

County Council Regular Meeting: April 25, 2017

Observers: Janice Patterson, Carol Gundersen, Paul Gundersen

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I. Introduction.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Dan Brady at 5:00 pm with all members of County Council present. It ended at 5:32 pm.

II. Antecedents, Announcements and Public Comment

Three citizens spoke during the public comment period. Two expressed concerns related to the pending purchase of electronic poll books for the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. Adele Eisner urged amendments to the Memo of Understanding regarding the purchase that would place restraints for both the vendor and the Board of Elections on the use of live data in the demonstrations and asked the council to support improved security both inside and outside of election sites. John Medcalf, CEO of a company that has done business with the Board of Elections since 1981, asked for clarification of the decision process, alleging the contract under consideration to be a “dead-end system.”

The third person, Ms. Lu, was critical of the process used to approve a contract for homeless shelters, alleging that the scoring process had not focused on service delivery.

At the end of the meeting, a citizen spoke asking council to provide more funds for suicide prevention and to support children’s ability to get to and from school safely.

III. Business Transacted

* Council adopted an amended biennial operating budget and capital improvements program, in addition to making the regular monthly appropriations adjustments.

* Nine other resolutions were adopted upon first, second or third reading, five of which involved road resurfacing or rehabilitation projects. Also approved:

- An extension of the time period for Council review of proposed Administrative Rules,
- Establishment of new contractor license rates, and
- A three-year contract for inspection and replacement services on fire and smoke dampers in county facilities.

* Seven resolutions were read and referred to committees, including the following:

- \$8.3 million dollars for emergency shelter services in the City of Cleveland for the period 5/1/2017-12/31/2019

-- Amendments to the master contract for placement and foster care services provided by 41 different providers.