



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2015
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:15 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CLERK OF COUNCIL

In accordance with Rule 2B of the Council Rules, the meeting was called to order by Clerk Schmotzer at 1:15 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Schmotzer called the roll. Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown and Hairston were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Simon was absent from the meeting.

A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Germana and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Ms. Simon from the meeting.

3. ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

a) President of Council

Ms. Schmotzer described the process to be used for the election of Council leadership, as prescribed by Council Rule 2C, and then opened the floor for nominations for President of Council. A motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to nominate Mr. Brady. A motion was then made by Mr. Miller to nominate Ms. Conwell. Hearing no further nominations, Ms. Schmotzer then called the roll. Councilmembers Greenspan, Brady, Gallagher, Schron, Jones, Brown and Hairston voted for Mr. Brady. Councilmembers Miller, Germana and Conwell voted for Ms. Conwell.

By a majority roll-call vote of 7 to 3, Councilmember Dan Brady was elected as President of Council.

b) Vice-President of Council

At the request of Council President Brady, Ms. Schmotzer opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President of Council. A motion was made by Mr. Germana and seconded by Mr. Greenspan to nominate Mr. Jones. Hearing no further nominations, Ms. Schmotzer then called the roll. Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown and Hairston voted for Mr. Jones.

By unanimous vote, Councilmember Pernel Jones, Jr. was elected as Vice-President of Council.

Ms. Schmotzer then stepped down and Council President Brady presided over the remainder of the meeting.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Brady thanked Councilmembers for their support and congratulated Councilmember Jones on his election as Vice-President as well as the newly elected and re-elected Councilmembers. He stated that he plans to continue to lead in the model set by previous Council President Connally. Council will be an active, bipartisan and independent body and he looks forward to working closely with County Executive Budish. Council President Brady further stated that Board and Commission appointments and Council Committee appointments will be made over the next few weeks and he requested that committee meetings not be held until after the first regular Council meeting on January 13, 2015.

5. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Germana and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Resolution No. R2015-0001.

a) R2015-0001: A Resolution establishing the 2015 and 2016 schedules of County Council meetings, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Hairston and Simon/Clerk of Council

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2015-0001 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

No public comments were given unrelated to the agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Hairston with a second by Ms. Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m., without objection.