tax Budget, including the county's library budget, for 2017. Mr. Greenspan said that this is a routine and required submission to the state.

-- A \$1.44 million contract for administration of the Shelter Plus Care Sponsor-Based Rental Assistance Program in connection with the HEARTH Act Homeless Assistance Grant Program for the following year. Mr. Jones said that the contract will cover rental subsidies for 212 housing units.

\* Resolutions on second reading, moved along to the July 26 meeting for adoption:

-- \$533,000 to authorize the County's annual audit for 2015 by the Auditor of the State of Ohio.  
-- Confirmation of the county executive's appointment of David Marquard and two alternates to serve on the District One Public Works Integrating Committee. "District One" is a state designation referring to Cuyahoga County.

\* Four other items were read once and referred to committees:

-- \$1.7 million for the county's Men's Shelter Renovations Project  
-- \$6.6 million for the county's Halle Archives and Board of Elections Operations Building Renovations Project.  
-- An ordinance creating and adopting a County Health and Human Services Plan.

#### **IV. Notes.**

The meeting originally scheduled for Aug. 23 has been canceled. This was the shortest County Council meeting this observer has ever attended.