



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
1:30 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**At the request of Council Vice-President Brady, the meeting was called to order by Councilmember Greenspan, Chair of the Council Operations & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, at 1:39 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Mr. Greenspan asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Councilmembers Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Hairston, Simon, Greenspan, Miller and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Jones entered the meeting sometime after the roll call was taken. Council President Connally was absent from the meeting.**

**A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Schron and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Council President Connally from the meeting.**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

**No public comments were given related to the agenda.**

### 4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

**[Note: The following Resolutions were considered at this meeting in the following order: Resolution Nos. R2014-0166, R2014-0141, R2014-0163 and R2014-0160.]**

- a) R2014-0141: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to add Article XIV to the Cuyahoga County Charter to provide that the right to vote is a fundamental right in the County and authorize the County to take action to protect and promote the right to vote, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive FitzGerald and Councilmember Simon

**Deputy Clerk Carter read Resolution No. R2014-0141 into the record.**

**Ms. Simon addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0141. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Majeed Makhlouf, Director of Law, and Mr. James Boyle, Special Assistant to County Executive FitzGerald, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0141. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Makhlouf and Mr. Boyle pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**No further legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2014-0141.**

- b) R2014-0160: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article II, Section 2.01 and Article III, Section 3.03 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County modifying the residency requirements for the offices of County Executive and County Council; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Miller, Conwell, Germana and Gallagher

**Deputy Clerk Carter read Resolution No. R2014-0160 into the record.**

**Mr. Makhlouf addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0160. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Makhlouf pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Germana and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2014-0160 by inserting "~~be~~," and deleting the underline under "*an*" in SECTION 2.01 COUNTY EXECUTIVE.**

**No further legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2014-0160.**

- c) R2014-0161: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article V, Section 5.01 Appointment and Confirmation of Officers and Section 5.08 Sheriff: Powers, Duties, and Qualifications establishing the term of appointment and process for removal of the Sheriff; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Greenspan

**No legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2014-0161.**

- d) R2014-0162: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article XII, Section 12.09 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County accelerating the timeline for the appointment process and commencement of the term of the Charter Review Commission for the year in which the appointment is made; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Miller, Conwell, Germana and Connally

**No legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2014-0162.**

- e) R2014-0163: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment enacting Article XIV of the Charter of Cuyahoga County establishing the Agency of Inspector General in the Charter; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Greenspan and Miller

**Deputy Clerk Carter read Resolution No. R2014-0163 into the record.**

**Mr. Greenspan addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0163. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Makhlouf addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0163. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Makhlouf pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**Mr. Germana requested to have his name added as an additional co-sponsor to the legislation.**

**No further legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2014-0163.**

- f) R2014-0164: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment adding Article VI, Section 6.03 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County establishing the Investment Advisory Committee in the Charter; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Greenspan

**No legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2014-0164.**

- g) R2014-0165: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article VI, Sections 6.01 and 6.02 and Article XI, Section 11.01 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County changing the composition of various County Boards and Commissions to ensure independence of judgment of all members; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Greenspan

**No legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2014-0165.**

- h) R2014-0166: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to Article III, Sections 3.05 and 3.06; enacting Article XIV, Section 14.01 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County to remove party affiliation from elected County offices; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Schron

**Deputy Clerk Carter read Resolution No. R2014-0166 into the record.**

**Mr. Schron addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0166. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Makhlouf and Mr. William Tarter, member of the Charter Review Commission, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0166. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Makhlouf and Mr. Tarter pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**No further legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2014-0166.**

**A short recess was taken by Council, after which Mr. Greenspan then reconvened the meeting.**

#### 5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**Mr. Greenspan announced that proposed amendments to the Charter will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting which will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.**

#### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

**No public comments were given unrelated to the agenda.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Chairman Greenspan adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m., without objection.**