

## **County Council Regular Meeting: November 25, 2014**

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### **I. Introduction.**

The meeting was called to order promptly at 5:00 PM by President C. Ellen Connally with all Council members except David Greenspan present. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM. There was a 15-minute executive session about halfway through the meeting.

### **II. Antecedents, Announcements or Public Comment**

President Connally stated that the closing of the MetroHealth System clinic at Asia Plaza came as a surprise to council members and that she would join Councilmember Yvonne Conwell in introducing a resolution that would require MetroHealth to require a 90-day-notice to Council when closing a site. County Executive Ed FitzGerald's only statement of the evening was his "on point" comment on this contemplated action.

A public comment was made by Janice Ridgeway of Garden Valley Neighborhood House urging the Council's support for the pending contract supporting emergency food services.

### **III. Business Transacted**

Six items were approved upon second reading under suspension of rules:

- Amendment to MetroHealth policies & procedures permitting joint purchasing with other local hospitals
- Authorization for sale of sales tax revenue bonds for sewer district improvements and for County facilities improvements
- Sale of tax-exempt economic development bonds for the Medical Mart/Convention Center project
- Sale of taxable economic development bonds for the Western Reserve Fund (a revolving loan fund supporting job creation and retention in the County)
- Award of \$1.095K fiscal agent services contract to United Way for emergency food purchases for Cuyahoga County residents

Nine items received their second reading:

- \* contract for community works service placement and supervision program
- \* group healthcare benefits for county employees and eligible dependents with three providers
- \* MetroHealth System Year 2015 Budget
- \* amend name of fiber maintenance service provider

- \* contracts for 22 persons to provide real estate appraisal services
- \* an ordinance establishing guidelines for financial management of County operations and a long-term County financial plan

Ten items received first reading and were referred to various committees:

- Six resolutions supporting applications to the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program for specific areas
- Change of scope and additional funds for design engineering services contract for Royalton Road project
- Authorization of Mayfield Village's participation in a benefits regionalization program
- Five-year maintenance and support contract for automated fingerprint identification system
- Four-year agreement with MetroHealth System for services at the County Corrections Center.
- Additional funds for two organizations providing Staff Secure Shelter Care Services
- An ordinance establishing a post-secondary, small business internship

#### **IV. Notes:**

The Council will convene as a Committee of the Whole on December 2 at 3 PM and on Dec. 9 at 4:30 PM.

The next regular Council meeting is December 9 at 5:00 PM.

There will be a special year-end meeting on Thursday, Dec. 18, with the time yet to be determined.