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.
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** 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
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025 — 1:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. **MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE/DISCUSSION:**

   a) R2025-0304: A Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes in a principal amount not-to-exceed $14,220,000.00, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, to retire outstanding bond anticipation notes issued to provide funds for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing, renovating, improving or repairing sports facilities, including specifically major capital repairs to such sports facilities, together with all necessary appurtenances and work incidental thereto, and to pay the costs of issuance in connection therewith; authorizing the preparation and use of a preliminary and final official statement; approving and authorizing the execution of a purchase agreement and a continuing disclosure agreement; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

   b) R2025-0300: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed $25,000, to Flats Forward Inc. for the Flats Revitalization Project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

   c) O2025-0007: An Ordinance enacting Section 202.11 of the County Code to establish a Building Department under the supervision of the County Executive and the Fiscal Officer to exercise enforcement authority of, and to accept and approve construction documents and conduct inspections in accordance with, the rules of the State of Ohio Board of Building Standards relating to both residential and non-residential construction within the County; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

d) 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) Additional Departmental Hearings (if needed)

2) Discussion of Budget Amendment Concepts

3) Departmental Appeals

4) Public Testimony

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Pending or imminent court action

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0304

Sponsored by: **County Executive Ronayne/Fiscal Officer/Office of Budget and Management**	**A Resolution** authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes in a principal amount to not exceed $14,220,000.00, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, to retire outstanding bond anticipation notes issued to provide funds for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing, renovating, improving or repairing sports facilities, including specifically major capital repairs to such sports facilities, together with all necessary appurtenances and work incidental thereto, and to pay the costs of issuance in connection therewith; authorizing the preparation and use of a preliminary and final official statement; approving and authorizing the execution of a purchase agreement and a continuing disclosure agreement; authorizing other actions related to the issuance of the bond anticipation notes; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution No. R2024-0448, adopted by this County Council (this "Council") of Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the "County") on December 3, 2024, the County issued its General Obligation (Limited Tax) Capital Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2025 (Sports Facilities Improvement Project) in the principal amount of $14,220,000 (the "Sports Facilities Notes"), in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, to (a) pay the costs of the Project and (b) pay the Financing Costs of the Sports Facilities Notes, all in accordance with Revised Code Chapters 133 and 307, specifically including but not limited to Revised Code Section 307.673; and

WHEREAS, the Sports Facilities Notes mature on December 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the County to issue the Notes in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds for the purpose of (a) retiring the Sports Facilities Notes, together with other money available for the purpose, and (b) paying Financing Costs of the Notes; and

WHEREAS, the County Fiscal Officer has certified to this Council the maximum maturity of the Bonds and the notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that the usual daily operation of the County be continued and the public peace, health or safety of the County be preserved and for the further reason that funds be made available in a timely manner to retire the Sports Facilities Notes and preserve the credit of the County.

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

SECTION 1. Definitions.

(a) In addition to the words and terms defined elsewhere in this Resolution, the following capitalized words and terms shall have the following definitions, unless the context or use indicates another or different meaning or intent:

"Authorized Denominations" means, (a) if the Notes are sold with an Official Statement, the denomination of $5,000 or any whole multiple of $5,000, and (b) if the Notes are sold without an Official Statement, the denomination of $100,000 or any whole multiple of $1,000 in excess of $100,000.

"Certificate of Award" means the certificate authorized by Section 8(b), to be signed by the County Fiscal Officer or the County Executive, setting forth and determining those terms or other matters pertaining to the Notes and their issuance, sale and delivery as this Resolution requires or authorizes to be set forth or determined therein.

"Closing Date" means the date of physical delivery of, and payment of the purchase price for, the Notes.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. References to the Code and sections of the Code include applicable regulations (whether temporary or final) under the Code, and any amendments of, or successor provisions to, those sections or regulations.

"Continuing Disclosure Agreement" means the agreement authorized in Section 9(b) made by the County for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Notes in accordance with the Rule.

"County Executive" means the County Executive of the County or designee for the purposes of signing documents.

"County Fiscal Officer" means the Fiscal Officer of the County, including an acting or interim Fiscal Officer of the County or designee for purposes of signing documents.

"Debt Service" means all amounts due as principal, interest and any premium on an issue of securities.

