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Meeting Minutes - Approved

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Economic Development & Housing

Amanda Green Hawkins, Chair

Members:

Tom Baker

Barbara Daly Danko

Michael Finnerty

Nick Futules

Ed Kress

Bob Macey

John Palmiere

Jan Rea

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 by Ms. Danko, who chaired the meeting at the request of Ms. Green Hawkins.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, County Manager

Dennis Davin, Director, Economic Development

Ms. Parees was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Mr. Exler and Ms. Hicks were present from the Department of Economic Development.

Ms. Dattillo were present from the Environmental Charter School.

Mr. Rayl and Ms. Davis Buss were present on behalf of the Environmental Charter School.

Mr. Barker and Mr. Szymanski were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 5 - Barbara Danko, Nick Futules, Ed Kress, Bob Macey and Jan Rea

Members Absent: 3 - Green Hawkins, Michael Finnerty and John Palmiere

Members Phone: 1 - Tom Baker

Members 1 - Sue Means

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[8666-14](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Economic Development and Housing Committee meeting of Allegheny County Council held on November 25, 2014

Mr. Macey moved for approval, Mr. Baker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Passed

IV. Agenda Items

Resolutions

[8600-14](#)

A Resolution approving a project for the benefit of Environmental Charter School at Frick Park (the "Borrower") to be financed by the Authority for Improvements in Municipalities (the "Authority") by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt note, to be issued in one or more series, in a principal amount not expected to exceed \$6,000,000 (the "Note"), provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (the "County") shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Note, and declaring the financing of such project as desirable for the health, safety

and welfare of the people in the County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

The Chair summarized the provisions and history of the bill in a prior committee session.

In response to a question from the Chair, Ms. Hicks noted that the Authority had already approved of the issuance, and this declaration is the final step in the process.

In response to a question from the Chair, Ms. Dattillo and Mr. Rayl noted that the Charter School Board would enact a resolution at its meeting on December 17 in order to authorize the transaction, and likely the Board Chair would sign on behalf of the school.

In response to a question from the Chair, Ms. Dattillo noted that none of the proceeds would be used for new construction, but rather for improvements to existing structures, purchase of a building that is currently leased, and various expenses attached to those activities.

Mr. Macey moved to affirmatively recommend the bill to the full Council, Mr. Baker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Affirmatively Recommended

Enactment No: 37-14-RE

[8663-14](#)

A Resolution amending the Articles of Incorporation of the Authority for Improvements in Municipalities (the "Authority") to extend the term of existence of the Authority to a date that is fifty (50) years from the date of the approval of the Amendment to Articles of Incorporation by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Ms. Hicks explained its provisions, noting that the term of existence of the Authority must be longer than the term of any debt issued by the Authority.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Ms. Hicks and Mr. Exler provided a brief overview of the Authority's board and its members' terms of office, as well as the general workings of the Authority and some of the mechanics of financing arrangements made through the Authority.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Exler noted that the Authority is staffed by County employees.

Affirmatively Recommended

Enactment No: 38-14-RE

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16.