



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS,
4th FLOOR**

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 — 5:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Miller stated that the meeting will start shortly and asked that attendees please take a seat.

Council President Miller called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Council President Miller made a brief statement regarding Cuyahoga County Council procedures and decorum for Public Comment at Council Meetings.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Kelly, Sweeney, Casselberry, Gallagher, Schleper, Conwell, Houser, Simon and Miller were in attendance, and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Jones and Turner was absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. SILENT MEDITATION

Council President Miller requested a moment of silent reflection.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Peter Ogbuji addressed Council to promote the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read, Cleveland Playhouse Kick-off Event, to celebrate Harriet Tubman on Monday, October 5 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Cleveland Public Library, 10601 Euclid Avenue.

b) Kevinee Gilmore addressed Council regarding the foster care system.

c) TJ Dow addressed Council regarding proposed legislation called Smart Plus.

d) Rico Dancy addressed Council regarding September is Deaf Awareness Month, and systems available for individuals who are incarcerated with hearing disabilities.

e) Loh addressed Council regarding individuals with disabilities in homeless shelters.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) September 8, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- b) September 8, 2026 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Casselberry and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2026 Committee of the Whole and September 8, 2026, Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Casselberry and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Councilmembers Pernel Jones and Meredith Turner from the Meeting.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

There were no messages from the Council President.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Chris Ronayne was absent. Benjamin Schaefer, Legislative Affairs Advisor for the Administration stated that there were no reports from the County Executive.

9. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL

- a) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE
 - 1) R2026-0260: A Resolution approving the appointment of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Commission Board of Trustees for various terms, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
 - i) Appointment for an unexpired term ending 11/15/2028:
 - a. Robert M. Pence
 - ii) Appointment for an unexpired term ending 4/15-2029:
 - a. Dartanian Warr

Sponsors Council President Miller and Councilmember Sweeney

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0260 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.

- 2) R2026-0261: A Resolution adopting various changes to the Cuyahoga County Non-Bargaining Classification Plan; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0261 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.

b) COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL FOR SECOND READING

- 1) R2026-0228: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Building Hope in the City for the Embody Youth Academy 2026 Youth Development & Expansion Initiative from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors Councilmember Sweeney and Miller

Committee Assignment and Chair: Education, Environment & Sustainability – Simon

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0228 into the record. This item will move to the October 13, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.

- 2) R2026-0231: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$30,000, to the Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter for the Slow the Flow project from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors Councilmembers Simon, Miller, Jones and Schleper

Committee Assignment and Chair: Education, Environment & Sustainability – Simon

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0231 into the record.

Council President Miller introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2026-0231.

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor, addressed Council regarding the proposed substitute.

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Kelly and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

This item will move to the October 13, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.

- 3) R2026-0237: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000, to the Downtown Cleveland Alliance for the Hotel Cleveland Exterior LED Lighting & Security Enhancement Initiative from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Sweeney

Committee Assignment and Chair: Economic Development & Planning – Kelly

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0237 into the record. This item will move to the October 13, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.

- 4) R2026-0238: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Journey Center for Safety and Healing for operational support from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Sweeney

Committee Assignment and Chair: Health, Human Services & Aging – Conwell

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0238 into the record.

Council President Miller introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2026-0238.

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor, addressed Council regarding the proposed substitute.

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute. Councilmember Conwell requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

This item will move to the October 13, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.

- 5) R2026-0239: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$5,000, to the Sante Foundation for the Bishop Pilla Family Center Food-as-Medicine Project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Sweeney

Committee Assignment and Chair: Health, Human Services & Aging – Conwell

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0239 into the record.

Council President Miller introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2026-0239.

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor, addressed Council regarding the proposed substitute.

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute. Councilmember Houser requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

This item will move to the October 13, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.

- 6) R2026-0240: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$11,109.52, to the City of Brecksville for the Stadium Drive ADA/Family Restroom Project from the District 6 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Schleper

Committee Assignment and Chair: Community Development & Housing – Houser

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0240 into the record. This item will move to the October 13, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.

