

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

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 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
Absent: Council Member Green

V. Proclamations/Certificates

5158-09 Proclamation honoring Dr. Cyril H. Wecht for his impressive career of service to Allegheny County.

Presented

5159-09 Proclamation declaring the month of October as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Allegheny County and commending the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure for spreading cancer awareness in Allegheny County.

Presented

5160-09 Proclamations honoring the Modernettes upon the occasion of the group's 50th anniversary and their capture of the 2009 National Baton Twirling Association World Championship.

Presented

5161-09 Proclamations honoring Mr. John D. McMahon's career of service to Allegheny County.

Presented

5162-09 Proclamations commending the Penn State Cooperative Extension for volunteering to create and sustain the North Park Demonstration Garden.

Presented

5163-09 Proclamation honoring Community College of Allegheny County Associate Professor Mr. Jason Nadzam for his outstanding instruction to the students of the college.

Presented

5164-09 Certificates of Recognition honoring the recipients of Robert Morris University's Alumni Achievement Awards.

Read

5165-09 Certificate of Achievement honoring Timothy Thomas Graham for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Read

5166-09 Proclamation honoring Global Links upon the occasion of the organization's 20th anniversary.

Read

5167-09 Certificate of Achievement honoring Benjamin J. Lowden for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Read

5168-09 Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of John and Dorothy Onder.

Read

5169-09 Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Ronald and Mary Ann Pope.

Read

5170-09 Certificate of Recognition honoring the 60th wedding anniversary of William and Louise Smith.

Read

5171-09 Proclamation honoring Mr. Steve Blass for hitting two hole-in-one golf shots in the same 18-hole round.

Read

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

5153-09 Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on September 22, 2009.

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

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading

5088-09 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009 (Submission #15-09).

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

Votes: Yes: 13 - 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
Absent: 2 - Council Member Burn and Council Member Green

5113-09 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009 (Submission #16-09).

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

Votes: Yes: 13 - 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
Absent: 2 - Council Member Burn and Council Member Green

Committee on Public Works - Second Reading

5087-09 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the use of County owed real property for the purpose of placing wireless antennae on County owned property for the purpose of constructing a countywide broadband interoperable wireless communications network.

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

Votes: Yes: 13 - 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
Absent: 2 - Council Member Burn and Council Member Green

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**5154-09**

An Ordinance approving the sale of certain real property owned by the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania to a development group comprised of: Massaro Properties LLC; Langholz Wilson Ellis, Inc.; Kratsa Properties; and Tasso Katselas Associates, Inc. for the sale price of \$4,900,000.00 for the purpose of demolishing the current building located thereon and constructing a new development including a hotel, office building, and parking garage.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

5155-09

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the Port Authority and local shopping mall management companies to work cooperatively to establish bus stops in safe, well-lit and well-maintained areas.

Referred to the Committee on Government Reform

5156-09

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009 (Submission #18-09).

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

5172-09

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and conforming Article 210 of the Administrative Code entitled "Assessment Standards and Practices" to: comply with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision in Clifton, et al. v. Allegheny County and Pierce, et al. v. Allegheny County by providing a methodology to equalize base year values through periodic, computer assisted, countywide reassessments; phase-in increases to property assessments so as to protect property owners from the undue financial burden of such increases; and to preclude the County and local taxing bodies from obtaining "windfall" property tax revenues as a result of any adjustments to the base year system.

Withdrawn

5173-09

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the tax levy upon all real property subject to taxation within the limits of Allegheny County.

This bill was not on the original agenda. Council approved a Motion to place it on the agenda.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

XII. New Business - Motions**5174-09**

Motion Expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County urging UPMC officials to reconsider the decision to close UPMC Braddock Hospital, an invaluable asset to the residents of Braddock and the surrounding communities.

This bill was not on the original agenda. Council approved a Motion to place it on the agenda.

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

XIII. Notification of Contracts**5157-09**

Communication from County Manager Jim Flynn submitting a summary of Executive Actions relating to contracts for the month of September, 2009.

Received and Filed

XIV. Public Comment on General Items**XV. Adjournment**