"Depository" means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, with its Participants or otherwise, a book-entry system to record ownership of book-entry interests in securities or the principal of and interest on securities, and to effect transfers of securities in book-entry form, and includes and means initially The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York.

"Financing Costs" means any financing costs authorized to be paid by Section 133.01(K) of the Revised Code.

"Gateway" means the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland, an Ohio nonprofit corporation.

"Note proceedings" means, collectively, this Resolution, the Certificate of Award, any Continuing Disclosure Agreement, any Purchase Agreement, any Registrar Agreement and the other proceedings of the County, including the Notes, that collectively provide for, among other things, the rights of holders and beneficial owners of the Notes.

"Notes" means the bond anticipation notes authorized by this Resolution.

"Official Statement" means, as appropriate, the preliminary official statement or the final official statement authorized by this Resolution.

"Original Purchaser" means the purchaser or purchasers selected by the County Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award, which, for the avoidance of doubt, may be the County.

"Participant" means any participant contracting with a Depository under a book-entry system and includes securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies, and clearing corporations.

"Project" means constructing, renovating, improving or repairing sports facilities, including specifically major capital repairs to such sports facilities approved by Gateway pursuant to its leases of such facilities, together with all necessary appurtenances and work incidental thereto.

"Purchase Agreement" means any Note Purchase Agreement between the County and the Original Purchaser.

"Register" means all books and records necessary for the registration, exchange and transfer of the Notes.

"Registrar" means the entity or person (including the County Fiscal Officer) selected by the County Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award in accordance with Section 14(c) to serve as registrar for the Notes.

"Registrar Agreement" means any Note Registrar Agreement or paying agent agreement, if any, between the County and the Registrar.

"Revised Code" means the Ohio Revised Code.

"Rule" means SEC Rule 15c2-12 prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(b) Any reference herein to the County, or to any officers or members thereof, shall include those which succeed to their functions, duties or responsibilities pursuant to or by operation of law or who are lawfully performing their functions.

(c) Unless the context shall otherwise indicate, words importing the singular number shall include the plural number, and vice versa, and the terms "hereof," "hereby," "hereto," "hereunder," and similar terms, mean this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Authorized Principal Amount of Anticipated Bonds; Purpose. This Council hereby determines it to be necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the County in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $14,220,000.00 (the "Bonds") to pay costs of the Project.

SECTION 3. Bond Terms. The Bonds will be dated approximately December 1, 2026, will bear interest at the estimated average annual rate of 5%, payable semiannually until the principal amount is paid, and estimated to mature on December 1 of each year in 27 annual installments.

SECTION 4. Note Terms. The Notes will have the following terms:

(a) Amount. The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed $14,220,000.00 or any lesser principal amount as determined by the County Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award.

(b) Issuance and Maturity Date. The Notes shall be dated the Closing Date. The Notes shall mature one year from the Closing Date. The County Fiscal Officer may, if the County Fiscal Officer determines it to be in the best interest of the County, establish a different maturity date, less than one year from the Closing Date.

(c) Interest. The Notes shall bear interest from their date at a rate not to exceed 6% per year, payable at maturity and until the principal amount is paid. Interest on the Notes will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve, 30-day months. The rate of interest on the Notes shall be determined by the County Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award.

(d) Redemption Before Stated Maturity. The Notes will not be subject to redemption before maturity, unless otherwise determined by the County Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award. The County Fiscal Officer may determine, in the Certificate of Award, to provide that the Notes will be subject to redemption, and may establish, in the Certificate of Award, notice provisions for that redemption, and any price for that redemption, which may be any percentage of the principal amount redeemed, not exceeding 110%.

(e) Form, Numbering, Denomination and Designation. The Notes shall be issued in fully registered form. The Notes must be issued in book-entry form unless the County Fiscal Officer determines in the Certificate of Award that it would not be in the best interest of the County for the Notes to be in book-entry form. The Notes shall be issued in Authorized Denominations and in the numbers and amounts as requested by the Original Purchaser and set forth and approved by the County Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award. The Notes must express on their face the purpose for which they are issued and that they are issued in accordance with this Resolution. The Notes will be designated "General Obligation (Limited Tax) Capital Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2025B (Sports Facilities Improvement Project)," unless otherwise designated in the Certificate of Award.

