



MINUTES

**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

The meeting was called to order by Council President Connally at 2:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Connally asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Hairston entered the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

Ms. Linda Mayer, representing the League of Women Voters, addressed Council regarding issues of concern to her relating to Resolution No. 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 for the right to vote.

The following citizens addressed Council regarding issues of concern to them relating to Resolution No. 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 to establish the Agency of Inspector General:

- a) Ms. Linda Mayer, representing the League of Women Voters and**
- b) The Honorable Bruce Akers, Chair of the Charter Review Commission**

The following citizens addressed Council regarding Ordinance No. O2014-0014, an Ordinance establishing the Cuyahoga County Property Demolition Fund:

- a) Mr. Joel Ratner, CEO and President of Cleveland Neighborhood Progress**
- b) Ms. Kathleen Crowther, President of the Cleveland Restoration Society**

- c) **The Honorable Earl Leiken, Mayor of the City of Shaker Heights and representing the First Suburbs Consortium**
- d) **Councilman Tony Brancatelli, Cleveland City Councilmember**
- e) **Mr. Gerry Durante, representing the Cudell Improvement Association**
- f) **Mr. Frank Ford, representing the Thriving Communities Institute**
- g) **Councilman Zack Reed, Cleveland City Councilmember**

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

Council President Connally turned the gavel over to Councilmember Greenspan, Chair of the Council Operations & Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Clerk Schmotzer read Resolution No. R2014-0141 into the record.

Ms. Simon addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0141. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2014-0141 by deleting the third “Whereas” clause.

Mr. Greenspan introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2014-0141. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Majeed Makhlof, Director of Law, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0141. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Makhlof pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

A motion was then made by Mr. Greenspan and seconded by Mr. Schron to substitute Resolution No. R2014-0141 but failed on a roll-call vote of 3 to 8 with Councilmembers Gallagher, Schron and Greenspan voting in the affirmative and Councilmembers Simon, Connally, Miller, Brady, Germana, Conwell, Jones and Hairston casting dissenting votes.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2014-0141 was considered and approved by majority roll-call vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as amended, with Councilmembers Greenspan, Gallagher and Schron casting dissenting votes.

- 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

Clerk Schmotzer read Resolution No. R2014-0163 into the record.

Mr. Greenspan addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0163. Discussion ensued.

Mr. James Boyle, Special Assistant to County Executive FitzGerald, addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0163. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Boyle pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Ms. Simon introduced a proposed substitute to Ordinance No. R2014-0163. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Makhlouf addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2014-0163. Discussion ensued.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Connally and approved by majority roll-call vote to substitute Resolution No. R2014-0163 with Mr. Schron casting the only dissenting vote.

A motion was then made by Miller, seconded by Mr. Greenspan and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2014-0163 by renumbering Section 14.01.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Hairston, Resolution No. R2014-0163 was considered and approved by majority roll-call vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted and amended, with Councilmembers Connally and Conwell casting dissenting votes.

- 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

Mr. Greenspan turned the gavel back over to Council President Connally to Chair the remainder of the meeting.

Clerk Schmotzer read Resolution No. O2014-0014 into the record.

Mr. Gus Frangos, President and General Counsel of the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation, and Mr. Nathan Kelly, Deputy Chief of Staff for Development, addressed Council regarding Ordinance No. O2014-0014. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Frangos and Mr. Kelly pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Greenspan requested that Mr. Kelly provide a plan for the administration of the fund to the Clerk by the next day for dissemination to Council.

No further legislative action was taken on Ordinance No. O2014-0014.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

No public comments were given unrelated to the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Connally adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m., without objection.