



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY RULES, CHARTER REVIEW, ETHICS & COUNCIL OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 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, and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon entered the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken. Committee member Brady was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 15, 2012 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Connally, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2012 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) Discussion regarding proposed Charter Amendments

Mr. Miller addressed the Committee regarding Charter Proposal 2, relating to vacancies in the Office of the County Executive and County Council and the length of time for appointments. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Majeed Makhlouf, Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding Charter Proposal 2. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Makhlouf, pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

A motion was then made by Ms. Connally, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to refer Charter Proposal 2 to the Law Department to draft a Resolution for Council.

Mr. Miller addressed the Committee regarding Charter Proposal 3, relating to actions of Council not requiring presentation to the Executive for approval or disapproval. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Makhlouf, Sr. Joanne Gross, Senior Policy Advisor, and Mr. Ed Morales, Assistant Director of Law, addressed the Committee regarding Charter Proposal 3. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Makhlouf, Sr. Gross and Mr. Morales pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Connally and approved by unanimous vote to refer Charter Proposal 3 to the Law Department to draft a Resolution for Council.

Ms. Connally addressed the Committee regarding Charter Proposal 9, relating to the County Audit Committee and the Department of Internal Auditing. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Wade Steen, Fiscal Officer, Mr. Makhlouf and Mr. Morales addressed the Committee regarding Charter Proposal 9. Discussion ensued.

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

A motion was then made by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to refer Charter Proposal 9 the Law Department to draft a Resolution for Council.

Mr. Steen, Mr. Jeff Mowry, Chief Information Officer, and Mr. Makhlouf addressed the Committee regarding Charter Proposal 4, relating to the roles of the Fiscal Officer, Treasurer and Chief Information Officer. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Steen, Mr. Mowry and Mr. Makhlouf pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Ms. Simon, Charter Proposal 4 was referred to the Law Department to draft a Resolution for Council.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Greenspan announced that the Rules, Charter Review, Ethics & Council Operations Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 1 p.m. to discuss the proposed Charter Resolutions as drafted by the Law Department.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Greenspan adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m., without objection.