



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2014  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
9:00 AM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**At the request of Council President Connally, Councilmember Greenspan, Chair of the Council Operations & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

**Mr. William Tarter, member of the Charter Review Commission, addressed Council regarding issues of concern to him relating to proposed amendments to the Charter.**

### 4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

**[Note: The following Resolutions were considered at this meeting in the following order: Resolution Nos. R2014-0165, R2014-0164, R2014-0160, R2014-0162 and R2014-0161.]**

- 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

**No 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

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

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

**Mr. James Boyle, Special Assistant to County Executive FitzGerald, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0160. Discussion ensued.**

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

**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

**Clerk Schmotzer read Resolution No. R2014-0161 into the record.**

**Mr. Greenspan addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0161. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Majeed Makhoulf, Director of Law, and Mr. Boyle addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0161.**

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

**No further 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

**Clerk Schmotzer read Resolution No. R2014-0162 into the record.**

**Mr. Miller addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0162. Discussion ensued.**

**No further 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

**No 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

**Clerk Schmotzer read Resolution No. R2014-0164 into the record.**

**Mr. Greenspan addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0164. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Makhlouf addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0164. Discussion ensued.**

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

**No further 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

**Clerk Schmotzer read Resolution No. R2014-0165 into the record.**

**Mr. Greenspan addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0165. Discussion ensued.**

**Ms. Valerie Harry, Internal Auditor, and Mr. Makhlouf addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0165. Discussion ensued.**

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

**No further 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

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

#### 5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**Mr. Greenspan announced that proposed amendments to the Charter will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meetings which be held on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. and Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 1:30 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 11:03 a.m., without objection.**