

MINUTES
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Connally at 4:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll. Councilmembers Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. DISCUSSION

- a) M2011-0007: A Motion approving permanent Rules of Cuyahoga County Council.

Sponsors: Miller, Greenspan, Conwell, Jones and Rogers

A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Brady to refer Motion No. M2011-0007 to the full Council for consideration. Mr. Miller then offered three written and one verbal amendments on the Floor and Mr. Greenspan offered one verbal amendment on the Floor.

Written Amendment #1:

Rule 12J: Council to Set Regular Committee Times

Not later than the third Regular Council Meeting each year, the Council shall pass a Motion of Council, setting the regular days, meeting times and locations for the standing committee meetings. After the regular schedule of standing committees is set, the Chairperson of any standing committee may, with the approval of the President, change the regular day, time or location of a standing committee. The Clerk shall update the list approved in Rule 12W to reflect any changes.

Rule 12W: List of Committees

The Clerk shall maintain and post on the County's website a list of all standing, joint, ad hoc or special committees and all subcommittees and advisory subcommittees currently existing within the Council; the officers and members of each and the regular day, time and location of meeting of each, if established.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Conwell the amendment was unanimously approved.

**Written Amendment #2: Recommended by Law Director Majeed Makhoulf
Rule 7B(3), delete "All ordinances" and substitute "Each ordinance"**

Rule 7C(3), delete "All resolutions" and substitute "Each resolution"

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Germana, the amendment was unanimously approved.

Written Amendment #3:

Rule 12O, change "12M" to "12N" in the two places where it appears.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Conwell, the amendment was unanimously approved.

Verbal Amendments on the Floor:

Mr. Greenspan offered a verbal amendment on the floor. A motion was then made by Mr. Greenspan and seconded by Ms. Conwell to delete Rule 5C(1) from the Rules. The motion failed on a vote of 1 yea and 10 nays with Councilmember Greenspan voting in the affirmative and Councilmembers Simon, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Connally and Rogers casting dissenting votes.

Mr. Miller offered a verbal amendment on the floor. A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Germana and approved by unanimous vote to add to the end of Rule 5C(1), ***"In an emergency, the President may cancel and/or reschedule a regular Council meeting."***

After all amendments were considered, the motion to refer the Rules of Council to the full Council was passed unanimously.

Councilmember Greenspan and Mr. Makhoulf, Law Director, discussed several changes to the Code of Ethics Ordinance, which will be considered by the full Council.

Ms. Schmotzer and Councilmembers discussed scheduling committee meetings.

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Miller, with a second by Mr. Germana, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m., without objection.