

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Agenda Synopsis**

**Tuesday, May 2, 2006**

**5:00 PM**

**Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room**

## **County Council**

*Rich Fitzgerald, President; Chuck Martoni, Vice-President; Jim Burn, Susan Caldwell, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Dave Fawcett, Mike Finnerty, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb, Rich Nerone, 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**

*14 Members Present*

**V. Proclamations/Certificates**

**2547-06** Proclamation recognizing and commending Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania for its innovative Citizens Job Bank and for its investment in economic development in Allegheny County and across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Presented**

**2550-06** Proclamation celebrating the week of May 6-12, 2006 as National Nurses Week and calling upon the residents of Allegheny County to join in honoring nurses and expressing appreciation, not just during this week but, throughout the year.

**Presented**

**2555-06** Proclamation celebrating Lieutenant Colonel Richard J. Conwell's military service milestone, serving 41 years with the United States Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

**Presented**

**2556-06** Proclamation honoring Dr. Edmund D. Effort, DDS, upon his official promotion to the rank of Colonel, United States Air Force Reserve, Dental Corps.

**Presented**

**2561-06** Proclamation proclaiming May 2006 as Older Americans Month with the theme of "Choices for Independence."

**Presented**

**2564-06** Proclamation proclaiming May 6-13, 2006 as National Safe Kids Week and recognizing the Allegheny County Safe Kids Coalition for their efforts in promoting the National Safe Kids Week theme of "Safe Pools for Safe Kids."

**Presented**

**2548-06** Certificate of Achievement awarded to Clairton High School Boys' Basketball Team for winning the 2006 WPIAL A Championship.

**Read**

**2562-06** Proclamation recognizing State Representative Harry Readshaw for being named the South Side Chamber of Commerce's 2006 Man of the Year and recognizing Tom Smith, Editor and Publisher of the South Pittsburgh Reporter as the South Side Chamber of Commerce's 2006 Business of the Year.

**Read**

**2549-06** Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Robert John Hess, Troop #510, for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

**Read**

**2552-06** Proclamation recognizing the Southwestern Pennsylvania Registered Nurses Club for their efforts in building a nurses monument in South Park and honoring all nurses serving or having served in the United States armed forces.

**Read**

**2553-06** Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mt. Lebanon High School Boys' Basketball Team for winning the 2006 WPIAL AAAA Championship.

**Read**

**2554-06** Certificate of Achievement awarded to St. Bonaventure Grade School Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball Team for winning the 2006 Pittsburgh Catholic Diocesan Championship and to the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team for winning their section with a 12-0 record.

**Read**

**2557-06** Certificate of Achievement awarded to Moon High School Boy's Basketball Team for winning the 2006 WPIAL AAA Championship.

**Read**

**2558-06** Certificate of Achievement awarded to Oakland Catholic High School Girls' Basketball Team for winning the 2006 WPIAL AAAA Championship.

**Read**

**2559-06** Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Mickey Bobella, Mr. David M. Heberling, and Mr. Matthew J. Pisani, Troop #184, upon receiving the rank of Eagle Scout.

**Read**

**2560-06** Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission Honorees, Highmark BC/BS, Reverend Dr. Johnnie Monroe, Tim Stevens, Barbara Shore, Lucy Spruill, Alma Speed Fox, Father Donald McIlvane, and Wendell Freeland, Esq. for their extraordinary leadership, commitment and dedication to the advancement of civil rights and equal opportunity.

Read

**2563-06**

Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mollie Kish, Nicolette Santercangelo, Emily Spinelli, Ladonica Boyer, Jin Jing Lee, Samantha Safran, and Grant Zentgraf, the winners of the Allegheny County Health Department's "Pollution Prevention - A Family Project" Poster Contest in commemoration of Earth Day 2006.

Read

**2565-06**

Certificate of Achievement recognizing the three grand prize winners, Ms. Monica Miller, Mr. Matt Gaydos, and Mr. Andrew Weisner, in the Allegheny County Parks Department Sony's "Pictures in the Park" Photo Contest.

Read

**VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items**

**VII. Approval of Minutes**

**2566-06**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of County Council held on March 21 and April 4, 2006.

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

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

**Special Committee on Government Reform - Second Reading**

**2522-06**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requesting an alteration in County policy regarding the purchase and use of a new election system under the terms of the Help America Vote Act.

*Withdrawn at the request of the sponsor*

**Withdrawn**

**Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading**

**2518-06**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2006 (Submission #03-06).

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

**Votes:** Yes: 13 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Not present: 1 - Council Member DeFazio

**Committee on Parks - Second Reading**

**2537-06**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance #2-01, authorizing the County Manager to amend Agreement #43724 with the Borough of White Oak whereby the Borough of White Oak wished to be removed from the Agreement.

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

**Votes:** Yes: 12 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Not present: 2 - Council Member DeFazio and Council Member Fawcett

**Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading****2538-06**

A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny approving a project and the financing thereof by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority on behalf of Waynesburg College and declaring such project as desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of the people in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

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

**Votes:** Yes: 12 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Not present: 2 - Council Member DeFazio and Council Member Fawcett

**Committee on Health & Human Services - Second Reading****2380-06**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Allegheny County Administrative Code by adding a new Article 919 that governs Office of Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities (MR/DD) contracts by providing that vendors provide information about the quality of service, work force, and business practices of its agency and comply with County requests for information as conditions of its contract.

*Held until the next Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for May 17, 2006*

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

**Special Committee on Property Assessments - Second Reading****2461-06**

Motion expressing the sense of Council of Allegheny County urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to consider amending the New Home Construction Local Tax Abatement Act, 72 P.S. §§4754-1 through 4754-6, also known as Act 202.

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

**IX. Liaison Reports****X. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions****2567-06**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, permitting the use of certain County owned property by Prevention Point Pittsburgh.

**Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services**

**2568-06**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting Pennsylvania Senate Bill No. 1006, the "Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Program Services and Supports Act," and encouraging the Senate to pass and the Governor to sign this legislation with all due speed.

*Second Reading Waived*

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

**Votes:** Yes: 11 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald

Not present: 3 - Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Fawcett and Council Member Gastgeb

**2569-06**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the General Assembly to establish a Volunteer Firefighter Property Tax Relief Program, under which a discount on the gross or face amount of real property taxes may be provided by Allegheny County or any other participating taxing bodies.

**Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform**

**XI. New Business - Motions****XII. Public Comment on General Items****XIII. Adjournment**