

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 11, 2007

4:30 PM

Conference Room 1

Executive Committee

***Charles Martoni, Chair; John DeFazio, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb,
and Jan Rea***

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Summary: *Invited guests in attendance: None*

Council staff in attendance: John Mascio and Jared Barker

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Chair Chuck Martoni, Council Member Matt Drozd, and Council Member Rich Fitzgerald
Absent: Council Member John DeFazio, and Council Member Jan Rea
Phone: Council Member Brenda Frazier, and Council Member Vince Gastgeb

III. Agenda Items**Ordinance****3134-07**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 1, entitled "Administrative Code," Article 305, entitled "Council Support," to clarify the organization of the Office of Allegheny County Council.

Sponsors: Chuck Martoni

Summary: *The Chair provided the committee with a summary of the bill. He said that the bill reflects the current operation of the office.*

Mr. Fitzgerald said that the rules that govern the operation of Council's office should not be in ordinance form but should be contained in an office policy manual. He also said that the removal of the Chief of Staff function enables Council Members to go directly to staff instead of having to go through a Chief of Staff.

The Chair asked Chief Clerk John Mascio to summarize the portion of the bill which would eliminate the Clerk's manual indexing of legislation. Mr. Mascio said that with the advent of technology, this method of indexing was antiquated and should not be in the code.

Mr. Gastgeb said that someone should be responsible for the operations of the office, such as time, attendance and vacations. The Chair said he will work out a plan to address that.

Action: **A motion was made by Council Member Fitzgerald, seconded by Council Member Frazier, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM*

