



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL OPERATIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
9:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Greenspan called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Greenspan asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Connally and Gallagher were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Hairston was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Mark Greenfield, addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to him relating to the discussion of Resolution No. R2013-0164, a Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment adding Article XIV, Section 14.01 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County establishing the Agency of Inspector General in the Charter.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 24, 2014 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting.

5. PRESENTATION

- a) Agency of Inspector General Semiannual Report

Mr. Chris Mazzella, former Inspector General of Miami Dade County, addressed the Committee regarding the function of the Inspector General, structure of County government and the types of investigations completed. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Mazzella pertaining to the items, which he answered accordingly.

Ms. Nailah Byrd, Inspector General, provided an overview and report of activities from the Agency of the Inspector General relating to the Semiannual Report including the budget, number and type of complaints received, investigations and the debarment process. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Byrd pertaining to the items, which she answered accordingly.

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

- a) R2013-0164: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment adding Article XIV, Section 14.01 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County establishing the Agency of Inspector General in the Charter; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Greenspan postponed the discussion regarding the proposed charter amendment relating to the Agency of the Inspector General.

7. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) O2014-0001: An Ordinance amending Sections 407.01 and 407.15 of the Cuyahoga County Code to add a definition for "Nominee" and to prohibit Nominees from making political contributions to nominating or appointing authorities and Public Officials from accepting same from their Nominees, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

No legislative action was taken on Ordinance No. O2014-0001.

- b) O2014-0005: An Ordinance amending Section 107.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code to streamline the process for oaths and affirmations, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Mr. Majeed Makhoulf, Law Director addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2014-0005. Discussion ensued.

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

A motion was then made by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to delete "*Personnel*" and insert "*Charter*" in Section 107.01(A)(1)(e).

On a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Mr. Brady, Ordinance No. O2014-0005 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Greenspan announced that the next Council Operations & Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting will take place on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

9. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Greenspan adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m., without objection.

