



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

Committee Members

Sunny M. Simon, Chair | Dist. 11

Robert E. Schleper, Jr., Vice Chair | Dist. 6

Michael J. Houser, Sr. | Dist. 10

Pernel Jones, Jr. | Dist. 8

Dale Miller | Dist. 2

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026 — 3:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Schleper, Houser and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Jones was in attendance after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 20, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schleper, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0149: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000, to Food Strong for infrastructure improvements at the Superior Avenue Community Farm from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Sara Continenza, Founder of Food Strong, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0149. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Continenza pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0149 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Committee members Miller and Schleper requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- b) R2026-0150: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Ohio City, Inc. for the Field House Upgrade Project from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Brandon Collier, Director of Neighborhood Strategy & Outreach of Ohio City Inc, and the following members of Kentucky Gardens: Mr. Mike Mashaga; Ms. Gail Long; and Mr. Jaren Van Wagen, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0150. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Collier, Mr. Mashaga, Ms. Long and Mr. Van Wagen pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schleper with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2026-0150 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2026-0152: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Cleveland Rehab Community Funding Foundation for the School-to-Prison Pipeline Prevention Program from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Damian Calvert, representing the Rehab Community Funding Foundation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0152. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Calvert pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0152 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Houser requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

6. PRESENTATION

- a) The Department of Consumer Affairs: Making a Difference for Residents

Ms. Simon postponed the presentation by The Department of Consumer Affairs.

Ms. Sheryl Harris, Director of the Department of Consumer affairs, briefly addressed the Committee regarding testimony given to the House Banking Committee in 2024 regarding consumer scams and contact information for the Scam Squad. Discussion ensued.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m., without objection.