



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 — 1:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Miller called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Miller asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Sweeney, Casselberry, Gallagher, Schleper, Conwell, Jones, Houser, Simon, Kelly and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Turner joined the meeting after the roll-call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Mr. Darrell Houston addressed Council regarding amending Article XVI of the County Charter to provide that the Sheriff be elected.**
- b) Ms. Brenda Bickerstaff addressed Council regarding amending Article XVI of the County Charter to provide that the Sheriff be elected.**
- c) Ms. Jennifer Johnson addressed Council regarding submitting a renewal of the Health and Human Services Levy to the electors.**
- d) Mr. Kenneth Griffin addressed Council regarding funding for re-entry programs.**
- e) Mr. Antoine Finley addressed Council regarding mental health and violence prevention programs.**

4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Council President Miller passed the gavel to Mr. Schleper, Chair of the Council Operations, Information Technology and Public Transportation Committee.

- a) R2026-0182: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Sections 4.01 and 5.06 of the County Charter to delineate the powers and duties of the Prosecuting Attorney and Director of Law; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.**

Mr. Erik Janas, Chief of Staff to County Executive Ronayne, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2026-0182. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Janas pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Mr. Richard Manoloff, Law Director; Mr. Michael O'Malley, County Prosecutor; Ms. Nora Poore, Civil Division Chief Prosecutor; Mr. Brendan Healy, Prosecuting Attorney; Mr. Brendan Doyle, Special Counsel to County Executive Ronayne; and Ms. Nora Hurley, Deputy Chief Law Director, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2026-0182. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Manoloff, Mr. O'Malley, Ms. Poore, Mr. Healy, Mr. Doyle and Ms. Hurley pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Miller introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2026-0182. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Conwell to accept the proposed substitute. The motion failed by a roll-call vote of 4 yeas and 7 nays with Councilmembers Conwell, Jones, Turner, and Miller voting in the affirmative and Councilmembers Sweeney, Casselberry, Gallagher, Schleper, Houser, Simon and Kelly casting dissenting votes.

Ms. Simon introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2026-0182. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by a majority roll-call vote of 7 yeas and 4 nays to accept the proposed substitute with Councilmembers Gallagher, Schleper, Jones, Turner, Houser, Simon and Kelly voting in the affirmative and Councilmembers Sweeney, Casselberry, Conwell and Miller casting dissenting votes.

A motion was made by Mr. Schleper and seconded by Mr. Kelly to refer Resolution No. R2026-0182 as substituted, to the full Council agenda for second reading. The motion failed by a roll-call vote of 6 yeas and 5 nays with Councilmembers Gallagher, Schleper, Jones, Houser, Simon and Kelly voting in the affirmative and Councilmembers Sweeney, Casselberry, Conwell, Turner and Miller casting dissenting votes.

[Clerk's Note: Resolution No. R2026-0182 did not receive the necessary affirmative votes and was not referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.]

Mr. Schleper turned the gavel back over to Council President Miller.

A brief recess was taken by Council, after which Chairman Miller then reconvened the meeting.

- b) O2026-0004: An Ordinance amending Chapters 703 & 726 of the Cuyahoga County Code to allocate additional revenues to supplement the Sports Facility Reserve Fund.

Mr. Gallagher addressed Council regarding Ordinance No. O2026-0004. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor; Ms. Debbie Berry, Chief of Integrated Development, and Gateway Board Member; and Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Director of the Office of Budget & Management, addressed Council regarding Ordinance No. O2026-0004. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. McAleer, Ms. Berry and Mr. Parfejewiec pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

There was no further legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2026-0004.

- c) O2026-0005: An Ordinance accepting parking rates for all County-owned and leased garages and surface lots, effective September 1, 2026; authorizing the Director of Public Works to set rates for County-owned or leased parking facilities effective September 1, 2026 and to revise existing rates no more frequently than once every two years upon approval of the Administrative Rules Board; repealing R2016-0008 adopted January 26, 2016:
 - i. Huntington Park Garage:
 - a. Daily Rate Increments: \$2.00 per every 15 minutes/Daily Maximum: \$12.00
 - b. Non-County Monthly Rate: \$220.00
 - c. County Employee Monthly Rate: \$125.00
 - d. Special Event Rate: As determined by the Director of the Department of Public Works
 - ii. Justice Center Complex Garage:
 - a. Daily Rate Increments: \$2.00 per every 15 minutes/Daily Maximum: \$12.00 (Handicapped Only)
 - b. County Employee Monthly Rate: \$125.00
 - iii. Courthouse Square (Surface Lot)
 - a. Daily Rate Increments: \$2.00 per every 15 minutes/Daily Maximum: \$12.00
 - b. Non-County Monthly Rate: \$220.00
 - c. County Employee Monthly Rate: \$105.00
 - d. Special Event Rate: As determined by the Director of the Department of Public Works
 - iv. Summit (Surface Lot):
 - a. County Employee Monthly Rate: \$105.00
 - b. Special Event Rate: As determined by the Director of the Department of Public Works
 - v. East 40th Street (Surface Lots)
 - a. County Employee Monthly Rate: \$40.00
 - vi. Halle Building Garage:
 - a. County Employee Monthly Rate: \$60.00
 - vii. Virgil E. Brown (Surface Lot)
 - a. Daily Rate Increments: \$2.00 per every 15 minutes/Daily Maximum: \$5.00
 - b. County Employee Monthly Rate: \$90.00
 - viii. 1801/1803 Superior Avenue (Surface Lot and Garage)

- a. Daily Rate Increments: \$2.00 per every 15 minutes/Daily Maximum: \$5.00
 - b. County Employee Monthly Rate: \$90.00
- ix. Samuel Gerber Building (Garage)
 - a. County Employee Monthly Rate:
 - i. Effective 9/1/26: \$50.00;
 - ii. Effective 9/1/27: \$75.00;
 - iii. Effective 9/1/28: \$100.00.
- x. Juvenile Justice Center Garage
 - a. County Employee Monthly Rate: \$85.00
- xi. Juvenile Justice Center (Surface Lots):
 - a. Daily Flat Rate: \$2.00
 - b. County Employee Monthly Rate: \$40.00

Mr. Michael Dever, Director of the Department of Public Works; and Ms. Nichole English, Planning and Program Administrator, addressed Council regarding Ordinance No. O2026-0005. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Dever and Ms. English pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

There was no further legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2026-0005.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3970 (fka No. 288) with The MetroHealth System for Correctional Health Care Services for the Cuyahoga County Jail System for the period 5/9/2019 – 10/31/2025 to extend the term to 10/31/2026, to add funds in the amount of \$4,000,000.00, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$136,665,111.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Harold Pretel, County Sheriff; and Mr. Nestor Rivera, Chief of Corrections, addressed Council regarding The MetroHealth System contract amendment for Correctional Health Care Services for the Cuyahoga County Jail System. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Sweeney requested his name be added as a co-sponsor to the legislation submitted to Council.

- b) R2026-0207: A Resolution determining to proceed with submitting to the electors of Cuyahoga County the question of a renewal with an increase levy for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations for health and human or social services in accordance with Sections 5705.191 and 5705.25 of the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Parfejewiec addressed Council regarding the Health and Human Services Levy Fund cash balances relating to Resolution No. R2026-0207. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Parfejewiec pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Miller adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m., without objection.