



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Schron called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Schron asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Culek to call the roll. Committee members Schron, Hairston, Greenspan and Germana were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon was absent from the meeting. Councilmembers Brady and Miller were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 4, 2016 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Germana seconded by Mr. Hairston and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

[Clerk's Note: The following matters were considered at this meeting in the following order: Ordinance No. O2016-0001, Resolution Nos. R2016-0013, R2016-0014, R2016-0015, R2016-0012, R2016-0011]

- a) R2016-0011: A Resolution making an award on RQ35678 to Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$599,888.00 for administration of the Cuyahoga County Down Payment Assistance Program in Cuyahoga Urban County Communities and City of Parma for the period 3/1/2016 - 2/28/2017; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Sara Parks Jackson, Community Development Officer, and Mr. Lou Tisler, Executive Director of Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2016-0011. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson and Mr. Tisler pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Germana with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2016-0011 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2016-0012: A Resolution authorizing an Economic Development Fund Accelerated Growth Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,000,000.00 to Victory Midtown, LLC for the benefit of a project located at Victory Center, 7012 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland; authorizing the County Executive and/or Director of Development to execute all documents consistent with said loan and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. David Lukas, Senior Development Finance Analyst; Mr. Michael May, Economic Development Administrator; Mr. Steven Raguz, Chief Financial Officer at Dealer Tire, LLC; and Mr. Jon Pinney, Managing Partner of Kohrman Jackson & Krantz and Counsel to Victory Midtown, LLC, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2016-0012. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Lukas, Mr. May, Mr. Raguz and Mr. Pinney pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2016-0012 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2016-0013: A Resolution authorizing an Economic Development Fund Accelerated Growth Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000.00 to HEC Properties LLC for the benefit of a project located at 2700 East 55th Street,

Cleveland; authorizing the County Executive and/or Director of Development to execute all documents consistent with said loan and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Lukas; Mr. May; and Mr. David Abraham, Part Owner of Hillcrest Egg & Cheese Company, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2016-0013. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Lukas, Mr. May and Mr. Abraham pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Germana, with a second by Mr. Greenspan, Resolution No. R2016-0013 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- d) R2016-0014: A Resolution authorizing an Economic Development Fund Small Business Growth Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,077,092.00 to Kanan Enterprises, Inc. for the benefit of a project located at 31900 Solon Road, Solon; authorizing the County Executive and/or Director of Development to execute all documents consistent with said loan and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Arnold Lockett, Senior Development Finance Analyst; Mr. Mathew Kanan, Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing for King Nut Companies; and Mr. May, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2016-0014. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Lockett, Mr. Kanan and Mr. May pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Schron introduced a proposed amendment to Resolution No. R2016-0014 deleting “*Small Business*” after “*Economic Development Fund*” and inserting “*Accelerated*” after “*Economic Development Fund*” in the title, first whereas clause and Section 1 of the Resolution. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Germana and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed amendment.

On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2016-0014 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules, as amended.

- e) R2016-0015: A Resolution authorizing an Economic Development Fund Large Scale Attraction Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,000,000.00 to W25d, LLC for the benefit of a project located at various corners of West 25th Street and Detroit Avenue, Cleveland; authorizing the County Executive and/or Director of Development to execute all documents consistent with said loan and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Lockett and Mr. Peter Snavelly, Jr., Vice President of the Snavelly Group, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2016-0015. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Lockett and Mr. Snavelly pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Hairston with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2016-0015 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- f) O2016-0001: An Ordinance amending Chapters 802 and 709 of the Cuyahoga County Code regarding the Casino Revenue Fund and Job Creation Fund for consistency with the 2016/2017 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Glassburn, Senior Policy Advisor; Ms. Sarah Cammock, Assistant Law Director; and Mr. May, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2016-0001. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Glassburn, Ms. Cammock and Mr. May pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

No further legislative action was taken on Ordinance No. O2016-0001.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Ted Carter, County Executive Budish's nominee for the position of Chief Economic Development Officer, introduced himself to the Committee and briefly described his background, experience and desire to serve as Chief Economic Development Officer.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Schron adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m., without objection.