

County Council Regular Meeting: April 12, 2017

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I. Introduction.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Council President Brady and ended at 5:40 pm. All Council members were present.

II. Antecedents, Announcements and Public Comment.

Juan Molina Crespo, Executive Director of the Hispanic Alliance spoke in favor of the Metrohealth campus transformation. He noted that Metro has become a valued asset to the Hispanic community, which appreciates the staff's diversity and sensitivity to cultural differences and quality of care.

III. Business Transacted.

* Adopted: Authorization to obtain and/or pledge letters of credit in support of the Metrohealth system campus transformation project and authorization of contracts or other related actions. Although the resolution contains no dollar amounts, it does guarantee that the project can go forward with county backing for funding and/or loans.

* Adopted: Authorization of a Memo of Understanding with the Board of Elections for purchase of electronic pollbooks. This is the first step in a two-step process which needs to be implemented by end of May.

* Other resolutions adopted after 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Reading were the following:

- Appointment of F. Allen Boseman to the Personnel Review Commission
- A \$500,000 award to College Now Greater Cleveland for the period ending 6/30/21
- A \$2.3 million agreement with the County Prosecutor's office for unspecified legal services.
- A \$6 million revenue generating agreement with CC Land Reutilization Corp. for 2017-2020. It was explained that this is all pass-through federal money to reimburse the Land Bank.
- A \$480,000 Economic Development Fund loan to 7signal Solutions, Inc.. Mr. Schron said this brings about 25 hi-tech jobs to Independence.
- A \$9.1 million amendment to contract with Youth Opportunities Unlimited for the TANF Summer Youth Employment Program for 5/1/2016 through 12/31/2017. The program will be extended to ages 14-24.

* One resolution, a contract with Ernst & Young was not adopted. Some information was not received in time so the resolution was tabled until next meeting.

*Resolutions introduced and referred to committee:

- A multitude of road resurfacing projects referred to Public Works: Chagrin River Rd, Coventry Rd., Harvard Rd., Silsby Rd.
- A \$0.5 million agreement with State of Ohio Office of the Auditor for the Y2016 audit.
- A resolution urging State Legislators to take action to protect counties and transit authorities against the loss of Medicaid managed care organization sales tax revenue.
- Awards of up to \$3.4 million for community social services programs for 2017/2018 to 28 municipalities and providers.

IV. Notes.

The County Executive will give the state of the county speech next week. No date, time or location were specified.

Councilwoman Brown will be holding a series of Town Hall meetings in April and May to include state and national legislators representing constituents of her Council district #9.

At the end of the meeting Mr. Brady stated that, in his opinion, the Metrohealth and Q remodeling projects are the two most important issues to come before council in years, and he profusely thanked the staff and council members who worked so hard on these issues. There were multiple other statements of congratulation and appreciation from individual council members.