

Best Practices Draft List

This list is in no particular order. Each topic identifies a source with more detail. The sources and details are provided in the accompanying document entitled: Reform Proposals with Details.

Review best practices in other cities.

Mann EDRP ordinance

Paul Nick 3/26/2021 presentation suggests we look at Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Cleveland.

Nick March 6 & 20, 2021 memos to Ann Marie Tracey provide extensive resources (hereinafter Nick memos).

Code of Conduct

Mann EDRP ordinance

Nick presentation suggests Chicago code of conduct as a model.

Track connection between contributions and award of development incentives.

Mann EDRP ordinance

See generally the Nick presentation and his comments on:

Disclosure

Real Time Reporting

Goodin proposals:

Create a new office of public information.

Require city elected officials to file campaign reports with the searchable Ohio Secretary of State data base.

Landsman proposals:

Establish a local ethics commission.

Hire a Chief Ethics and Good Government Officer

Enact local campaign finance reform.

Charter amendments to update campaign finance rules.

Pureval: Adopt ethics disclosures similar that required of state legislature.

Prohibit contract awards to developers who contributed to council candidates.

Mann EDRP ordinance: Recommend whether contract awards should be prohibited to developers who made campaign contributions to council candidates within the prior twenty-four months.

LA Developer Dollar Ban
Review Nick memos.

Establish a whistle blower hotline.

Mann EDRP ordinance

Nick presentation: Hotline and whistle blower programs are important, so people are confident in coming forward.

Ethics Training

Nick presentation: code of conduct and regular training are important.

Landsman proposals:

Local ethics commission should be established and provide ethics training.

Ethics and good government training for council members and city officials within 60 days of office.

Sunderman charter amendment on May ballot: Ethics training for council members within 60 days of office.

Forensic Audit

Council has approved Smitherman's motion calling for a cost quote.

Core Ohio Ethics Law

Nick presentation: Ohio Revised Code 102.03(D), (E) & (F).

Lobbying

Nick presentation: Is CMC Chapter 112 adequate?

Create a new office of public information.

Goodin proposal: Create public information office.

Require city elected officials to file campaign reports with the Ohio Secretary of State.

Goodin proposal: Require campaign reports to be filed in state's searchable data base.

Expulsion and censure of council members
Suspension/removal of council members

Smitherman and Sunderman proposals on May ballot.
Goodin and Landsman also made similar proposals.

Prohibit council members from changing successor designation after being indicted for a felony or charged with certain crimes.

Smitherman and Sunderman proposals on May ballot.

Authorize a special prosecutor to remove wrong-doing council members.

Smitherman proposal on May ballot.

Members of council who commit crimes against the city to pay restitution.

Sunderman proposal for recovery of suspended member salary on May ballot.
Sunderman also proposed that council member be responsible for cost of criminal behavior.

Establish a local ethics commission.

Landsman has proposed the creation of a local ethics commission.
Nick presentation suggests we look at ethics commissions in Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and San Francisco. See Nick March 20, 2021 memo.

Administration should negotiate deals without interference by Council.

See Mann motion for details.

Scorecard

Landsman proposal. While not exactly ethics reform, it could be argued that an objective basis for evaluating developments could be ethics reform.

Reporting of certain financial transactions between elected officials

Sunderman proposal

Evaluate strong mayor influence on corruption.

Proposed by Prohett

Implement a charter review of the branches of government.

Proposed by Thomas