



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY RULES, CHARTER REVIEW, ETHICS & COUNCIL OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Greenspan called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Lynda Mayer, representing the TAG Ethics Workgroup, addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to her relating to Ordinance No. O2012-0004, an Ordinance amending the Cuyahoga County Code of Ethics.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 27, 2012 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Connally and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2012 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

a) OLD BUSINESS

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

Mr. Greenspan introduced a substitute to Ordinance O2012-0004. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Nailah Byrd, Inspector General, and Mr. Matthew Hawes, Deputy Inspector General, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2012-0004. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Byrd and Mr. Hawes pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor, Mr. Ed Morales, Assistant Law Director, and Mr. James Boyle, Special Assistant to the County Executive, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2012-0004. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. McAleer, Mr. Morales and Mr. Boyle pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

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

- 2) O2012-0008: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O2011-0019, which established the Agency of Inspector General and the responsibilities and duties of said Agency, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Mr. Greenspan addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2012-0008. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Connally, Ordinance No. O2012-0008 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda under second reading.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Greenspan announced that the next meeting of the Rules, Charter Review, Ethics and Council Operations Committee will take place on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Greenspan adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m., without objection.