

County Council Regular Meeting: August 6, 2019

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I. Introduction.

Council President Dan Brady called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. All members of Council except for Councilmember Conwell were present. The meeting ended at 5:32pm.

II. Antecedents, Announcements & Public Comment.

Council President Brady observed a moment of silence for the victims of gun violence in El Paso and Dayton. During Public Comment, Miss Liu spoke in response to testimony from the retiring County Sheriff about ongoing issues at the Cuyahoga County Jail. County Executive Armond Budish spoke positively about the recent appointment of David Schilling as interim Sheriff.

III. Business Transacted.

* The following resolutions were adopted after second reading:

-- The 2019 Economic Development Plan.

-- \$4.5 million for wireless communication services & equipment through 2021.

* An ordinance was adopted after second reading to establish the Cuyahoga County Energy Participation Program.

* An ordinance was adopted after third reading approving a 1 percent increase in the county hotel bed tax to cover costs of operating the convention center.

* The following resolutions were first read and referred to committee:

-- \$1.8 million to fix the Bishop Road bridge over the Euclid Creek in Highland Heights.

-- \$2.4 million extra to fix a Pleasant Valley Road Bridge over the Cuyahoga, Canal Road, and the canal itself, in Valley View and Independence.

-- \$1 million extra to maintain a comprehensive case management system.