



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY RULES, CHARTER REVIEW, ETHICS & COUNCIL OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
11:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Greenspan called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Greenspan asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Thurman to call the roll. Committee members Greenspan, Miller, Brady and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Connally entered the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken. Councilmembers Schron, Gallagher, Rogers and Conwell were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 29, 2012 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2012 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) Discussion regarding proposed Charter Amendments

Mr. Greenspan addressed the Committee regarding the proposed Charter Amendments. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Schron addressed the Committee regarding Charter Proposal 13, relating to changing the Charter to allow for a two year (biennial) budget. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to amend Charter Proposal 13 by inserting “*Council shall determine by ordinance the beginning and end dates of the biennium*” in Section 3.09.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Simon, Charter Proposal 13 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.

Judge Nancy Fuerst, Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Common Pleas Court, and Mr. Greg Popovich, Court Administrator, addressed the Committee regarding Charter Proposal 11, relating to conferring the appointment of the Clerk of Courts to the Administrative Judges served by the Clerk. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Judge Fuerst and Mr. Popovich pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Connally with a second Ms. Simon, Charter Proposal 11 was considered and approved by majority vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for referral to the Committee of the Whole, with Committee member Brady casting a dissenting vote.

A brief recess was taken by the Committee after which Mr. Greenspan reconvened the meeting.

Mr. William Mason, Prosecutor, and Mr. Majeed Makhoulf, Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding Charter Proposal 12, relating to clarifying the role of the Law Director. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Mason and Mr. Makhoulf pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Connally, Charter Proposal 12 was considered and approved by majority vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for referral to the Committee of the Whole, with Committee members Greenspan and Brady casting dissenting votes.

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 12:50 p.m., without objection.