

County Council Regular Meeting: January 28, 2019

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I. Introduction.

The meeting of the County Council was called to order by Council President Dan Brady at 5:03 pm with all members present. It lasted approximately 55 minutes.

II. Antecedents, Announcements and Public Comment.

County Executive Budish announced that the Greater Cleveland Partnership supports the HHS levy and there will be a kickoff the next day at Metrohealth. Just one citizen made a public comment regarding public safety.

III. Business Transacted.

* Resolutions adopted at this meeting included the following:

- Appointment of Honey Bell-Bey as Poet Laureate for Cuyahoga County. Under **Notes** there is a link to news coverage of this event. It was very well attended, with very moving speeches.
- Confirmation of Michael W. Chambers as Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County
- Appointment to Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Board of Trustees and various individuals to Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees
- \$3 million for design engineering to rehab the Hilliard Road bridge over Rocky River and the Valley Parkway;
- \$1 million in revenue to lease two Head Start sites to the Council for Economic Opportunity;
- \$1.1 million for Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Offenders Seeking Employment;
- \$4 million to the Prosecutor's office for 2020 legal services;
- \$1.4 million so that the Board of Developmental Disabilities can determine eligibility for reimbursement of Medicaid Home and Community-based Services.
- \$3.6 million in additional funds to 19 providers of OPTIONS for Independent Living

* Resolutions introduced and referred to committees included the following:

- \$3 million for rehabilitation of Tinkers Creek Road in Walton Hills and Maple Heights
- \$4 million for replacement of Mastick Road Bridge in Fairview Park

-- Following amounts for Invest in Children Program

\$1.3 million for Early Childhood Mental Health Program

\$3.9 million for Special Needs Child Care Program

\$1.4 million for Family Child Care Home Professional Development System

IV. Notes.

Here is the full URL for the PD article on the remarkable East Cleveland woman who is the new Poet-Laureate of Cuyahoga County: <<https://www.cleveland.com/arts/2020/01/honey-bell-bey-becomes-cuyahoga-countys-first-poet-laureate-in-16-years.html>>