

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, December 5, 2019**

**4:00 PM**

**Conference Room 1**

## **Committee on Public Works**

***Bob Macey, Chair; Sam DeMarco, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, Robert Palmosina, Denise Ranalli-Russell and DeWitt Walton, Members***

## I. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 4:00.*

### Invited Guests:

**William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager or designee(s)**  
**Stephen Shanley, Director, Allegheny County Department of Public Works**

*Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.*

*Mr. Shanley and were present from the Department of Public Works.*

*Mr. Barker was present from the Office of County Council.*

## II. Roll Call

**Members Present:** 2 - DeWitt Walton and Bob Macey

**Members Absent:** 5 - Sam DeMarco, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, Robert Palmosina and Denise Ranalli-Russell

**Members** 1 - Sue Means

**Non-Members:**

## III. Approval of Minutes

## IV. Agenda Items

### Ordinances

#### [11323-19](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acquisition of certain rights-of-way and temporary easements to facilitate the replacement of the existing structure of the McRobert's Run Bridge No. 2 located in the Borough of Jefferson Hills, and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill.*

*In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. McKain and Mr. Shanley summarized the County's general eminent domain practices.*

**A motion was made by Walton, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

#### [11324-19](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation a temporary construction easement on a parcel of vacant, not assessed, land situated along the southern side of Township Road 373 (Naylor Avenue) in order to facilitate the elimination of Gourthead Run Bridge #1 located in Hampton Township, and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Shanley summarized its provisions.*

**A motion was made by Walton, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[11325-19](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the Department of Public Works to take certain actions on behalf of County Council with respect to the issuance of highway occupancy permits, the grant of certain licenses, rights of entry and easements, and the amicable acquisition of certain real estate affecting County public work projects and other matters for calendar years 2020 and 2021.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain summarized its provisions.*

*The Chair and Mr. McKain discussed the effect of the delegation, noting that it streamlines the process of routine transactions.*

*In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain noted that a summary report of the transactions undertaken by the Department is forwarded to Council monthly.*

**A motion was made by Walton, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[11326-19](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of ownership of the Kenmawr Bridge following its reconstruction and authorizing the transfer of certain right-of-way and easement areas and facilities, to be constructed by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, along South Braddock Avenue to Swissvale Borough and to accept and maintain a portion of Kenmawr Avenue from Rankin Borough and to transfer certain right-of-way and easement areas on Jackson Street and on the relocated Sixth Avenue and such facilities to be constructed by PennDOT to Rankin Borough.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain summarized its provisions, noting that the transaction involves multiple parties and is somewhat complicated as a result. Mr. Shanley provided additional detail regarding the PennDOT bridge reconstruction project.*

*The Chair indicated that he is familiar with the Kenmawr Bridge and that it is certainly in need of rehabilitation or reconstruction, given its condition.*

*The Chair, Mr. McKain and Mr. Shanley discussed the process through which the project's approval has been obtained, the municipalities' agreement on the project, and the urgency of the project.*

*In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. Shanley noted that the County will be responsible for the maintenance of the bridge itself, although Swissvale Borough will undertake snow removal and similar activities.*

**A motion was made by Walton, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**V. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:10.*