



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY RULES, CHARTER REVIEW, ETHICS & COUNCIL OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2012
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Greenspan called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Greenspan asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Thurman to call 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

No public comments were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 22, 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 22, 2012 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) Discussion regarding proposed Charter Amendments

Chairman Greenspan addressed the Committee regarding the legislation for the proposed Charter Amendments. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Majeed Makhlouf, Law Director, and Mr. Wade Steen, Fiscal Officer, addressed the Committee regarding the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 4. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Mr. Brady, the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 4 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for referral to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Makhlouf and Mr. Ed Morales, Assistant Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 1. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Ms. Connally, the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 1 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for referral to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Makhlouf addressed the Committee regarding the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 6. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Greenspan introduced a written amendment on the floor to the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 6 to delete “*replace the joint authority of the County Executive and County Council*” and insert “*provide that the County Council shall have the exclusive authority*”; and to delete “*through joint action by appointment and removal by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by County Council, to transfer such authority to be carried out by County Council exclusively.*”

A motion was then made by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to amend the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 6.

Mr. Ed Fitzgerald, Cuyahoga County Executive, addressed the Committee regarding the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 6.

On a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Mr. Miller, the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 6 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for referral to the Committee of the Whole, as amended.

Mr. Makhlouf addressed the Committee regarding the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 2. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Miller addressed the Committee regarding the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 2. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Greenspan, the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 2 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for referral to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Makhlouf and Mr. Morales addressed the Committee regarding the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 3. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Miller addressed the Committee regarding the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 3. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Greenspan introduced a written amendment on the floor to the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 3 to delete *“provide that”* and insert *“clarify the powers and duties of”*; to delete *“shall have the authority to pass ordinances and resolutions, without submission to the County Executive for approval, that provide for the County”* and insert *“with respect to”*; and insert *“and to identify those actions requiring only the approval of Council.”*

A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Greenspan and approved by unanimous vote to amend the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 3.

On a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Miller, the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 3 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for referral to the Committee of the Whole, as amended.

Ms. Connally addressed the Committee regarding the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 9. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Makhlouf addressed the Committee regarding the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 9. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Connally with a second by Mr. Miller, the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 9 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for referral to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Miller addressed the Committee regarding the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 5. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Makhlouf addressed the Committee regarding the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 5. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Greenspan introduced a written amendment on the floor to the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 5 to delete "*clarify*" and insert "*establish*"; to insert "*of the Board of Revision as consisting of the Cuyahoga County Executive, Fiscal Officer, and a member of Council*"; and insert "*and to clarify*"; to delete "*replace the County Treasurer's membership on the Board with a member*" and insert "*provide that the membership of the Board include one member*"; and insert "*to remove the political party affiliation from the Hearing Board requirements.*"

A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Connally and approved by unanimous vote to amend the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 5.

On a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Mr. Miller, the draft Resolution for Charter Proposal 5 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for referral to the Committee of the Whole.

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, Chairman Greenspan adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m., without objection.