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Council Meeting

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Summary

- There was no response or seemingly visible acknowledgement made by County Council in response to public comment.
- Council approved a county investment in [Canon Healthcare's new HQ](#) without opposition.

Follow-Up Questions

- I could not find much/any information on the neighborhood collaboration and contracts regarding R2025-0163. It would be useful to know how/where those funds are allocated, and the contract terms for each neighborhood or organization. *[Editor's note: The [agenda](#) lists the entities and the amounts they will receive for services through March 2027, but it does not detail how they will spend the money.]*
- What initiated the change in scope to the [Bridgeworks mixed-use development project](#) at 2429 Superior Viaduct? Council Member Patrick Kelly attributed it to "changing market needs," but I think more clarity on the specific decision would be useful. I didn't find up-to-date information on the progress of this project that is easily accessible.
- Once funding, grants and loans are approved by council, how are those allocations spent by the receiving organizations or committees?

Notes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Danielle Murray, who said she is the founder of a nonprofit called For Gaza, said on Feb. 21, [Cuyahoga County made a divestment of \\$3 million in Israel Bonds amid a pause on long-term investments](#). Murray spoke about the existing \$13 million of county funds invested in "Israeli genocide bonds." Murray asked Council President Dale Miller if

pausing the \$3 million investment because “[the county] ran out of money” is better reasoning than a moral one. Murray asked for divestment from 100% of Israel Bonds.

LEGISLATION

Council reviewed dozens of pieces of legislation, advancing some to committees for discussion and passing others. The full agenda can be found [here](#). Legislation included grant approvals, appointments to various committees and boards, amendments to contracts, etc. Here are some pieces council approved:

R2025-0162:

Council Member Pernel Jones Jr. spoke about this resolution, which would allow the county to contract with CHN Housing Capital, which will provide up to \$20,000 in down-payment assistance to 38 homebuyers in “urban communities” in Cuyahoga County and the City of Parma. Maximum cost allowed is about \$872,000.

R2025-0163:

Awards up to \$9.8 million toward community-based services to support at-risk children and families in Cuyahoga County through March 2027. Council Vice President Yvonne Conwell said this is a part of a neighborhood collaborative master contract.

R2025-0164:

Authorizing a revenue-generating agreement of up to \$775,000 with the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County for the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Program in 2025. Council Member Sunny Simon said there’s not enough funds to go around to address the early childhood mental health needs in the county. She said this program can save the county money down the line as well as prevent suffering in adults. Miller agreed.

R2025-0144:

Authorizing a \$2 million loan to the mixed-use development project at West 25th Street and Detroit Avenue at 2429 Superior Viaduct. Council Member Patrick Kelly said this is not adding funds to the project but is modifying the scope of the project due to changing market conditions. The new project includes 219 residential units as well as 1,200 square feet of retail space, Kelly said, adding that the county has been committed to its completion since 2023 to promote residential growth and economic viability.

R2025-0145:

A grant incentive agreement costing no more than \$1.47 million toward Canon

Healthcare USA, Inc. to establish their headquarters at the former IBM building in Cleveland. More information on the initial proposal can be found [here](#). Kelly said this resolution will help establish Canon HQ for the “next 10 years.” “Canon Healthcare USA has established itself as a global leader in medical imaging services and a recognized brand throughout the world,” he said. The new HQ will create 50 full-time research jobs with average salaries of \$150,000 a year. They will generate \$1,093/year in local sales tax. An additional 100 manufacturing and training jobs may be created during phase two of the project. Kelly said this will make a “great addition” to the health corridor, which includes the Cleveland Clinic. This will contribute to “building the social capital to create the corporate goodwill” in communities.

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