

## **County Council Regular Meeting: February 27, 2018**

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### **I. Introduction.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Councilman Brady and ended at 5:40 pm. Council Member Conwell was excused.

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

Council held a moment of silence in honor of the Parkland FL highschool shooting victims.

County Executive Budish talked about the partnership with HTT (Hyperloop Transportation Technologies) that will be studying the feasibility of 800 mph trains between Cleveland and Chicago. This has been in the news lately.

Public comments: Liz Solomon from Clevelanders for Public Transit made a plea for cooperation to make public transportation affordable, viable and accessible. Raymond Bell talked about public transit. Rev. Pinckney-Butts spoke. Miss Liu spoke of public transit and shelter problems. Mark Fenster argued for plastic bags, not cloth bags. (He did not sign up to speak but council allowed it as he obviously had never come to the meetings before.)

### **III. Business Transacted.**

\* Resolutions adopted after 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading included the following:

- Reappointment of Yvette Ittu to the County Audit Committee
- A \$24 million Sales Tax Revenue Bond issue for demolition of blighted and nuisance properties.
- Several large contracts or agreements to administer parts of the Invest in Children Program : \$8.4 million with the Child Care Resource Center (dba Starting Point); \$1.6 with the County Board of Health; \$2.5 with the Educational Service Center; and \$1.3 million with ADAMHS (Alcohol, Drug Addition and Mental Health Services board).

\* Resolutions given 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and bound over to the March 13 meeting included:

- A \$2 million award to W.B.Mason Co. for general office supplies
- Municipal grants totaling over \$1 million to various cities and nonprofits for community improvements. Among the several recipients were the cities of Fairview Park, Lakewood and Shaker Heights.

\*Resolutions introduced and referred to committee:

- Resurfacing of roads in many communities.
- A \$10.4 loan application for the widening of Royalton Road

- A \$4.3 million award for design/build services on the Maintenance Yard Consolidation Project
- A \$2 million Economic Development Fund Place-based/Mixed-use Loan for a “Church & State Mixed-use Project on Detroit Ave
- A \$2.5 million contract for GPS and alcohol monitoring equipment
- A \$1.6 million award for Shelter Care Spectrum of Services Program

**IV. Notes.**

There were TV cameras in the room but they left after about 15 minutes. Not sure what they were looking for. No discussion or controversy about any agenda items.