



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026 — 10:00 A.M.

Committee Members

Michael J. Houser, Sr., Chair | Dist. 10

Pernel Jones, Jr., Vice Chair | Dist. 8

Patrick Kelly | Dist. 1

Robert E. Schleper, Jr. | Dist. 6

Sunny M. Simon | Dist. 11

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Houser called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Houser asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Houser, Jones, and Kelly were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon arrived after the roll call was taken. Committee member Schleper was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed the committee members regarding her support of Ordinance No. O2026-0009.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 29, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Jones, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0203: A Resolution making awards to various municipalities in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,457,826.00 for various projects or programs in connection with the FY2026 Special Competitive Municipal Community Development Block Grant Program for the period 7/1/2026 – 6/30/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) City of Bedford Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00 for Aurora Road (SR-43) Improvement Project.
- 2) City of Berea in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00 for Thacker Street Road Reconstruction Project.
- 3) City of Brooklyn in the amount not-to-exceed \$167,000.00 for Senior Center Accessibility & Safety Improvement Project.

- 4) City of Maple Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$197,707.00 for Raymond Street Resurfacing Project.
- 5) City of Parma Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00 for Beverly Drive Street Rehabilitation & Resurfacing Project.
- 6) City of Richmond Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$167,000.00 for Senior Center Safe Access Project.
- 7) City of Shaker Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00 for Hampstead Avenue Street Improvement Project.
- 8) City of Warrensville Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$126,119.00 for Senior Center Upgrades & Accessibility Project.

Mr. Anthony Scott, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, and Ms. Katie McNair, Senior Development Housing Specialist, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0203. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Scott and Ms. McNair pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Kelly inquired about the Bay Village Streetscape Project and the North Olmsted Senior Center Accessibility Improvement Project that were not recommended. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2026-0203 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.

Mr. Houser and Mr. Jones requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- b) O2026-0009: An Ordinance enacting Chapter 810 of the Cuyahoga County Code to establish the Community Benefits Advisory Committee.

Ms. Debbie Berry, Deputy Chief of Integrated Development, for the Administration, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2026-0009 and provided a quick history of the formation of a cross departmental Advisory Committee to provide input, and research best practices for community benefits agreements across both Cities and Counties throughout the Country.

Mr. Ryan Geary, Assistant Law Director, addressed the Committee and gave a brief overview of Ordinance No. O2026-0009. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Vaughn Johnson, Deputy Director, Department of Development, addressed the Committee regarding the need for a Community Benefits Advisory Committee by stating the mission of the Department of Development. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Berry, Mr. Geary and Mr. Vaughn pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Chair Houser requested the Ordinance be emailed to every member of Council.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Simon, Ordinance No. O2026-0009 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Jones and Ms. Simon requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation. Mr. Kelly said he would like his name added to the legislation pending the incorporation of language regarding County Council receiving notifications of the Advisory Committee's written recommendations.

Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kelly and approved by unanimous vote, to amend the proposed legislation to incorporate language to add County Council as it relates to the review by the Advisory Committee, and the implementation of a Community Benefits Agreement.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Houser adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m., without objection.

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