SECTION 5. Payment. The Debt Service on the Notes shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America, without deduction for the services of the Registrar as paying agent. Debt Service on the Notes will be payable when due upon presentation and surrender of the Notes at the office of the Registrar.

SECTION 6. Execution and Authentication of Notes.

(a) Signing. The Notes shall be signed by the County Executive and the County Fiscal Officer, in the name and on behalf of the County and in their official capacities, provided that any or all of those signatures may be a facsimile.

(b) Authentication. No Note will be valid or obligatory for any purpose or will be entitled to any security or benefits under the Note proceedings unless and until the certificate of authentication printed on the Note certificate is signed by the Registrar as authenticating agent. Authentication by the Registrar will be conclusive evidence that the Note so authenticated has been duly issued, signed, and delivered under, and is entitled to the security and benefit of, the Note proceedings.

SECTION 7. Registration; Transfer and Exchange; Book-Entry System.

(a) Registrar. So long as any of the Notes remain outstanding, the County must cause the Registrar to maintain the Register. Subject to the provisions of

Section 7(c), the person in whose name a Note is registered on the Register will be regarded as the absolute owner of that Note for all purposes of the Note proceedings. Payment of Debt Service on any Note will be made only to or upon the order of that person.

(b) Transfer and Exchange. Any Note may be exchanged for a Note of any Authorized Denomination upon presentation and surrender at the office of the Registrar, together with a request for exchange signed by the registered owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Registrar. A Note may be transferred only on the Register upon presentation and surrender of the Note at the office of the Registrar together with an assignment signed by the registered owner or by a person legally empowered to do so in a form satisfactory to the Registrar. Upon exchange or transfer the Registrar will complete, authenticate, and deliver a new Note of any Authorized Denomination requested by the owner equal to the unmatured principal amount of the Note surrendered and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

If manual signatures on behalf of the County are required, the Registrar will undertake the exchange or transfer of Notes only after the new Notes are signed by the authorized officers of the County. In all cases of Notes exchanged or transferred, the County will sign and the Registrar will authenticate and deliver Notes in accordance with the provisions of the Note proceedings. The exchange or transfer will be without charge to the owner, except that the County and the Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse them for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the exchange or transfer. The County or the Registrar may require that those charges, if any, be paid before the procedure is begun for the exchange or transfer. All Notes issued and authenticated upon any exchange or transfer will be valid obligations of the County, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same security and benefit under the Note proceedings as the Notes surrendered upon that exchange or transfer. Neither the County nor the Registrar will be required to make any exchange or transfer of (1) Notes then subject to call for redemption between the 15th day preceding the mailing of notice of Notes to be redeemed and the date of that mailing, or (2) any Note selected for redemption, in whole or in part.

(c) Book-Entry System. Unless otherwise determined in the Certificate of Award, the Notes must be originally issued in book-entry form to a Depository, initially The Depository Trust Company, for use in a book-entry system in accordance with the following provisions of this Section. So long as a book-entry system is utilized, (i) the Notes may be issued in the form of a single, fully registered Note and registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, as registered owner, and deposited with and retained in the custody of the Depository or its designated agent which may be the Registrar, (ii) the book-entry-interest owners of Notes in book-entry form shall not have any right to receive Notes in the form of physical securities or certificates, (iii) ownership of book-entry interests in Notes in book-entry form shall be shown by book-entry on the system maintained and operated by the Depository and its Participants, and transfers of book-entry interests shall be made only by book-entry by the Depository and its Participants, and (iv) the Notes as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the County.

If any Depository determines not to continue to act as a Depository for the Notes for use in a book-entry system or if the County determines to discontinue the book-entry system, the County Fiscal Officer may attempt to establish a securities depository/book-entry relationship with another qualified Depository. If the County Fiscal Officer does not or is unable to do so, the County Fiscal Officer must direct the Registrar to make provision for notification of the book-entry interest owners by the Depository and to make any other arrangements necessary for the withdrawal of the Notes from the book-entry system.

SECTION 8. Sale of the Notes.

