



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2012  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
1:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Simon at 1:08 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**The Clerk called the roll. Committee members Simon, Connally and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA**

**The following citizens addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to them relating to Ordinance No. O2011-0042:**

- a) Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Joyce Strommen representing Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**
- b) Steve Bennett**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 13, 2012 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Chairwoman Simon and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2012 meeting.**

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) O2011-0042: An Ordinance extending health care benefits to domestic partners of County employees; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

**A motion was made by Chairwoman Simon, seconded by Ms. Connally and approved by unanimous vote to amend Ordinance No. O2011-0042 as follows:**

**To add a whereas clause to state *“WHEREAS, the law of the State of Ohio currently prevents two adults of the same sex from entering into legal marriage in the state”*;**

**To change Section 1, Paragraph 2 to state that *“children must be under age twenty-six (26) or some different age as established by State or federal law, unmarried, and the legal dependents of the employee or the employee’s domestic partner”*;**

**To change Section 1(a)(4) to increase the length of time that both individuals have shared a common residence from sixty (60) days to six (6) months; and**

**To change Section 1(a) to add as #10 on the list of items to be included on the sworn affidavit, *“Both individuals agree that were it not for the legal prohibitions of the State of Ohio that prohibit same-sex marriage, they would be legally married in Ohio”*.**

**On a motion by Chairwoman Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Ordinance No. O2011-0042 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of rules, amended.**

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

**No public comments were given.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Ms. Connally with a second by Chairwoman Simon, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m., without objection.**