



Cuyahoga County Council – Procedures for Public Comment at Council and Committee Meetings

- Requests to speak must be submitted in writing **prior** to the scheduled meeting start time on the Request Form provided by the Clerk immediately prior to each meeting.*
- Request Forms must be submitted in-person and may not be submitted on behalf of others (one per person).
- A maximum of thirty speakers will be selected at random during the public comment section at each meeting.
- Each speaker will receive two minutes to address the council or committee. A bell will ring to signal that speaking time has ended. Speakers may not yield their time to others.
- In lieu of verbal public comment, written testimony may be submitted to Council or the applicable committee through the Clerk of Council at CouncilPublicComment@cuyahogacounty.us prior to the adjournment of each meeting.
- The Council and committee meeting schedule can be found [on the Council website](#).

** Council chambers will open to the public 30 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting start time.*



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025 — 1:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE/DISCUSSION:

- a) R2025-0293: A Resolution adopting the 2026/2027 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
 - 1) Department of Health and Human Services Brief Overview – Director David Merriman
 - a. Division of Children and Family Services – Director Jacqueline Fletcher
 - b. Cuyahoga Job and Family Services – Director Kevin Gowan
 - i. Office of Child Support Services – Director Tiffany Dobbins-Brazelton
 - c. Division of Senior and Adult Services – Director Natasha Pietrocola

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT

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***Meeting rooms are equipped with a hearing assistance system. If needed, please see the Clerk to obtain a receiver.*

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0293

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne/Fiscal Officer/Office of Budget and Management	A Resolution adopting the 2026/2027 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 3, Subsection 9 and 10 of the Cuyahoga County Charter directs the County Executive to submit to the Council prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, a proposed operating budget and a capital improvements program for the upcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Article 3, Section 9, Subsection 5 of the Cuyahoga County Charter gives County Council the power to adopt and amend the County's operating budget and capital improvements program and to make appropriations for the County; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Title 7, Chapter 701 of the Cuyahoga County Code, County Council established the procedure for a two-year budget, capital improvements and appropriations process with an annual update; and

WHEREAS, Title 7, Chapter 701.01, Subsection C of the Cuyahoga County Code states that not later than at the first County Council meeting in October of each odd-numbered year, the County Executive shall submit to Council a proposed operating budget and capital improvements program for the two fiscal years beginning January 1 of the year following the submission. The materials submitted shall include all information required by Article 2, Section 3, Subsections 9, 10, and 11 of the Cuyahoga County Charter; and

WHEREAS, Title 7, Chapter 701.01, Subsection E also states that County Council shall review, amend as needed, and adopt the biennial operating budget and capital improvements program and make all necessary appropriations not later than December 15th of each odd-numbered year.

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby adopts the Cuyahoga County 2026/2027 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, attached hereto and incorporated herein, as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit one certified copy of this Resolution to the County Budget Commission, the County Fiscal Officer, and the Director of the Office of Budget and Management.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County and the reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Brown, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: October 14, 2025

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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