- 7) R2026-0241: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$14,530, to the City of Brecksville for the Brecksville Community Portable Changeable Message Sign Project from the District 6 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Schleper

Committee Assignment and Chair: Community Development & Housing – Houser

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0241 into the record. This item will move to the October 13, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.

- 8) R2026-0242: A Resolution amending the award made pursuant to Resolution No. R2026-0121 for a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to the Cleveland Play House for the CARE at the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Project from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund, to amend the project scope and timeline; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Conwell

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Safety & Justice Affairs – Gallagher

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0242 into the record. This item will move to the October 13, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.

- 9) R2026-0243: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Sevynteenth Foundation for the Guardians of the Community Awards Event from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Houser

Committee Assignment and Chair: Community Development & Housing – Houser

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0243 into the record. This item will move to the October 13, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.

c) COMMITTEE REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL FOR SECOND READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

- 1) R2026-0246: A Resolution authorizing an Indemnification and Inducement Agreement for the benefit of Cuyahoga County and authorizing a Public Hospital Agencies Agreement in connection with the bonds by the County of Warren, Ohio, the proceeds of which will be used to finance facilities owned and operated by Otterbein Homes or its affiliates located within Cuyahoga County; and authorizing other documents in connection with the issuance of such.

Sponsor: Councilmember Kelly

Committee Assignment and Chair: Economic Development & Planning – Kelly

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rule 9D to place on final passage Resolution No. R2026-0246.

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0246 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

d) CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

- 1) O2026-0011: An Ordinance amending Chapter 704 of the Cuyahoga County Code to repeal the “Maximum Base Funding” limitation on the amounts annually deposited in the County Land Reutilization Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Houser, Miller and Conwell

Council President Miller referred Ordinance No. O2026-0011 to the Community Development & Housing Committee.

10. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE

a) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A to place on final passage Resolution Nos. R2026-0262 & R2026-0263.

- 1) R2026-0262: A Resolution amending the 2026/2027 Biennial Operating Budget for 2026 for Special Revenue Funds by providing for additional fiscal appropriations

from the General Fund and other funding sources, for appropriation transfers between budget accounts and for cash transfers between budgetary funds, to meet the budgetary needs of various County departments; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Fiscal Officer/Office of Budget and Management

Council President Miller introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2026-0262.

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor, addressed Council regarding the proposed substitute. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell seconded by Mr. Casselberry and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2026-0262 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote, as substituted.

- 2) R2026-0263: A Resolution amending the 2026/2027 Biennial Operating Budget for 2026 by providing additional fiscal appropriations from the General Fund and Health and Human Services Levies, to meet the budgetary needs of various County departments; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Fiscal Officer/Office of Budget and Management

On a motion by Mr. Casselberry with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2026-0263 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

b) **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE**

- 1) R2026-0264: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Dana Barragate to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0264 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.

- 2) R2026-0265: Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Matthew Besser to serve on Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0265 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.

- 3) R2026-0266: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Katherine Hollingsworth to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0266 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.

- 4) R2026-0267: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Gabrielle Kelly to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0267 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.

- 5) R2026-0268: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Claire Wade to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0268 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.

- 6) R2026-0269: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Paul Herdeg to serve on the Community Benefits Advisory Committee for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0269 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.

- 7) R2026-0270: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Anthony Scott to serve on the Community Benefits Advisory Committee for the

term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0270 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.

- 8) R2026-0271: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Michael Chambers to serve on the Community Benefits Advisory Committee for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0271 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.

- 9) R2026-0272: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Tania Menesse to serve on the Community Benefits Advisory Committee for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0272 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.

- 10) R2026-0273: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Sabrina Roberts to serve on the Community Benefits Advisory Committee for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0273 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.

- 11) R2026-0274: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Melanie Knowles to serve on the District One Natural Resources Assistance Council for the term 10/15/2026 – 10/14/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0274 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.

