

MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Due to the nature of the items referred to Committee, Council President Connally requested that Councilmember Greenspan, Chair of the Council Operations and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, preside over the meeting. Chairman Greenspan then called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Greenspan asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

There was no public comment related to the agenda.

4. DISCUSSION

a) Cuyahoga County Charter Review Commission Report

Mr. Greenspan made comments regarding the process and timeline for consideration of the proposed Charter amendments.

Mr. Bruce Akers, Chair of the Charter Review Commission, provided an overview of the Charter Review Commission and its recommendations contained in the final report. Chairman Greenspan and Councilmember Miller thanked the Commission and Mr. Jim Boyle, Clerk of the Charter Review Commission, for a job well performed.

Assistant Law Director Michael King then provided a brief explanation of the intent and rationale for each proposal and the minority reports.

Discussions were entertained regarding Item #9 relating to the allocation of legal duties between the County Prosecutor and the Law Director. Mr. Shawn Riley and Mr. Patrick McLaughlin addressed the Committee regarding the recommendation of the Charter Review Commission. Mr. Akers and Mr. William Tarter addressed the Committee regarding the views expressed in the minority report. Discussion ensued. Committee members asked questions of Mr. Riley, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Akers and Mr. Tarter pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Discussions were entertained regarding Item #14 relating to the term of appointment and removal of the County Sheriff. Mr. Akers, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. King and Mr. Tarter addressed the Committee regarding the recommendation of the Charter Review Commission. Discussion ensued. Committee members asked questions of Mr. Akers, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. King and Mr. Tarter pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

There was no public comment given unrelated to the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m., without objection.