



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
2:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2014-0141: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to add Article XIV to the Cuyahoga County Charter to provide that the right to vote is a fundamental right in the County and authorize the County to take action to protect and promote the right to vote, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive FitzGerald and Councilmembers Simon and Hairston

- b) R2014-0163: A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment enacting Article XIV 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.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller and Germana

- c) O2014-0014: An Ordinance establishing the Cuyahoga County Property Demolition Fund, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

- i) Presentations – Gus Frangos, President and General Counsel, Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation, and Nathan Kelly, Deputy Chief of Staff for Economic Development

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

7. ADJOURNMENT

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2014-0141

Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald and Councilmember Simon	A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment to add Article XIV to the Cuyahoga County Charter to provide that the right to vote is a fundamental right in the County and authorize the County to take action to protect and promote the right to vote, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Hairston	

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides that “Proposed amendments to this Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the County in the manner provided for by the Ohio Constitution”; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution provides that the “legislative authority... of any county may by a two-thirds vote of its members” submit by resolution charter amendments to the electors of the county “to be voted upon at the first general election occurring not sooner than sixty days after their submission”; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County of Cuyahoga to amend the County Charter to extend the term during which Council may act on Executive appointments, and add an interim appointment provision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby authorizes and directs that there shall be submitted to a vote of qualified electors of the County of Cuyahoga, at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of November, 2014, the question of amending the Charter, to add Article XIV, as follows:

ARTICLE XIV—CITIZENS' VOTING RIGHTS

SECTION 14.01 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT

The right to vote shall be a fundamental right in Cuyahoga County, and elections in the County shall be free and open.

SECTION 14.02 VOTING PROTECTION AND PROMOTION.

The County shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this Article, including, but not limited to, the institution of legal action through the Law Department to protect the right to vote and access to the ballot and to undertake measures to promote voter registration and participation, including, but not limited, promotion of early voting by the County's citizens.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution, and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby directs that the proposed amendment to add Article XIV to the Charter shall be submitted to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, and the question to be submitted on the ballot shall be as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CHARTER

Shall the Cuyahoga County Charter be amended to add Article XIV, which provides that the right to vote shall be a fundamental right in the County and that elections in the County shall be free and open and authorizes the County to undertake measures to enforce the article and to promote voter registration and participation, including early voting initiatives?

SECTION 3. The Clerk of this Council is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections no earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days and not later than sixty (60) days before the November 4, 2014 general election. The Clerk is further directed to take all other actions required by law relative to the submission of said amendment for said election, including, if required by law, mailing or otherwise distributing a copy of said proposed amendment to each of the electors of the County as far as may be reasonably possible prior to thirty (30) days before said election.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective to enable the Clerk of Council to perform her duties in time for the amendment to be properly placed on the November 4, 2014 election. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members of Council, it shall become immediately effective.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2014-0163

<p>Sponsored by: Councilmember Greenspan</p> <p>Co-sponsored by: Councilmembers Miller and Germana</p>	<p>A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment enacting Article XIV 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.</p>
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WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides that “Proposed amendments to this Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the County in the manner provided for by the Ohio Constitution”; and

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WHEREAS, this Council believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County of Cuyahoga to amend the County Charter to insure the continuation of the Inspector General’s Office by establishing the Agency of the Inspector General in the Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby authorizes and directs that there shall be submitted to a vote of qualified electors of the County of Cuyahoga, at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of November, 2014, the question of enacting Article XIV of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, the respective text to be as set forth herein, with boldfaced text being added and crossed out text being deleted as follows:

SECTION 14.01 AGENCY OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

(1) Powers and Duties. The Inspector General shall serve as the County’s chief ethics officer and shall direct the Agency of Inspector General. The County Council shall establish, by ordinance, the powers and duties of the Agency of Inspector General and shall appropriate funding for the Agency’s operation.

(2) Qualifications. The Inspector General shall have at least ten years’ experience as an inspector general, certified public accountant, internal auditor, licensed attorney, law enforcement officer, or other investigative office involving supervisory and managerial experience.

(2) Appointment and Term. The Inspector General shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council, for a term of four years. The term of the incumbent Inspector General shall expire on December 31, 2015. Each subsequent Inspector General shall be appointed or reappointed for a term commencing on January 1, 2016 and every four years thereafter. Reappointments shall be subject to Council confirmation.