- 12) R2026-0275: A Resolution declaring that public convenience and welfare requires the replacement of the railing of Solon Road Bridge No. 06.88 over the Chagrin River in the Village of Bentleyville; total estimated project cost \$240,000.00; finding that special assessments will neither be levied nor collected to pay for any part of the County's costs of said improvement; requesting authority for the County Executive to enter into and execute the agreement of cooperation; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0275 to the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee. Councilmember Schleper requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- 13) R2026-0276: A Resolution declaring that public convenience and welfare requires the retrofitting of Stone Road Bridge No. 01.30 and Riverview Road Bridge No. 07.28 over the Ohio and Erie Canal in the Village of Valley View; total estimated project cost \$500,000.00; finding that special assessments will neither be levied nor collected to pay for any part of the County's costs of said improvement; requesting authority for the County Executive to enter into and execute the agreement of cooperation; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0276 to the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee. Councilmember Schleper requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- 14) R2026-0277: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Revenue Generating Agreement No. 3101 with Flexjet, LLC for lease of additional land and facilitation of the private construction of new hangers at the Cuyahoga County Airport, located at 26460 Curtiss Wright Parkway for the period 2/15/2021 – 2/14/2041 to extend the time period to 12/31/2046, to amend various terms, and for additional revenue in the anticipated amount of \$3,597,387.00, effective 1/1/2027; 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.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works/Department of Public Works/Division of County Engineer

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0277 to the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee.

- 15) R2026-0278: A Resolution authorizing a Revenue Generating Agreement with ReCon Development Group Ohio, LLC in the anticipated amount of \$558,106.36 for

lease of land for the construction and operation of hangar buildings for housing aircraft and related facilities, and improvements at the Cuyahoga County Airport, located at 26460 Curtiss Wright Parkway, effective upon signatures of all parties for a period of 240 months; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 6390 and all other documents consistent with said agreement and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0278 to the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee.

- 16) R2026-0279: A Resolution authorizing a Revenue Generating Agreement with Corporate Wings, LLC in the anticipated amount of \$2,094,839.00 for lease of land for the Tie-Down area at the Cuyahoga County Airport, located at 26460 Curtiss Wright Parkway, for the period 1/1/2027-12/31/2066; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 6412 and all other documents consistent with said agreement and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0279 to the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee.

- 17) R2026-0280: A Resolution making awards to various municipalities in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,698,843.00 for various projects or programs in connection with the FY2027 Community Development Block Grant Program for the period 1/1/2027 – 12/31/2027; 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:
- a) City of Bedford in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Public Parking Expansion Project.
 - b) City of Berea in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Kraft Street Improvement Project.
 - c) City of Brook Park in the amount not-to-exceed \$48,843.00 for Cavanaugh Park Playground Replacement Project.
 - d) City of Garfield Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Recreational Center Parking Lot Repair & Resurfacing Project.

- e) City of Maple Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Maple Heights Boulevard Resurfacing Project.
- f) City of Shaker Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Winslow Road Traffic Calming Project.
- g) City of University Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Senior Home Repair Program.
- h) City of Warrensville Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Green Road Park Public Safety, ADA Restroom & Facility Improvements Project.
- i) Village of Brooklyn Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Brooklyn Heights Park ADA Lower Restroom Project.
- j) Village of Newburgh Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Kathy Edwards Park Parking Lot Project.
- k) Village of North Randall in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Residential Rehabilitation & Preservation Project.
- l) Village of Oakwood in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Blackburn Road & Weber Park Drive Infrastructure Improvement Project.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Housing and Community Development

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0280 to the Community Development & Housing Committee. Councilmembers Miller and Gallagher requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- 18) R2026-0281: A Resolution making awards to various municipalities and agencies in the total amount not-to-exceed \$949,893.18 for various projects or programs in connection with the FY2027 Community Development Supplemental Grant Program for the period 2/1/2027 – 1/31/2028; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and contracts and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
 - a) City of Bay Village in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Bradley Park ADA-Accessible Path Addition & Rehabilitation.
 - b) City of Bedford in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Public Parking Expansion Project.

