



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019
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 Council Rule 2B, Clerk Schmotzer called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Schmotzer called the roll. Councilmembers Baker, Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens, Simon and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

a) President of Council

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

By unanimous roll-call vote, Councilmember Dan Brady was elected as President of Council.

b) Vice-President of Council

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

By unanimous roll-call 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 The Honorable Jazmin Torres-Lugo, Cleveland Municipal Court Judge, for swearing him in today. He also wished everyone a happy new year as well as thanked Councilmembers for supporting his election as Council President, thanked Council staff for their hard work, and acknowledged the challenges facing Council this year.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Resolution No. R2019-0001.

- a) R2019-0001: A Resolution establishing the 2019 and 2020 schedules of County Council meetings, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Baker, Miller, Brady, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens and Simon/Clerk of Council

Mr. Brady introduced a proposed amendment on the floor to Resolution No. R2019-0001. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2019-0001 as follows:

- 1) delete "8/13/2019" and insert "8/6/2019" in Section 1;
- 2) delete "9/8/2020" and insert "9/15/2020" in Section 2; and
- 3) delete "9/22/2020" and insert "9/29/2020" in Section 2.

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2019-0001 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote, as amended.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Miller voiced concerns over the recent death of an inmate at the County jail.

Mr. Jones announced that a Maple Heights High School student who was also a participant of Closing the Achievement Gap, was tragically killed in a shooting on December 31st.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Brady adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m., without objection.