



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY RULES, CHARTER REVIEW, ETHICS & COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Greenspan called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll. Committee members Greenspan, Miller and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Brady and Simon entered the meeting shortly after the roll was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 10, 2012 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Connally and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2012 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 introduced a written amendment on the floor to amend Rule 9D, Section 2 in Motion No. M2011-0052 to read *“(2) If legislation is referred from a Council Committee to the County Council for a vote, the legislation shall not be voted upon unless at least seven (7) days have passed from the date of the Regular or Special Council*

meeting at which the legislation was submitted for consideration from the Council Committee to the County Council.” Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Chairman Greenspan, with a second by Mr. Miller, the motion to amend Rule 9D, Section 2 in Motion No. M2011-0052 failed on a vote of 2-2 with Chairman Greenspan and Mr. Miller voting in the affirmative and Ms. Connally and Mr. Brady casting dissenting votes.

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

- 2) 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 introduced a written amendment on the floor replacing 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.”*** Discussion ensued.

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

b) NEW BUSINESS

- 1) M2012-0004: A Motion amending various Rules of the Cuyahoga County Council; and declaring the necessity that this Motion become immediately effective.

Mr. Miller addressed the committee regarding Motion No. M2012-0004. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Ed Morales, Assistant Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding Motion No. M2012-0004. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brady and approved by unanimous vote to amend Section 1 of Motion No. M2012-0004 by deleting the following:

Rule 6B: Scheduling of Executive Sessions

The Clerk may place any item of business expected to require an Executive Session on the agenda at the end of the meeting, immediately following the second round of public comment.

Rule 6BC: Council Authority to Determine Agenda

The Council may, by adoption of a parliamentary motion, change the order of business or add items to or delete items from the order of business at any meeting of Council. Rule 6A shall not apply to an Organizational Meeting of Council, at which the Council shall adopt its own order of business and agenda by parliamentary motion.

Chairman Greenspan postponed Motion No. M2012-0004 from further consideration at this time.

- 2) O2012-0003: An Ordinance establishing rules and procedures for operation of Charter Review Commissions in Cuyahoga County, pursuant to Article 12, Section 9, of the Cuyahoga County Charter.

Mr. Miller addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2012-0003. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Greenspan postponed Ordinance No. O2012-0003 from further consideration at this time.

- 3) O2012-0004: An Ordinance amending the Cuyahoga County Code of Ethics, as amended, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Chairman Greenspan addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2012-0004. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Greenspan postponed Ordinance No. O2012-0004 from consideration at this time.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a) Announcement of scheduled future meetings of the Committee

Chairman Greenspan addressed the Committee regarding the proposed schedule of future meetings of the Rules Committee.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m., without objection.