(a) Private Sale. The Notes shall be sold at private sale to the Original Purchaser. The purchase price of the Notes must not be less than 97% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes, plus any accrued interest on the Notes from their date to the date of delivery and payment. The County Fiscal Officer may either sell the Notes to an investment bank, acting as an underwriter, or to a financial institution or other entity or person, including the County, in a private placement. If the County Fiscal Officer sells the Notes in a private placement, this Council authorizes the County Fiscal Officer to select a placement agent for that private placement. The County Executive and County Fiscal Officer may enter into a Purchase Agreement between the County and the Original Purchaser in that private sale, or may sell the Notes without a Purchase Agreement. The form of Purchase Agreement in substantially the form on file with the Clerk of Council, is hereby approved, with such changes therein that are not materially inconsistent with this Resolution and not adverse to the County and shall be approved by the County Executive and County Fiscal Officer on behalf of the County. The approval of such changes, and the determination that such changes are not adverse to the County, shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of the Purchase Agreement.

(b) Certificate of Award. The County Fiscal Officer or the County Executive must sign and deliver the Certificate of Award to the Original Purchaser in connection with the sale of the Notes. The Certificate of Award must state: (i) the principal amount of the Notes; (ii) the interest rate on the Notes; (iii) the purchase price for the Notes; (iv) the entity designated as Registrar; and (v) any other terms required by this Resolution. The Certificate of Award may provide any changes in the date, the maturity date, the redemption provisions, the federal tax status of the Notes, whether the Notes will be issued in book-entry form, and the designation of the Notes; and any other terms authorized by this Resolution, subject to the limitations stated in this Resolution.

(c) Delivery. The County Fiscal Officer shall cause the Notes to be prepared, signed and delivered to the Original Purchaser. This Council authorizes the Clerk of Council to deliver a true transcript of proceedings for the issuance of the Notes to the Original Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price. This Council further authorizes the County Fiscal Officer to provide to the Clerk of Council, for inclusion in the transcript, a statement of indebtedness of the County and the other information required by Section 133.33 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 9. Disclosure

(a) Official Statement. If requested by the Original Purchaser or deemed necessary by the County Executive or the County Fiscal Officer, the distribution of a preliminary Official Statement of the County relating to the original issuance of the Notes is authorized and approved. The County Executive or the County Fiscal Officer and any other official of the County are authorized to complete and sign, on behalf of the County and in their official capacities, a final Official Statement, with such modifications, changes and supplements as are necessary or desirable for the purposes thereof as such officers shall approve. Such officers are authorized to use and distribute, or authorize the use and distribution of, the preliminary and the final Official Statement and any supplements thereto, as so signed in connection with the original issuance of the Notes, and are authorized to advise the Original Purchaser in writing regarding limitations on the use of the Official Statement, and any supplements thereto for purposes of marketing or reoffering the Notes as the acting officer deems necessary or appropriate to protect the interests of the County. The County Executive or the County Fiscal Officer and any other official of the County are authorized to sign and deliver, on behalf of the County and in their official capacities, such certificates in connection with the accuracy of the preliminary and final Official Statements and any supplements thereto as, in their judgment, may be necessary or appropriate and to determine, and to certify or otherwise represent, when the official statement is to be "deemed final" (except for permitted omissions) by the County as of its date or is a final official statement for purposes of paragraphs (b)(1), (3) and (4) of the Rule.

(b) Agreement to Provide Continuing Disclosure. If deemed necessary and requested by the Original Purchaser, the County shall agree, as the only obligated person with respect to the Notes under the Rule, to provide or cause to be provided such financial information and operating data, financial statements and notices, in such manner, as may be required for purposes of paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement"). The County Executive or the County Fiscal Officer is authorized to sign and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the County, the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, in substantially for form as is now on file with the Clerk of Council. The Continuing Disclosure Agreement is approved, together with any changes or amendments that are not inconsistent with this Resolution and not substantially adverse to the County and that are approved by the County Executive or County Fiscal Officer on behalf of the County, all of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

The County Executive or the County Fiscal Officer is further authorized to establish procedures in order to ensure compliance by the County with the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, including timely provision of information and notices. Prior to making any filing in accordance with that agreement or providing notice of the occurrence of any other events, the responsible County officer shall consult with and obtain legal advice from, as appropriate, the Director of Law and bond or other qualified independent special counsel selected by the County. That County officer, acting in the name and on behalf of the County, shall be entitled to rely upon any such legal advice in determining whether a filing should be made. The performance by the County of its Continuing Disclosure Agreement shall be subject to annual appropriation of any funds that may be necessary to perform it.

