

County Council Regular Meeting: July 25, 2017

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I. Introduction.

The meeting was called to order at 3pm and was over approximately 25 minutes later. A special guest in attendance was former Councilman Dave Greenspan, now a state Representative. County Executive Budish was absent today.

II. Antecedents, Announcements and Public Comment.

Councilwoman Conwell paid tribute to retired Cleveland Municipal Court Judge Jean Murrell Capers, who died this morning at the age of 104. She was the first African-American woman elected to Cleveland City Council in 1948, and she served on the Municipal Court from 1977 to 1986. Several citizens addressed the Council at the end of the meeting, covering subjects such as conditions in the homeless shelters, services for the hearing impaired, and the lack of mandatory seatbelts in school busses.

III. Business Transacted.

* The following were adopted on second reading:

- \$2.4 million for roof replacement and stone repair on the Old Courthouse;
- \$1.7 million for body transportation services by Esposito Mortuary Services Inc.

* Numerous appointments to important boards and commissions were also approved on second reading. Among them were the following:

- Chris Ronayne and Jan L. Roller to serve on the Port Authority Board;
- Ronald B. Adrine, Susan A. Drucker, Dennis Kennedy, Michail King, Thomas Perciak, Claire Rosacco, Victor Ruiz and Davida Russell to serve on the Charter Review Commission;
- Max Rodas, Ernie Cade, Hugh Shannon, Steve Killpack and Cassi Handler to serve on the ADAMHS Board; and
- Sixteen individuals to serve on the Community Improvement Corporation Board.

* A \$555,000 contract with Court Community Services received second reading for placing and supervising workers sentenced to community service in lieu of jail time.

* The following items were read for the first time and referred to appropriate committees:

- A \$2 million Economic Development Loan for the Beacon Project at 515 Euclid Avenue;
- Agreements with various political subdivisions or agencies for participation in the Benefits Regionalization Program. Among these are the County Board of Health, the Convention Facilities Development Corporation, the Land Bank, RITA, and several villages;
- The appointment of Diane M. Downing to serve on the Charter Review Committee;
- Appointments of Gwendolyn Garth and Kenneth Miller to serve on Cuyahoga Arts and Culture;

-- The appointment of Nick Nardi to serve on the RTA board.

IV. Notes.

The 3pm start times will now be standard on every Tuesday with a 7pm Indians home game, so that the parking garage will be empty of most county cars in time for baseball parking.