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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

4:45 PM

Conference Room I

Committee on Parks

John Palmiere, Chair;

*Patrick Catena, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk, Bob Macey, Sue Means and Anita Prizio,
Members.*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:45.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager or designee(s)
Andy Baechle, Director, Allegheny County Parks Department

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

Mr. Evanto was present from the Department of Administrative Services.

Mr. Baechle was present from the Parks Department.

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

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 2 - Bob Macey and Sue Means

Members Absent: 4 - Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk, Anita Prizio and John Palmiere

Members Phone: 1 - Patrick Catena

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[11130-19](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Netflix Productions LLC to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with filming a motion picture.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Mr. Macey chaired the meeting at Mr. Palmiere's request.

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Evanto summarized its provisions, noting that this is the second August Wilson play that was being filmed as a movie in conjunction with Denzel Washington, who had such a good experience filming in Pittsburgh last time he was here, he wanted to do this film here as well, despite the play being set in Chicago. Mr. Evanto described the potential filming sites, and noted that Netflix would pay the \$1,000 per day filming fee, plus all out of pocket expenses.

The Chair expressed a desire to see filming expanded to the other County parks if and when appropriate.

In response to questions from Ms. Means, Mr. Baechle noted that filming is only permissible in areas that are not already rented for another purposes, and also noted that the County always requires that areas that are used for filming are restored to the condition that they were in prior to filming. Mr. Evanto indicated that the number of employees and hotel room, vehicle and other service uses have not yet been estimated.

The Chair expressed the hope that the County's relationship with the industry would continue to strengthen.

A motion was made by Catena, seconded by Means, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[11035-19](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Community Specialists Corporation to use a structure on Sleepy Hollow Road in the County's South Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Baechle summarized its provisions, noting that the term of the least would be through March 31, 2022, with a County option for a two year extension and that the rental rate would go up from \$2,500 per month to \$2,750 per month. Mr. Baechle noted that the school covers the cost of insurance, utilities, and upkeep of the inside of the buildings and minor repairs, and provides educational and athletic programs for at-risk youth.

The Chair expressed support for the concept, and noted the need to provide services to the community through a variety of methods.

Ms. Means and Mr. Baechle discussed the nature of the program, noting that the students are 18 and younger and are all females.

A motion was made by Catena, seconded by Means, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56.