

County Council Regular Meeting: April 24, 2018

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Introduction.

The regular County Council meeting was called to order by Council President Dan Brady at 5 o'clock p.m. with all Council members present. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

II. Antecedents, Announcements & Public Comment.

Prior to the regular meeting, Council met in a work session to discuss consumer protection law and enforcement in the county. In the regular session, Council President Dan Brady called for a moment of silence to honor former first lady Barbara Bush. Council Armond Budiish urged all present to vote for passage of Issue 9, the county Health and Human Services levy.

III. Business Transacted

* An ordinance was passed creating a Consumer Protection Code and giving the County Department of Consumer Affairs the power to enforce those laws. This action followed considerable discussion concerning whether the state Attorney General or the County department should be approached first when a local resident has a consumer sales problem. The measure was amended to indicate that the County Executive, s, attempt dispute resolution and enforce violations through civil action. (See Plain Dealer page A-11, //Wednesday April 25, 2018).

* Following third reading, the following resolutions were also adopted:

- confirmation of the reappointment of The Honorable Bradley D. Sellers to the County Planning Commission representing the Chagrin/Southeast Region
- a \$4 million award to United Survey, Inc. for the 2018 Sewer Rehabilitation Program.
- update of the Cuyahoga County Travel Policy for the first time in twenty-five years
- establishment of a Cuyahoga County Weights and Measures Code

* Several ordinances and resolutions were adopted on first or second reading, with suspension of the rules, including

- a \$3.9 million award for electric power services for various County buildings,
- a \$4.8 million award for acquisition and maintenance of a permanent facility for the County Board of Health

-- additional funds for lease of space at Southgate Park in Maple Heights, for an Auto Title Bureau and Juvenile Court.

* Ordinances or resolutions introduced and referred to committee included the following:

--an amendment to Title 7 of the County Code clarifying requirements regarding the use of casino tax revenue

-- an amendment increasing the maximum amount of one-year, renewable scholarships from \$1,500 to \$1,750

-- a \$1.9 million award to Nerone & Sons for the Broadrock Court Sanitary Relief Sewer in the City of Parma

-- a \$3.5 million award to Great Lakes Construction Co. for the Towpath Trail, stage 1, from Harvard Avenue Trailhead to Steel Yard Commons

IV. Notes.

County Council meetings in May will be held one week later than usual, due to Primary Election Day on Tuesday, May 8. That means May 15 and 29.