- c) City of Berea in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for The Kraft Street Improvement Project.
- d) City of Brooklyn in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Property Maintenance Program.
- e) City of Euclid in the amount not-to-exceed \$49,893.18 for Mavec Park Sensory Playspace Expansion.
- f) City of Garfield Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Exterior Home Repair Program.
- g) City of Maple Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Exterior Home Repair Program.
- h) City of Middleburg Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA-Compliant Playground Equipment, Phase 2 City Hall Park.
- i) City of University Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Sidewalk Repair Project.
- j) City of Warrensville Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Green Road Park Public Safety, ADA Restroom & Facility Improvements.
- k) Village of Brooklyn Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA-Compliant Restroom Brooklyn Heights Lower Park.
- l) Village of Highland Hills in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA-Accessible Entrance to Community Room.
- m) Village of Newburgh Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Park Improvements & Infrastructure Project.
- n) Village of Oakwood in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Oakwood, Blackburn, Weber Park Infrastructure.
- o) Village of Walton Hills in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Krick & Hannan Corridor Improvement.
- p) Jefferson-Puritas Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for “More Alike than Different” Mural.
- q) First Suburbs Consortium Development Council in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for First Suburbs Bungalow Initiative 2.0.
- r) South Euclid Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Senior Landscaping & Snow Removal Program.

- s) West Creek Conservancy in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Snow to Grantwood Connector Trail.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Housing and Community Development

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0281 to the Community Development & Housing Committee. Councilmembers Kelly, Miller, Casselberry, and Gallagher requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- 19) R2026-0282: A Resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for Continuum of Care planning activities in connection with the Cuyahoga Planning Project 2024 Renewal for the period 1/1/2027 – 12/31/2027; and authorizing awards via amendments to various providers utilizing the proceeds of the grant award; authorizing the County Executive to execute the grant award and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
 - a) A Place for Me Collaborative, in an anticipated amount of \$423,976.00;
 - b) Housing Innovations, in an anticipated amount of \$295,000.00;
 - c) Enterprise Community Partners, in an anticipate amount of \$332,408.00;
 - d) Bitfocus, Inc., in an anticipated amount of \$81,800.00; and
 - e) Cleveland Mediation Center, in an anticipated amount of \$56,160.00; and

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Community Initiatives/Office of Homeless Services

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0282 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.

- 20) R2026-0283: A Resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$1,740,179.00 to support eligible activities associated with joint transitional housing and rapid re-housing services to prevent and end youth homelessness in connection with the Cuyahoga Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program-Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing 2024 Renewal for the period 1/1/2027 - 12/31/2027; and authorizing an award to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry via amendment in the amount of the grant funds for the period 1/1/2027 -12/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute the grant award and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0283 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.

c) COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

- 1) R2026-0235: A Resolution authorizing a Revenue Generating Agreement with State of Ohio, Department of Transportation in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$1,191,360.00 for the sale of various County owned real property for the CUY-90-16.28 Project, effective upon signatures of all parties; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 6326 and all other documents consistent with said agreement and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works and Councilmember Jones

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Works, Procurement & Contracting – Jones

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0235 into the record. This item will move to the October 13, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.

- 2) R2026-0252: A Resolution declaring that public convenience and welfare requires the rehabilitation of Dover Center Road Bridge No. 03.17 over the Cahoon Creek in the City of Westlake; total estimated project cost \$2,800,000.00; finding that special assessments will neither be levied nor collected to pay for any part of the County's costs of said improvement; requesting authority for the County Executive to enter into and execute the necessary agreement of cooperation; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Works, Procurement & Contracting – Jones

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0252 into the record. This item will move to the October 13, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption. Councilmember Kelly requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- 3) R2026-0255: A Resolution making awards on RQ16350 and enter into contracts with various providers in the total amount not-to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for the design and administration of a Small Business Program for the period 10/1/2026-9/30/2028; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contracts and all other

documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- a) Contract No. 6395 with UBIZ Venture Capital in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00.
- b) Contract No. 6396 with JumpStart, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$350,000.00.
- c) Contract No. 6397 with Village Capital Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00.
- d) Contract No. 6398 with Grow America in the amount not-to-exceed \$250,000.00.
- e) Contract No. 6399 with Manufacturing Works, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00.
- f) Contract No. 6400 with The Northeast Ohio Hispanic Center for Economic Development in the amount not-to-exceed \$350,000.00.
- g) Contract No. 6401 with Economic and Community Development Institute, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00.
- h) Contract No. 6402 with Ohio Startup Network in the amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00.
- i) Contract No. 6404 with Gmiluth Chasodium (The Hebrew Free Loan Association) d/b/a HFLA of Northeast Ohio in the amount not-to-exceed \$350,000.00.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Development

Committee Assignment and Chair: Economic Development & Planning – Kelly

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0255 into the record. This item will move to the October 13, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.

