

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

*Rich Fitzgerald, President; Chuck Martoni, Vice-President; Joan Cleary,
John DeFazio, Dave Fawcett, Ron Francis, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb,
Jay Jabbour, Edward Kress, Rich Nerone, Doug Price, Jan Rea, William
Russell Robinson, and Eileen Watt*

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I. Call To Order**II. Pledge of Allegiance****III. Silent Prayer or Reflection****IV. Roll Call**

15 Members Present

V. Proclamations/Certificates**2185-05**

A Proclamation recognizing and honoring Ms. Joanne Cook, Director of Brentwood Emergency Medical Services, for the dedication in her name of Medic 531, a new Lifeline Ambulance, as well as for her consistent commitment and dedication to the citizens of her community.

Presented

2186-05

A Proclamation commending Dr. Morris Turner on being named "Physician of the Year" for 2005 by Gateway Medical Society.

Read

2199-05

Proclamation saluting and commending the Pitt Jazz Seminar and Concert for receiving this year's Mellon Community Jazz Award, congratulating them on the occasion of its 35th Anniversary, and expressing gratitude to Pitt's Jazz Studies Program for its dedication and unparalleled contribution to our region and society.

Not on original agenda

Read

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items**VII. Presentation of Appointments****2172-05**

Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato recommending Dr. Susan Gove for appointment to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term to expire three years from the approval date of this appointment.

Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review

2173-05

Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato recommending Linda Ehrlich for appointment to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term to expire three years from the approval date of this appointment.

Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review

- [2174-05](#) Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato recommending Avis Kotovsky for appointment to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term to expire three years from the approval date of this appointment.
Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review
- [2175-05](#) Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato recommending Laurie Mulvey for reappointment to the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2006.
Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review
- [2176-05](#) Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato recommending Cynthia Moore for reappointment to the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2006.
Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review
- [2177-05](#) Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato recommending Tamara Dudokovich for reappointment to the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2006.
Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review
- [2178-05](#) Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato recommending Dr. Karen Plavan for reappointment to the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council for a term to expire on May 8, 2008.
Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review
- [2179-05](#) Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato recommending Kenneth Walker for reappointment to the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council for a term to expire on May 8, 2008.
Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review
- [2180-05](#) Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato recommending Alexander Dow for reappointment to the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on November 1, 2007.
Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review
- [2181-05](#) Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato recommending Laura Zinski for appointment to the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2007.
Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review
- [2182-05](#) Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato recommending Zetta Murphy for appointment to the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Council for a term to expire three years from the approval date of this appointment.

Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review

2183-05 Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato recommending Dr. Heidi Feldman for reappointment to the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Council for a term to expire on July 31, 2008.

Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review

2184-05 Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato recommending Eva Bednar for appointment to the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Council for a term to expire three years from the approval date of this appointment.

Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review**VIII. Unfinished Business****Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading**

2167-05 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budgets for 2005 (Submission #17-05).

A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 15 - Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Francis, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Kress, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Price, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Watt and President Fitzgerald

2141-05 An Ordinance of the Allegheny County Council establishing a reapplication schedule for real property previously approved for property tax exclusion under the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (53 P.S. §8581 et. seq.).

Not on original agenda Motion approved to pull bill from committee

A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 15 - Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Francis, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Kress, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Price, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Watt and President Fitzgerald

Committee on Economic Development - Second Reading

2075-05 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, granting authority to the County of Allegheny to convey its interest in five (5) parcels of property situated in the 5th, 6th, 13th and 15th Wards of the City of Pittsburgh that are jointly owned by the County of Allegheny, City of Pittsburgh, and the City of Pittsburgh School District to the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh.

Amended by substitution

A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 15 - Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Francis, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Kress, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Price, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Watt and President Fitzgerald

2104-05

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, vacating a portion of a County road known as Campbells Run Road to the adjoining landowner, Robinson Park Associates

A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 15 - Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Francis, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Kress, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Price, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Watt and President Fitzgerald

2139-05

A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny adopting and authorizing financing of a project by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority on behalf of UPMC as desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of the people in Allegheny County.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 15 - Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Francis, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Kress, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Price, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Watt and President Fitzgerald

2153-05

A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to pursue a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) proposal for portions of Redevelopment Area No. 50 - J & L Second Avenue.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 15 - Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Francis, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Kress, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Price, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Watt and President Fitzgerald

IX. Liaison Reports

None

X. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

- 2187-05** An Ordinance of the Allegheny County Council providing for facilitated appeals of property valuations certified for the 2006 tax year.
Referred to the Special Committee on Property Assessments
- 2188-05** Ordinance of the County of Allegheny establishing a procedure for deferral of a portion of senior citizens' property tax bills.
Referred to the Special Committee on Property Assessments
- 2189-05** An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Paragraph C of Section 210.17 of Article 210 of the Administrative Code entitled "Assessment Standards and Practices" to extend the time period for the filing of appeals for the 2006 Tax Year.
Motion approved to waive second reading Bill amended
A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:
Notes: Yes: 15 - Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Francis, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Kress, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Price, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Watt and President Fitzgerald
- 2190-05** An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending portions of Article 207 to make the rules and regulations of the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review consistent with a base year valuation system of real property assessment.
Referred to the Special Committee on Property Assessments
- 2191-05** Ordinance of the County of Allegheny establishing a limitation on Sheriff's sales of properties owned by senior citizens and on which property taxes have fallen delinquent.
Referred to the Special Committee on Property Assessments
- 2196-05** An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the establishment of a Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund within Allegheny County.
Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance
- 2192-05** A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budgets for 2005 (Submission #18-05).
Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance
- 2193-05** A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny adopting and authorizing financing of a project by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority (the "Authority") on behalf of The Center for Emergency Medicine ("CEM") as

desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of the people in Allegheny County.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development

2194-05

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the New Home Construction/Improvement Program Resolution enacted May 23, 1996 by the Board of Commissioners of Allegheny County at Agenda Number 700-96, subsequently amended by Resolutions Nos. 22-00, 6-01, 61-02, and 04-04-RE, by providing for the continuation of the Allegheny County New Home Construction/Improvement Exemption Program.

Referred to the Special Committee on Property Assessments

2197-05

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, changing the name of the 9th Street Bridge within the City of Pittsburgh to the Rachel Carson Bridge.

Not on original agenda Motion approved to have the bill placed on the agenda

Referred to the Committee on Public Works

XI. New Business - Motions

2198-05

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing Allegheny County Council to conduct a public hearing to afford interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and its effect on Allegheny County's voting machine modernization

Not on original agenda Motion made from the floor

A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

XII. Public Comment on General Items

XIII. Adjournment