

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

Rich Fitzgerald, President; Chuck Martoni, Vice-President; Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, Chuck McCullough, Jan Rea, and William Russell Robinson - Members

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

Roll Call: Present: Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Phone: Council Member DeFazio

V. Proclamations/Certificates

4408-08 Proclamation recognizing Allegheny General Hospital for being honored at the Chasing Zero Summit.

Presented

4409-08 Proclamation commending Italian Sons and Daughters of America National President Ralph Hartford for his vast contributions to Allegheny County.

Presented

4410-08 Proclamation celebrating the 95th anniversary of Steamfitters Local Union #449.

Presented

4412-08 Proclamation celebrating the retirement of Rodman Street Missionary Baptist Church's Reverend and Mrs. Delano R. Paige.

Read

4413-08 Proclamation recognizing the Clairton Municipal Authority for earning the Mark B. Hannum Plant Operations and Maintenance Excellence Award from the Pennsylvania Water Environment Association.

Read

4414-08 Certificate of Recognition congratulating Edward and Phyllis Bator on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Read

4416-08 Proclamation commending the organizers and participants of the Hill of Hope Gala.

Read

4417-08 Proclamation honoring the Community Human Services Corporation and the participants of the “Sleep-In for the Homeless”.
Read

4418-08 Certificate of Achievement recognizing BSA Troop 338 scout Noah Wenzel for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.
Read

4419-08 Proclamation celebrating the 60th anniversary of Whitehall United Presbyterian Church.
Read

4420-08 Certificate of Achievement recognizing BSA Troop 231 scout Bradley Rodeheaver for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.
Read

4421-08 Certificate of Recognition congratulating Clarence and Floretta Irvin on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.
Read

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

4400-08 Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on September 23, 2008.
A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:
Votes: Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Abstentions: 1 - Green

VIII. Unfinished Business

Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading

4334-08 Appointment - Approving the appointment of William F. Sray to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.
A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

4335-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of William B. Youngblood to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on

January 11, 2012.

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

4336-08

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Gregory K. Peaslee to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Directors for a term to expire on April 23, 2009.

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

Votes: Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Abstentions: 1 - Council Member Martoni

Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading

4344-08

A Resolution approving a Project for the benefit of UPMC, doing business as the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), to be financed by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority (the "Authority") by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt or taxable bonds, to be issued in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$650,000,000, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Bonds (hereinafter defined), and determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

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

Votes: Yes: 10 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Abstentions: 4 - Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Gastgeb and Council Member McCullough
Not present: 1 - Council Member DeFazio

IX. Liaison Reports

X. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

4401-08

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of the County of Allegheny's interest in the parcel known as Block 422-L Lot # 204 ("the Property") located in the Township of Aleppo, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Township of Aleppo.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

4411-08

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," Chapter 475, Article VII, entitled "Homestead and Farmstead

Exclusion Programs," Section 475-47 in order to increase Allegheny County's Homestead Exemption to \$20,000, effective January 1, 2009.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

4402-08 A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny authorizing pursuit of a Tax Increment Financing plan in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Referred by Chair to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

4403-08 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Operating Budget for 2008.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

4404-08 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2008 (Submission #15-08).

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

4405-08 Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a Capital Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses for capital expenditures during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009. (Robinson 2)

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

4406-08 Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Grants, Special Accounts, and Agency Fund Budgets, by setting forth appropriations to pay said expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009. (Robinson 2)

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

4407-08 Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting an Operating Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter, by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of Allegheny County and for meeting debt charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009. (Robinson 2)

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

4415-08 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, advocating the implementation of an Employee Recognition Program to recognize one Allegheny County employee on a quarterly basis for his or her distinguished performance and significant contribution to public service.

Referred to the Committee on Government Reform

XI. New Business - Motions

XII. Public Comment on General Items

XIII. Adjournment