SECTION 10. Use of Note Proceeds. The proceeds from the sale of the Notes shall be deposited and are hereby appropriated to be used as follows:

(a) Any accrued interest or premium received by the County on the sale of the Notes must be deposited in the Bond Retirement Fund of the County and be used for the payment of interest on the Notes at their maturity.

(b) The remainder of the proceeds must be paid into the proper fund or funds and used, together with other money available for the purpose, to retire the Sports Facilities Notes at their maturity and for payment of any Financing Costs of the Notes, to the extent that those Financing Costs are not paid by the Original Purchaser in accordance with any Purchase Agreement and to the extent that the County Fiscal Officer determines to pay those Financing Costs from the proceeds of the Notes.

SECTION 11. Provisions for Tax Levy. For the purpose of providing the necessary funds to pay the interest on the Notes promptly when and as the same falls due, and also to provide a fund sufficient to pay the principal of the Notes when due, there is and shall continue to be levied on all taxable property in the County, in addition to all other taxes, a direct tax annually during the period the Notes are to run in an amount sufficient to provide funds to pay the interest upon the Notes as and when the same fall due, and also to provide a fund for the payment of the principal of the Notes when due, which tax shall not be less than the interest and sinking fund tax required by Section 11 of Article XII of the Constitution of Ohio. The tax shall be within the ten-mill limit imposed by Ohio law, and is ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers in the same manner, and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of those years are certified, levied, extended and collected, and shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The proceeds of the tax levy shall be placed in the Bond Retirement Fund, which is irrevocably pledged for the payment of the Debt Service on the Notes when and as the same falls due. If any of the following amounts are available for the payment of the Debt Service on the Notes and are appropriated for that purpose, the amount of the tax levy in each year must be reduced by the amount available and appropriated: (a) any surplus in the Bond Retirement Fund; (b) proceeds received from the sale of the Bonds or any notes issued to refund or renew the Notes; and (c) any money lawfully available to the County.

SECTION 12. Federal Tax Considerations. The Notes may be issued as securities the interest on which is intended to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, in accordance with the Code ("Tax-Exempt Notes"). This Section applies to any Notes issued as Tax-Exempt Notes.

The County covenants that it will use, and will restrict the use and investment of, the proceeds of the Notes in such manner and to such extent as may be necessary so that the Notes will not (i) constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code, or (ii) be treated other than as bonds the interest on which is excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

The County further covenants that it will (a) take or cause to be taken such actions that may be required of it for the interest on the Notes to be and to remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) not take or authorize to be taken any actions that would adversely affect that exclusion and (c) ensure that persons acting for it will, among other acts of compliance, (i) apply the proceeds of the Notes to the governmental purposes of the borrowing, (ii) restrict the yield on investment property acquired with those proceeds, (iii) make timely and adequate payments to the federal government, (iv) maintain books and records and make calculations and reports and (v) refrain from certain uses of those proceeds and, as applicable, of property financed with such proceeds, all in such manner and to the extent necessary to assure such exclusion of that interest under the Code.

The County Fiscal Officer, or any other officer of the County having responsibility for issuance of the Notes, is hereby authorized (A) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval, or waiver on behalf of the County with respect to the Notes as the County is permitted to or required to make or give under the federal income tax laws, including, without limitation thereto, any of the elections provided for in or available under Section 148 of the Code, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or status of the Notes or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing the rebate amount or payments or penalties, or making payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments, as determined by that officer, which action shall be in writing and signed by the officer, (B) to take any and all other actions, make or obtain calculations, make payments, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the County, as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Notes, and (C) to give one or more appropriate certificates of the County, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Notes, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the County regarding the amount and use of all the proceeds of the Notes, the facts, circumstances and estimates on which they are based, and other facts and circumstances relevant to the tax treatment of the interest on and the tax status of the Notes.

SECTION 13. Signing and Delivery of Notes and Documents.

(a) Note Documents. This Council authorizes the County Executive and the County Fiscal Officer to (i) sign and deliver the Notes in accordance with Section 6(a) of this Resolution, (ii) sign and deliver any Purchase Agreement and any Registrar Agreement in connection with the Notes, (iii) approve any preliminary official statement, and approve and sign any final official statement, including approving and signing any supplements and amendments to both in accordance with Section 9(a) of this Resolution.