- 4) R2026-0256: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 1725 with Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co. for annual audits for Calendar Years 2021-2025 for the period 9/30/2021-12/31/2026 to extend the time period to 12/31/2031, to extend the audit years through 2030, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,852,000.00, effective upon signatures of all parties; 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.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Fiscal Department

Committee Assignment and Chair: Finance & Budgeting – Turner

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0256 into the record. This item will move to the October 13, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.

- 5) R2026-0259: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Circle Health Services dba The Centers, in the amount not-to-exceed \$12,000,000.00 for grant funding to bridge the financial gap for the Glick Recovery Campus for the period 1/1/2027-12/31/2029; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 6422 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
[Pending referral from committee]

Sponsors: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Safety and Justice Services and Councilmembers Sweeney, Miller and Turner

Committee Assignment and Chair: Committee of the Whole – Miller

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2026-0259.

- d) COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D to place on final passage Resolution Nos. R2026-0236; R2026-0249; R2026-0253; R2026-0254 & R2026-0257.

- 1) R2026-0236: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 6261 with LEO Technologies, LLC for LeoTech VERUS software subscription and support services for the period 9/1/2025 - 8/31/2026 to extend the time period to 8/31/2028, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,695,757.68, effective upon signatures of all parties; 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.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Sheriff Department

Committee Assignment and Chair: Council Operations, Information Technology & Public Transportation – Chair Schleper

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2026-0236 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

- 2) R2026-0249: A Resolution accepting the revised rates as determined by the Budget Commission; authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the

County Fiscal Officer, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/ Fiscal Officer/Office of Budget and Management

Committee Assignment and Chair: Finance & Budgeting – Turner

On a motion by Mr. Casselberry with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2026-0249 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

- 3) R2026-0253: A Resolution making awards on RQ16374 to various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$900,000.00 for general engineering services, effective upon signatures of all parties for a period of (3) years; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract Nos. 6303 & 6304 and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
- a) Contract No. 6303 with AECOM Services of Ohio, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00.
 - b) Contract No. 6304 with Euthenics, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00.

Sponsors: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works and Councilmember Sweeney

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Works, Procurement & Contracting – Jones

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2026-0253 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

- 4) R2026-0254: A Resolution authorizing a Revenue Generating Agreement with Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$918,260.00 for construction management services for the Sheldon Road Profile Raising & Bridge Replacement Project, effective upon signatures of all parties through 12/31/2028; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 6387 and all other documents consistent with said agreement and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Ronayne/ Department of Public Works and Councilmembers Miller, Casselberry and Sweeney

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Works, Procurement & Contracting – Jones

On a motion by Mr. Casselberry with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2026-0254 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

- 5) R2026-0257: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 6329 (fka Contract Nos. 5654 and 4907) with Applewood Centers, Inc. for program administration of a youth residential treatment Program known as the Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Center (CBTC), for the period 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026, to extend the time period to 6/30/2027, to amend various terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$795,462.75, effective 7/1/2026, 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.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/on behalf of Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Safety & Justice Affairs – Gallagher

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2026-0257 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kelly reported that Economic Development & Planning Committee will not meet next week.

Mr. Sweeney reported that Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee will meet September 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Casselberry reported that the Finance & Budgeting Committee will meet Monday, September 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Gallagher reported that the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee will meet on Tuesday September 29 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Schleper reported that the Council Operations, Information Technology & Public Transportation Committee will not meet next week.

Ms. Conwell reported that the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 30 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Jones reported that the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Houser reported that the Community Development & Housing Committee will meet on Monday September 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Simon reported that she will determine if the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 30 at 3:00 p.m.

12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Councilmember Kelly stated that he attended the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter's biggest fundraiser of the year, the Annual Jog for Dogs 5K and 1 Mile Walk. 920 individuals signed up for the race and they raised \$83,537.98. The funds are used for the medical care of the shelter dogs and will help to alleviate the costs from the operating fund.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m., without objection.