



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY RULES, CHARTER REVIEW, ETHICS & COUNCIL OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greenspan at 1:13 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 29, 2011 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 29, 2011 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

a) OLD BUSINESS

- 1) M2011-0052: A Motion amending Rule 9D of the Rules of the Cuyahoga County Council; and declaring the necessity that this Motion become immediately effective.

Chairman Greenspan addressed the Committee regarding Motion No. M2011-0052. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Miller introduced a written amendment on the floor to replace Section 2 of Rule 9D of the Cuyahoga County Council Rules to read *“(2) Any legislation that is amended in committee following its most recent reading in Council shall be placed on second reading when returned to Council, even if it has been read in Council more than once previously.”*

Mr. Ed Morales, Assistant Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding Motion No. M2011-0052. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Greenspan postponed Motion No. M2011-0052 from further consideration at this time.

- 2) O2011-0031: An Ordinance providing for the adoption of a campaign finance policy for Cuyahoga County.

Ms. Joanne Gross, Senior Policy Advisor for Council, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2011-0031. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Greenspan postponed Ordinance No. O2011-0031 from further consideration at this time.

- 3) O2011-0032: An Ordinance establishing guidelines under which Council is to consider and approve subsidies to boards, commissions, agencies, corporations, and other entities or authorities over which the County Council does not have direct, immediate oversight of daily, operational management decisions.

Chairman Greenspan addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2011-0032. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Simon introduced a verbal amendment on the floor to replace Section 1 of Ordinance No. O2011-0032 to read *"SECTION 1. Council has the ability to exercise its discretion to restrict funding to County agencies and has the discretion not to fund that agency to the same level as it did the year prior if it did not abide by the restrictions imposed by Council."*

Chairman Greenspan postponed Ordinance No. O2011-0032 from further consideration at this time.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Chairman Greenspan presented Ordinance No. O2012-0002 to the Committee for the purposes of discussion.

Mr. Matt Hawes, Deputy Inspector General, and Ms. Nailah Bird, Inspector General, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2012-0002. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Miller addressed the Committee regarding draft rules for the Charter Review Commission.

Chairman Greenspan addressed the Committee regarding the Charter Amendment process. Discussion ensued.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lynda Mayer, Chair of the TAG Workgroup for Ethics, addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to her relating to Ordinance No. O2012-0002, an Ordinance amending the Cuyahoga County Code of Ethics.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Ms. Connally with a second by Ms. Simon, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m., without objection.