(b) Fiscal Officer Documents, Certificates and Statements of Indebtedness. This Council authorizes the County Fiscal Officer to sign and deliver, on behalf of the County, in the County Fiscal Officer's capacity as fiscal officer of the County, (i) the Certificate of Award, (ii) any Continuing Disclosure Agreement, (iii) any certificates and agreements relevant to the tax treatment of the interest on and the tax status of the Notes, (iv) any agreements or letters of representation in connection with a book-entry system for the Notes, (v) any applications for and agreements in connection with obtaining a policy of municipal bond insurance for the Notes, (vi) any applications for and agreements in connection with obtaining one or more ratings for the Notes, (vii) any certificates required under Section 5705.41, Revised Code, for any of the agreements in connection with the Notes, and (viii) the statements of indebtedness provided for in Section 133.33(B) of the Revised Code.

(c) Other Documents. The County Executive, the County Fiscal Officer, the Director of Law, the Clerk of Council, the Prosecuting Attorney and other County officials, as appropriate, are further authorized to sign any notices, certificates, agreements (including amendments, if necessary), documents, instruments and opinions, and to take such other actions, as are desirable, advisable, necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, including, but not limited to, any cooperative agreement or other agreement with the City of Cleveland or Gateway related to the Project.

SECTION 14. Financing Costs.

(a) Bond Counsel. This Council hereby retains the legal services of Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP, as Bond Counsel to the County, in connection with the authorization, sale, issuance and delivery of the Notes. In providing those legal services, as an independent contractor and in an attorney-client relationship, Bond Counsel shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of the County in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the State, or of the County, or of any other political subdivision of the State, or the execution of public trusts.

(b) Original Purchaser. This Council authorizes the County Fiscal Officer to select the Original Purchaser of the Notes. The Original Purchaser will be compensated for its services in accordance with any Purchase Agreement or proposal provided by the Original Purchaser.

(c) Registrar. This Council authorizes the County Fiscal Officer to appoint a Registrar for the Notes. The Registrar must be able to complete transfer and exchange functions for the Notes in accordance with standards and conditions applicable to registered securities. The County retains the services of the Registrar for the Notes. The Registrar must perform the services as registrar, authenticating agent, paying agent and transfer agent for the Notes as provided in this Resolution and any Registrar Agreement. The Registrar must be paid for those services in accordance with the Registrar Agreement or its proposal.

(d) Ratings and Insurance. If, in the judgment of the County Fiscal Officer, the filing of an application for (1) a rating on the Notes by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, or (2) a policy of insurance to better assure the payment of principal or and interest on the Notes, is in the best interest of and financially advantageous to the County, the County Fiscal Officer shall prepare and submit those applications and provide to each of those agencies or companies the information required for the purpose. This Council further authorizes the fees for those ratings and the premiums for the insurance to be including in the Financing Costs of the Notes.

(e) Limits on Authority of Service Providers. In rendering the services described above, as independent contractors, those service providers shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of the County in the formulation of public policy; expenditure of public funds; enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the State of Ohio, the County or any other political subdivision; or the execution of public trusts.

(f) Payment of Financing Costs. This Council authorizes and approves the expenditure of the amounts necessary to pay the Financing Costs specifically described above and all other necessary Financing Costs in connection with the issuance and sale of the Notes. Those Financing Costs may be paid by the Original Purchaser. To the extent that they are not paid by the Original Purchaser, this Council authorizes the County Fiscal Officer to provide for the payment of those Financing Costs from the proceeds of the Notes to extent available and, otherwise, from any other funds lawfully available and appropriated for the purpose.

SECTION 15. Certification and Delivery of Resolution and Certificate of Award. The Clerk of Council is authorized to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Fiscal Officer.

SECTION 16. Council Determinations. This Council determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be performed by the County or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Notes in order to make them legal, valid and binding general obligations of the County have been performed and have been met, or will at the time of delivery of the Notes have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law, as advised by Bond Counsel; that the full faith and credit and general property taxing power (as described in Section 11) of the County are pledged for the timely payment of the Debt Service on the Notes;

and that no statutory or constitutional limitation of indebtedness or taxation will have been exceeded in the issuance of the Notes.

