



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL OPERATIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS & PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21, 2019 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) O2019-0007: An Ordinance amending Section 402.01(L) of the Cuyahoga County Code to modify the definition of “relative” as it is used in the County’s code of ethics, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
- 6. DISCUSSION**
 - a) Internal Audit Report
- 7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Baker called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Baker asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Baker, Simon, Miller and Schron were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Jones was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Loh addressed the Committee regarding Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) board meetings.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 7, 2019 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2019 meeting.

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Mr. Clifford Pinkney, County Sheriff; Ms. Brandy Carney, Chief Community Protection & Safety Officer; Mr. Joseph Nanni, Chief of Staff for County Council; and Mr. Gregory Huth, Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2019-0007. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Sheriff Pinkney, Ms. Carney, Mr. Nanni and Mr. Huth pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

There was no further legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2019-0007.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Baker announced that the next Council Operations, Intergovernmental Relations & Public Transportation Committee meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Baker adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2019-0007

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| Sponsored by: County Executive Budish | An Ordinance amending Section 402.01(L) of the Cuyahoga County Code to modify the definition of “relative” as it is used in the County’s code of ethics, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective. |
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WHEREAS, Section 403.05(A) of the Cuyahoga County Code prohibits employees from participating in any decision specifically to appoint, hire, promote, discipline, or discharge a relative for any position of the County; and

WHEREAS Section 403.05(B) of the Cuyahoga County Code prohibits employees from supervising a relative in the performance of the relative’s powers and duties; and

WHEREAS, Section 402.01(L) defines “relative” to mean “an individual’s spouse, domestic partner, parent, grandparent step-parent, sibling, step-sibling, sibling’s spouse, child, grandchild, step-child, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, first cousin, or household member, and persons having any of these relationships to the spouse or domestic partner of said individual;” and

WHEREAS, this prohibition has resulted in circumstances that unduly precluded highly qualified candidates from holding certain positions where the potential for favoritism or conflict of interest is remote; and

WHEREAS, the definition of “relative” in the current code of ethics is broader than the Ohio Ethics Commission’s definition of “family member” for nepotism; and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of this amendment, the County’s code of ethics remains more expansive than the Ohio Ethics Commission’s standards for nepotism; 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 a County entity.

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

SECTION 1. Section 402.02(L) of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby amended to read as follows (additions are bolded and underlined, deletions are stricken):

L. "Relative" shall mean an individual's spouse, ~~domestic partner~~, parent, grandparent, step-parent, sibling, step-sibling, sibling's spouse, child, grandchild, step-child, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, first cousin, or household member, and ~~persons having any of these relationships to~~ **a parent, grandparent, step-parent, sibling, step-sibling, sibling's spouse, child, grandchild, or step-child of** the spouse ~~or domestic partner~~ of said individual.

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 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 Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: April 23, 2019

Committee(s) Assigned: Public Safety & Justice Affairs

Committee Report/Second Reading/Referred to Committee: May 14, 2019

Committee(s) Assigned: Council Operations, Intergovernmental Relations & Public
Transportation

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