

County Council Regular Meeting: June 26, 2018

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I. Introduction.

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm by Councilman Brady and ended at 5:40 pm. All members were present.

II. Antecedents, Announcements and Public Comment.

Prior to the regular meeting, Council met as the Committee of the Whole to discuss a proposed ordinance amending the scope of the county's anti-discrimination law and establishing a Commission on Human Rights. The discussion was lengthy and will be continued at a later date. The proposed amendment is not yet ready for second reading.

Lisa Moss, an eligibility specialist for the county at the Payne Ave. building made a plea for a resolution to burdensome parking issues at that location. County employees (over 800 of them) and customers (over 5,000 a month) are faced with recent increases of 20-40% in parking fees. For her, this will mean parking fees of \$9-10 thousand a year and for clients who are required to appear in person for interviews, etc. it is an extreme hardship. Miss Liu spoke and suggested that public transit is the resolution for the above problem. She also talked about problems in homeless shelters.

III. Business Transacted.

. * Resolutions adopted after 1st, 2nd, or 3rd reading included the following:

-- Receipt of the Y2019 annual alternative tax budget..

-- Confirmation of Keith J. Libman to the Cuyahoga County Audit Committee

-- An amendment to a lease with Metroparks for a portion of property under the Main Ave Bridge to continue the Towpath trail under the Main Ave. Bridge.. This action also included a 99 year lease and right of first refusal agreement with MetroParks for county-owned property in the Flats East and West Banks..

--. A 14 million award to DiGioia-Suburban Excavating for reconstruction and additional turning lanes on Royalton Road in North Royalton

--. \$1.8 million in amendments to contracts with various providers for services to youth for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity.

. . * . Resolutions introduced and referred to committee:

-- \$1.1 million to the City of Rocky River for Bradstreet Landing Pier reconstruction

--. *\$842,000 to CSX Transportation, Inc. for the Towpath Trail Extension from Harvard Ave. to Steelyard Commons

--. *\$1 million for Fund For Our Economic Future to support employment of county residents in up to three industry sectors in Cuyahoga County

--. Municipal grant projects for 12 municipalities, approximately \$150,000 each. Among the 12 projects are Fairview Park's senior center roof repair, Shaker Heights park improvements and University Heights pedestrian improvements..

IV. Notes.

(Ed note.). This observer was unable to attend and therefore assess the gist of the Council discussion of the anti-discrimination ordinance in question.. The League of Women Voters will want to follow the progress and disposition of this measure, however.