(3) Removal. The Inspector General may only be removed from office by resolution receiving the affirmative vote of at least eight members of the Council.

(4) Vacancy. In the event of a vacancy prior to the expiration of the Inspector General's term, the County Executive shall appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term subject to confirmation by Council. In the event a vacancy occurs less than two years prior to the expiration of the Inspector General's four-year term, the County Executive may appoint an Inspector General to complete the unexpired term and serve a subsequent four-year term subject to confirmation by Council.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution, and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby directs that the proposed amendment enacting Article XIV shall be submitted to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, and the question to be submitted on the ballot shall be as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CHARTER

Shall Article XIV, Section 14.01 Agency of Inspector General of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga be added to establish the Agency of Inspector General in the Charter?

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SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective to enable the Clerk of Council to perform her duties in time for the amendments to be properly placed on the November 4, 2014 election. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members of Council, it shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: June 24, 2014

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Additional Sponsorship Requested: July 7, 2014

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**[PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE SPONSORED BY
COUNCILMEMBER SIMON]**

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2014-0163

Sponsored by: Councilmember Greenspan Co-sponsored by: Councilmembers Miller and Germana	A Resolution providing for the submission to the electors of the County of Cuyahoga an amendment enacting Article XIV 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.
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WHEREAS, this Council believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County of Cuyahoga to amend the County Charter to insure the continuation of the Inspector General’s Office by establishing the Agency of the Inspector General in the Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

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(2) Appointment and Term. The Inspector General shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council, for a term of four years. The term of the incumbent Inspector General shall expire on December 31, 2015. Each subsequent Inspector General shall be appointed or reappointed for a term commencing on January 1, 2016 and every four years thereafter. Reappointments shall be subject to Council confirmation.

(3) Removal. The Inspector General may only be removed from office by resolution receiving the affirmative vote of at least six members of the Council.

(4) Vacancy. In the event of a vacancy prior to the expiration of the Inspector General's term, the County Executive shall appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term subject to confirmation by Council. In the event a vacancy occurs less than two years prior to the expiration of the Inspector General's four-year term, the County Executive may appoint an Inspector General to complete the unexpired term and serve a subsequent four-year term subject to confirmation by Council.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution, and Article XII, Section 12.10 of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga, this Council hereby directs that the proposed amendment enacting Article XIV shall be submitted to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, and the question to be submitted on the ballot shall be as follows:

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SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective to enable the Clerk of Council to perform her duties in time for the amendments to be properly placed on the November 4, 2014 election. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members of Council, it shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: June 24, 2014

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Additional Sponsorship Requested: July 7, 2014

Journal _____
_____, 2014

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2014-0014

Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald/Department of Development	An Ordinance establishing the Cuyahoga County Property Demolition Fund, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, vacant and abandoned properties pose a threat to citizens' safety, contribute to an environment that fosters crime, slow community development, depress neighboring property values, and accelerate residential flight;

WHEREAS, numerous studies across the nation, state, and county demonstrate that eradication of vacant and abandoned properties lift property values in moderate and strong market areas;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to use the County's bonding capacity to fund a comprehensive effort to demolish unsalvageable properties countywide to buttress existing community and economic development efforts, accelerate property value growth and to protect and restore neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, strategic demolition in bulk is in the interest of public safety, blight removal, property value stabilization, fiscal responsibility, and long term economic development; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of the County departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Chapter 807 of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby enacted as follows:

Chapter 807: Property Demolition Fund

Section 807.01 Property Demolition Fund Created

There is hereby created the Cuyahoga County Property Demolition Fund, which shall fund demolition programs to be administered by the County Executive through the Department of Development.

Section 807.02 Purposes

The Property Demolition Fund may be used county-wide for demolition projects with end users both known and unknown, and post-demolition dispositions ranging from buy-hold-and-maintain strategies to site assembly for strategic development and construction.

Section 807.03 Necessary Approvals

All contracts and agreements under the Property Demolition Fund shall be reviewed and approved by the appropriate approval authority depending on the monetary threshold of each such contract or agreement in accordance with Chapter 501 of the Cuyahoga County Code.

Section 807.04 Reporting Requirements

The Department of Development shall make a report to the County Council detailing the operations, performance measures and changes to the Demolition Fund programs annually in concert with updates to the County's Five Year Economic Development Plan as required by the County Charter.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County and the reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

