



MINUTES
CUYAHOGA COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
COMMITTEE ROOM A – 4TH FLOOR 4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL 4:10pm

Commission Members: Chairperson Ronald B. Adrine, Vice-Chairman Dennis Kennedy, Michael W. King, The Honorable Susan A. Drucker, Claire Rosacco, Victor A. Ruiz, The Honorable Thomas P. Perciak was at the meeting by phone. A quorum was established. Commission member Davida Russell is not in attendance.

2. MINUTES

Chairperson Ronald B. Adrine called for a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Dennis Kennedy, seconded by Michael W. King the motion was made to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

3. DISCUSSION: PRESENTATION BY CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCILMAN DALE MILLER

Proposal – County Executive and Council Succession

Powerpoint presentation on his thoughts on Council & Executive Succession:

- Current “Executive Succession” Charter Language (Section 2.04)
- Current “Council Succession” Charter Language (Section 3.05, 3.06, & 3.07)
- Issues with Current Executive & Council Succession Language
- Recommendations of Prior Charter Review Commission
- Why the Charter Amendment didn’t get Approved
- Recommended Provisions
- Research Summary
- Rational for Recommendations

4. DISCUSSION

Committee members asked questions of Councilman Miller, pertaining to Executive and Council Succession, which he answered accordingly. Claire Rosacco had to leave the meeting.

Chairperson Ronald B. Adrine called County Executive Armond Budish:

County Executive Budish: Councilman Miller presentation raised some questions and comments in no particular order.

County Executive Armond Budish: County Executive Armond Budish – Presents his thoughts and comments and questions regarding Executive and Council Succession.

- **Vacancy** - Did not see what constitutes a vacancy? Is it temporary or permanent? What if the CE is in an auto accident and is returning in a couple of months. Does that constitute a vacancy?
- **Law Director** – Have the Law Director automatically selected This may or may not be the right decision. The County Executive making a recommendation would make more sense to me.
- **Short Time Period** – to have an election in 90 days or 180 days is extremely difficult. You could have a candidate who is based on name recognition or who is very, very wealthy. Ninety or 180 days is not enough time to raise money for a successful election campaign.
- **Special Elections** – special elections are historically low turnout. A regular schedule November election would be the best ways to go.
- **Tough Job** - This is a tough job. Under Councilman’s Miller plan you could possibly have 4 different individuals as County Executive in a short span of time.
 - 1) Deceased County Executive
 - 2) Law Director
 - 3) Council Appointee
 - 4) Newly Elected Individual

This does not give any of them enough time to learn the job and/or do a good job.

- **Rules Set by Council** - Leaving a whole bunch of rules (partisan or not partisan) up to Council to set would be dangerous. Any rules should be put into the charter and not left up to council.
- **Interim CE** – This person (Law Director, Council President, etc.) if appointed should be able to go back to their previous position if it is not a permanent vacancy.

Committee members asked questions of County Executive Armond Budish, which he answered accordingly. Committee members discussed having an additional meeting in regards to continuing the discussion on succession.

Thomas P. Perciak had to leave the meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Committee members discussed and decided to have an interim meeting the week of March 26, 2018 to continue the discussion on succession. Invite the principals back to the meeting in case there are questions. Interim meeting scheduled to dig deeper into today’s topic as well as HR and PRC.

No further discussion.

5. PUBLIC INPUT:

There were no public comments.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn, moved and seconded, no objection. Chairperson Ronald B. Adrine adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Presentation: Campaign Finance