



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL OPERATIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Culek to call the roll. Committee members Miller, Brady, Germana and Greenspan were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 16, 2016 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Greenspan and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2016 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) O2016-0002: An Ordinance amending Titles 4 and 5 of the Cuyahoga County Code to clarify the ethical rights, responsibilities and prohibitions applicable to elected officials, employees, board members, contractors and lobbyists of Cuyahoga County.

Mr. Michael King, Special Counsel, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2016-0002. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Miller introduced a proposed substitute to Ordinance No. O2016-0002. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Greenspan and approved by unanimous vote to amend the proposed substitute by using the existing language "*exercise of discretion*" and deleting the proposed language "*authorization or approval of any public contract or the investment of public funds*" in Section 403.04(C).

A motion was then made by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute, as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to amend Ordinance No. O2016-0002 by deleting "*ten percent (10%)*" and inserting "*five percent (5%) of*" in Section 402.01 (J).

A motion was made by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to amend Section 403.04(G) as follows:

G. No elected official, employee or board member shall be required to recuse himself or herself with respect to the following matters:

- 1. Adoption of the County's biennial budget as a whole; or*
- 2. Any matter that does not involve the exercise of discretion. ~~;~~*
- ~~*3. Any matter involving the exercise of discretion that directly affects any of the following groups or a lawful class of such groups:*~~
 - ~~*a. All elected officials or employees;*~~
 - ~~*b. All residents or taxpayers of the County or an area of the County; or*~~
 - ~~*c. The general public.*~~

Mr. Miller requested to have his name added as co-sponsor to Ordinance No. O2016-0002.

No further legislative action was taken on Ordinance No. O2016-0002.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Miller announced that the next Council Operations & Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Mr. Greenspan with a second by Mr. Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m., without objection.