

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Approved

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

I. Call To Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Silent Prayer or Reflection

IV. Roll Call

Council Members Present: 13 - DeFazio, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and Klein

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Phone: 1 - Ellenbogen

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[9328-15](#) Proclamations recognizing and commending departing Allegheny County Council Members Amanda Green Hawkins, Heather S. Heidelbaugh, Terri R. Klein, Jan Rea, William Russell Robinson and in memoriam, Barbara Daly Danko, for their contributions to the cause of good government and their dedication and service to the residents of Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Kress, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Means and Council Member Palmiere

VI. Chief Executive's Quarterly Address

VII Public Comment On Agenda Items

VIII. Approval of Minutes

[9324-15](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2015 regular meetnig of Council.
Passed

IX. Presentation of Appointments

[9323-15](#) Approving the appointment of Sharon Svitek to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization (Harrison Hills Park), for a term to expire on December 15, 2017.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules
Passed

X. Unfinished Business

Committee on Budget & Finance - Second Reading

[9288-15](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2009 Capital Budget for Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 14 - Baker, DeFazio, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and Klein

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Not present: 1 - Ellenbogen

[9289-15](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2010 Capital Budget for Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 14 - Baker, DeFazio, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and Klein

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Not present: 1 - Ellenbogen

[9290-15](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2011 Capital Budget for Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 14 - Baker, DeFazio, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and Klein

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Not present: 1 - Ellenbogen

[9291-15](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2012 Capital Budget for Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 14 - Baker, DeFazio, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and Klein

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Not present: 1 - Ellenbogen

[9292-15](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2013 Capital Budget for Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 14 - Baker, DeFazio, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and Klein

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Not present: 1 - Ellenbogen

[9293-15](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2014 Capital Budget for Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 14 - Baker, DeFazio, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and Klein

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Not present: 1 - Ellenbogen

Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading

[9157-15](#) A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania amending Resolution No. 24-14-RE to expand the "Three Crossings" LERTA District in the City of Pittsburgh to include six (6) additional parcels

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 12 - Baker, DeFazio, Futules, Green Hawkins, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and Klein

Council Members No: 2 - Heidelbaugh and Means

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Not present: 1 - Ellenbogen

[9294-15](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny agreeing to participate in a Transit Revitalization Investment District ("TRID") Plan for Phase II of the Easty Liberty Project and authorizing related agreements.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 14 - Baker, DeFazio, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and Klein

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Not present: 1 - Ellenbogen

Committee on Public Safety - Second Reading

*Council President DeFazio introduced an amendment to the bill and made a motion to amend, Seconded by Vice President Futules. Council Member Means made a motion to send the bill back to Committee so that the changes could be discussed prior to voting. A motion to amend passed by the following votes: Yes: Baker, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson, DeFazio
No: Means
Absent: Ellenbogen*

9247-15

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to facilitate the reporting of transactions for dealers in precious metals in order to establish a registry of such transactions designed for the purpose of tracking and locating stolen items and prosecuting those trafficking in stolen items.

Sponsors: District Attorney, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen and Council Member Macey

Amended and Passed for Chief Executive Signature

Council Members Yes: 13 - Baker, DeFazio, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and Klein

Council Members No: 1 - Means

Council Members Absent: 1 - Ellenbogen

Special Committee on Marketing - Second Reading

9286-15

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing rules, regulations and rates relating to the conduct of certain activities held on and about the Courthouse Grand Staircase, Gallery and Courtyard and the County Office Building lobby.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 13 - Baker, DeFazio, Futules, Green Hawkins, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and Klein

Council Members No: 1 - Heidelbaugh

Council Members 0
Absent:

Council Members 1 - Ellenbogen
Phone:

XI. Liaison Reports

XII. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[9326-15](#) A resolution amending Ordinance 6-14-RE in order to provide a full two year term for exemptions from County real property taxation under the terms of the Improvement of Deteriorating Real Property or Areas Tax Exemption Act, otherwise known as Act 42 enacted May 23, 1996 by the Board of Commissioners of Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Means

Council President John DeFazio sent the bill to committee. Council Member Sue Means made a motion to waive the second reading. Council Member Finnerty made a point of order stating that it was improper to waive the second reading since it was sent to committee. Council President DeFazio agreed and ruled on the order that it was sent to committee.

Council Member Sue Means made a motion to pull the bill from committee which was seconded by Council Member Baker and Council Member Heidelbaugh. The motion to pull failed by the following votes: Yes: Baker, Heidelbaugh, Klein, Kress; Absent: Ellenbogen; No: Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson, DeFazio.

Referred

[9327-15](#) A resolution amending Ordinance 6-14-RE in order to provide a full two year term for exemptions from County real property taxation under the terms of the Allegheny County New Home Construction Exemption Program, otherwise known as Act 202 enacted May 23, 1996 by the Board of Commissioners of Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Means

Referred

XIII. New Business - Motions

[9331-15](#) Motion to add to the agenda an ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing Article 401 of Division 1 of the Code of Allegheny County entitled "Administrative Code," through the creation of a new Section 5-401.13, entitled "Reporting and Disclosure" in order to establish a disclosure requirement for potential conflicts of interests related to County contracts.

Sponsors: Council Member Heidelbaugh

Defeated

Council Members Yes: 6 - Baker, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Means, Robinson and Klein

Council Members No: 8 - DeFazio, Futules, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere and Rea

Council Members 0

Absent:

Council Members Not present: 1 - Ellenbogen

[9329-15](#)

A motion amending Article II, subsection O “Recording of Minutes & Voting” of the Rules of Council, adding a new subsection O (2) to provide for a housekeeping provision to ensure all available minutes be approved prior to the end of each term of Council.

Sponsors: Council Member Means

Withdrawn

[9330-15](#)

A motion to approve the minutes referenced within this motion comprising the committee meetings of Allegheny County Council for the 2014-2015 Council term which have not appeared on an agenda during the current term for approval.

Sponsors: Council Member Means

President DeFazio ruled Council Member Sue Mean's motion to approve the outstanding minutes from the Council 2014-2015 term out of order.

XIV. Notification of Contracts

[9325-15](#)

Communication summarizing approved Executive Actions for all departments from November 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015.
Received and Filed

XV. Public Comment on General Items

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.