



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL OPERATIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Culek to call the roll. Committee members Miller, Simon, Germana and Greenspan were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Brady was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 1, 2016 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Mr. Germana and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2016 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) O2016-0002: An Ordinance amending Titles 4 and 5 of the Cuyahoga County Code to clarify the ethical rights, responsibilities and prohibitions applicable to elected officials, employees, board members, contractors and lobbyists of Cuyahoga County.

Ms. Lynda Mayer, Vice President of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2016-0002. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Mayer pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Mr. Michael King, Special Counsel, and Mr. Todd Ellsworth, Assistant Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2016-0002. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. King and Mr. Ellsworth pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Miller introduced a proposed substitute to Ordinance No. O2016-0002. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Mr. Germana and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Greenspan and approved by unanimous vote to amend Ordinance No. O2016-0002 by inserting the following under Section 406.01:

“C. The annual training provided to employees, as required in Chapter 403 of this code, shall include a notice to employees enumerating their whistleblower rights and responsibilities, including the requirement that an employee must submit any initial ethics complaint in writing to properly exercise his or her appeal rights in the event of whistleblower retaliation.”

A motion was made by Mr. Greenspan and seconded by Mr. Miller to amend Ordinance No. O2016-0002 by inserting “, or any other entity as provided in Section 124.341 of the Ohio Revised Code” after “fraud-reporting system under Section 117.103 of the Ohio Revised Code” in Section 406.01 (A) but was subsequently tabled.

A motion was then made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to amend Ordinance No. O2016-0002 by inserting “and expression” after “gender identity” in Sections 403.10, 404.03 and 405.03.

No further legislative action was taken on Ordinance No. O2016-0002.

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 and on a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Mr. Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m., without objection.