

## County Council Regular Meeting: November 12, 2019

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### **I. Introduction.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 by Council President Dan Brady with all 11 members and County Executive Armond Budish present. It adjourned at 5:26pm.

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

There was no public comment. Mr. Budish asked Council to support the resolution extending the appointment of the Interim Sheriff David G.Schilling Jr., who was named to the post on August 5, 2019 after the previous sheriff resigned. Mr. Budish said that in compliance with the credentials required in the recently passed charter amendment, Sheriff Schilling will meet the education requirement next year.

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

- \* Resolutions adopted at today's meeting included the following:
  - \$20 million proposed settlement between Cuyahoga and Summit counties and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, plus \$25 million in products related to the opiate litigation.
  - \$215 million proposed settlement between Cuyahoga and Summit Counties and AmierisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKessen in the matter of opiate litigation.
  - \$1.6 million in revenue generating agreements with 10 County Coroners for autopsy and scientific testing
  - \$1.4 million contract for preventative HVAC and fire alarm/security system maintenance services at various County buildings.
  - \$2.4 million to providers of various sewer and bridge related supplies for the next two years.

- \* Read for the second time and referred to the November 26th meeting for a final vote:
  - An ordinance establishing an Opioid Mitigation fund, to collect and expend funds from various litigation settlements.

- \* Read for a first time and referred to the November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting for adoption:
  - MetroHealth System budget for 2020, as part of the 2020-21 Operating & Capital Improvements Program.

- \* Among items introduced and referred to committees were the following:
  - An extension of the County Executive's appointment of Interim Cuyahoga County Sheriff David G. Schilling, Jr. for the term ending 12/31/2020.
  - Replacement of 3.9 mills of an existing Health and Human Services levy and an increase of 0.8 mill for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations. Councilmember Miller (one of the sponsors) said the levy replacement would sustain predictability and provide funding

for enhanced services. The increase would allow the county to do more on the front end delivering necessary services, so people don't need more expensive services later. This would increase early childhood services, which are not mandated by the state, but are the first to get cut. It would also respond to the rapid growth in the senior population. "It's an investment in our future," Miller said.

-- A resolution approving MetroHealth's policies and procedures for joint purchasing arrangements.

-- \$900,000 Community Development and Economic Development Loan for a company expansion project in South Euclid.

-- \$1.5 million Economic Development Loan to leverage equity and debt investments with positive social impact.

-- \$1.2 million in amendments to agreements and contracts with 11 providers of various services for the County Fatherhood Initiative, as well as an extension of the timeline.

--\$1.4 million in additional funds for the Rapid Re-Housing Program for homeless individuals and families and a time extension.