SECTION 17. Open Meetings. This Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution, and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 18. Effective Date. 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.

On a motion by __________, seconded by _________, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

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County Council President	Date
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County Executive	Date
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Clerk of Council	Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: October 28, 2025
Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0300

Sponsored by: **Councilmember Sweeney**	**A Resolution** awarding a total sum, not to exceed $25,000, to Flats Forward Inc. for the purpose of The Flats revitalization project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County received $239,898,257 from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"); and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County calculated 100% of the ARPA dollars as loss revenue under the U.S. Department of the Treasury Final Rule; and

WHEREAS, since all the ARPA dollars have been calculated as loss revenue, the ARPA dollars have been deposited in the County's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council have authorized $86 million of the ARPA dollars for community grants to benefit the residents of Cuyahoga County (the "ARPA Community Grant Fund"); and

WHEREAS, of the $86 million for community grants, $66 million have been encumbered for equal distribution to each County Council District; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund in the amount of $25,000 to Flats Forward Inc. for the purpose of The Flats revitalization project; and

WHEREAS, Flats Forward Inc. estimates approximately 29,400 people will be served annually through this award; and

WHEREAS, Flats Forward Inc. estimates approximately 14 permanent and temporary jobs will be created or retained through this project; and

WHEREAS, Flats Forward Inc. estimates the total cost of the project is $141,800; and

WHEREAS, Flats Forward Inc. indicates the other funding source(s) for this project includes:

A. Flats Forward Membership funds: $62,300
B. Dock Reservation Income: $40,000
C. Local Business Participation (Dock Reservation Program): $14,500; and

WHEREAS, Flats Forward Inc. is estimating the start date of the project will be September 2025 and the project will be completed by October 2026; and

WHEREAS, Flats Forward Inc. requested $25,000 from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council desires to provide funding in the amount of $25,000 to Flats Forward Inc. to ensure this project is completed; and

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue to provide for the usually, daily operations of the County.

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby awards a not-to-exceed amount of $25,000 to Flats Forward Inc. from the General Fund made available by the American Rescue Plan Act revenue replacement provision for the purpose of The Flats revitalization project.

SECTION 2. If any specific appropriation is necessary to effectuate this agreement, the Director of the Office of Budget and Management is authorized to submit the requisite documentation to financial reporting to journalize the appropriation.

SECTION 3. That the County Council staff is authorized to prepare all documents to effectuate said award.

SECTION 4. That the County Executive is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.

SECTION 5. If requested or necessary, the Agency of the Inspector General or Department of Internal Audit is authorized to investigate, audit, or review any part of this award.

SECTION 6. To the extent that any exemptions are necessary under the County Code and contracting procedures, they shall be deemed approved by the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health or safety in the County; and any additional 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 8. 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 of 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 ________, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

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County Council President	Date
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County Executive	Date
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Clerk of Council	Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: October 28, 2025
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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2025-0007

Sponsored by: **County Executive Ronayne/Fiscal Officer**	**An Ordinance** enacting Section 202.11 of the County Code to establish a Building Department under the supervision of the County Executive and the Fiscal Officer to exercise enforcement authority of, and to accept and approve construction documents and conduct inspections in accordance with, the rules of the State of Ohio Board of Building Standards relating to both residential and non-residential construction within the County; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") Section 307.38 authorizes a board of county commissioners to create, establish, fill, and fix the compensation of a county building inspector to administer and enforce the residential and nonresidential building codes adopted by the State of Ohio Board of Building Standards ("OBBS"); and

WHEREAS, ORC Section 3781.10 authorizes the OBBS to certify county building departments and the personnel of those departments to exercise enforcement authority, to accept and approve plans and specifications, and to make inspections pursuant to the residential and nonresidential building codes of the OBBS ("Building Codes"); and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has an interest in ensuring compliance with and the standardized administration of the Building Codes within the County; and

WHEREAS, many municipalities within the County face staffing and funding shortages that hinder their ability to operate building departments certified by the OBBS; and

WHEREAS, there is a statewide shortage of building officials and other personnel certified by the OBBS due to an aging workforce and a lack of new professionals entering the field; and

