



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY RULES, CHARTER REVIEW, ETHICS & COUNCIL OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
1:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 10, 2012 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) O2012-0032: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O2011-0008, as amended, which enacted the Cuyahoga County Code of Ethics, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
 - a) Presentation regarding semiannual report from the Agency of the Inspector General
 - b) Discussion regarding Committee meeting times
- 7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

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11:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Greenspan called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Greenspan asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Thurman to call the roll. Committee members Greenspan, Miller, Brady and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Connally entered the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken. Councilmembers Schron, Gallagher, Rogers and Conwell were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 29, 2012 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2012 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) Discussion regarding proposed Charter Amendments

Mr. Greenspan addressed the Committee regarding the proposed Charter Amendments. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Schron addressed the Committee regarding Charter Proposal 13, relating to changing the Charter to allow for a two year (biennial) budget. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to amend Charter Proposal 13 by inserting *“Council shall determine by ordinance the beginning and end dates of the biennium”* in Section 3.09.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Simon, Charter Proposal 13 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for referral to the Committee of the Whole, as amended.

Judge Nancy Fuerst, Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Common Pleas Court, and Mr. Greg Popovich, Court Administrator, addressed the Committee regarding Charter Proposal 11, relating to conferring the appointment of the Clerk of Courts to the Administrative Judges served by the Clerk. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Fuerst and Mr. Popovich pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Connally with a second Ms. Simon, Charter Proposal 11 was considered and approved by majority vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for referral to the Committee of the Whole, with Committee member Brady casting a dissenting vote.

A brief recess was taken by the Committee after which Mr. Greenspan reconvened the meeting.

Mr. William Mason, Prosecutor, and Mr. Majeed Makhoulf, Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding Charter Proposal 12, relating to clarifying the role of the Law Director. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Mason and Mr. Makhoulf pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Connally, Charter Proposal 12 was considered and approved by majority vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for referral to the Committee of the Whole, with Committee members Greenspan and Brady casting dissenting votes.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Greenspan adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2012-0032

Sponsored by: Councilmember Greenspan	An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O2011-0008, as amended, which enacted the Cuyahoga County Code of Ethics, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council enacted a permanent Code of Ethics in Ordinance No. O2011-0008, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Code of Ethics to clarify restrictions on the appointing authority of the County; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to continue the usual and daily operation of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Section 27(C) of Article VII of the Cuyahoga County Code of Ethics, adopted as Ordinance No. O2011-0008, effective April 8, 2011, as amended by Ordinance No. O2011-0023 on April 26, 2011; Ordinance No. O2011-0035 on July 26, 2011; Ordinance No. O2011-0052 on October 25, 2011; Ordinance No. O2012-0002 on January 12, 2012; and Ordinance No. O2012-0004 on May 25, 2012, is hereby amended to read as follows (additions underlined, deletions stricken out):

- (C) An interest in one or more ~~public contracts of the County or~~ contracts in effect with, or under consideration by, ~~the~~that Board, commission or other body to which the appointment is being ~~made~~advisory board.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services being provided by Cuyahoga County can continue without interruption, and to continue the usual daily operation of the County. Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that

resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: October 23, 2012

Committee(s) Assigned: Rules, Charter Review, Ethics & Council Operations

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