WHEREAS, communities often rely on third parties for services otherwise provided by a certified building department which can result in delays, increased costs, and reduced responsiveness to local needs; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a County Building Department will standardize processes and improve efficiencies in the review of plans and issuance of permits for residential and commercial buildings within the County, and enhance County-wide compliance with rules of the OBBS; and

WHEREAS, the functions of a Building Department within the County Fiscal Office will support the mission of the Appraisal Division by providing timely information necessary to the assessment of real property that local building officials are otherwise required to submit to the Fiscal Office under ORC Section 5713.17; and

WHEREAS, this model has been successfully implemented in 66 of Ohio's 88 counties, including Summit, Lake, Geauga, Medina, and Portage Counties, and is endorsed by the Ohio Board of Building Standards; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.09(2), of the Charter grants Council the power to establish departments, and divisions and sections within departments, under the supervision of the County Executive, as the Council determines to be necessary for the efficient administration of the County; and

WHEREAS, exercising its powers, rights, and privileges as set forth in Article I of the Charter, this Council desires to amend Section 202 of the County Code to enact new Section 202.11 establishing the Building Department to, among other things, support the communities within Cuyahoga County that request the assistance of the County in the administration and enforcement of the Building Codes and enhance the efficiencies of the Appraisal Division within the Fiscal Office; and

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

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

SECTION 1. That new Section 202.11 of the County Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Section 202.11 Building Department

A. The Building Department is hereby established under the supervision of the County Executive and the Fiscal Officer to exercise enforcement authority of, and to accept and approve construction documents and conduct inspections in accordance with, the rules of the State of Ohio Board of Building Standards applicable to both residential and non-residential construction within the County, as such rules may be amended, revised, or supplemented from time-to-time, within the jurisdictions of the municipalities within the County that have entered into contracts with the County in accordance with Subsection E, below.

B. The Building Department shall be supervised and managed by the County Chief Building Official.

   1. The County Chief Building Official shall be certified by the Ohio Board of Building Standards in accordance with rule 4101:7-3-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC").

   2. The County Chief Building Official shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council in accordance with Section 2.03(2) of the Charter,

   3. The County Chief Building Official shall not be an appointing authority for purposes of the Charter or Ohio general law.

C. The Building Department shall include the following divisions:

   1. The Residential Division, enforcing the Residential Code of Ohio for new construction, renovations and alterations; and

   2. The Non-residential Division.

D. The Fiscal Officer may employ such persons as may be reasonably necessary, within budget parameters established by the Executive and Council, to assist the County Chief Building Official in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Building Department; provided that the divisions of the Building Department shall include those personnel as may be required by and certified in accordance with rule 4101:7-2-01, or any successor rule, of the OAC ("Rule"). In addition, the divisions of the Building Department may include those personnel as may be permitted under and certified in accordance with the Rule.

E. In accordance with Section 307.38(B) of the Revised Code, the County Executive, or the Executive's designee, is hereby authorized to enter into revenue-generating agreements with the municipalities and townships within the County to exercise enforcement authority of, and to accept and approve construction documents and conduct inspections in accordance with, the rules of the State of Ohio Board of Building Standards applicable to both residential and non-residential construction, as such rules may be amended, revised, or supplemented from time-to-time, within the jurisdiction of the contracting municipality or township. Such agreement shall authorize the Chief Building Official, in consultation with the municipality and the County Geographic Information Systems Administrator (or such other comparable County official, as appropriate), to assign a unique address to each structure for which a permit is issued, in accordance with Section 128.211 of the Revised Code or any successor section of the Revised Code.

F. The Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to establish a schedule of fees to be charged the applicant or owner of a project within a contracting municipality or township for the performance of enforcement, inspection, and plan approval as described herein; such schedule to be reviewed and approved by the Administrative Rules Board in accordance with Chapter 113 of this Code.

SECTION 2. The County Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to submit this Ordinance and such other documentation as may be required to the Ohio Board of Building Standards to seek certification of the County Building Department in accordance with rule 4101:7-2-01 of the OAC.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health or safety in the County; and any additional 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 of 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 ________, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly enacted.

Yeas:

Nays:

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County Council President Date

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County Executive Date

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Clerk of Council Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: October 28, 2025
Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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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.

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 15^{th} 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:

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County Council President Date

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County Executive Date

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Clerk of Council Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: October 14, 2025
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