

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Wednesday, November 8, 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, Bob Macey, Rich Nerone, Jan Rea, and William Russell Robinson - Members

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I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance**III. Silent Prayer or Reflection****IV. Roll Call****V. Proclamations/Certificates****2844-06**

Proclamation proclaiming National Family Week in Allegheny County from November 19th through November 25th.

Presented

2845-06

Proclamation recognizing Giant Eagle's Market District concept and thanking the organization for creating jobs and contributing to the community in Allegheny County.

Presented

2846-06

Proclamation recognizing and welcoming the Oncology Nursing Society to Pittsburgh to the 7th Annual Institutes of Learning and the Advanced Practice Nursing Conference on November 10, 2006.

Read

2847-06

Proclamation recognizing Ms. Agnes "Aggie" Jean Brose for her contributions to the neighborhoods of Bloomfield, Garfield and Friendship through her work as Deputy Director of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation.

Read

2848-06

Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Daniel Borsani and Mr. Zachary Brown of Boy Scouts of America Troop # 274 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Read

2849-06

Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Peter D. Edwards upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's most distinguished honor.

Read

2855-06

Certificates of Achievement awarded to Nicholas Dern, Michael Edwards, James Krasinski, and Edward Lesnick upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's most distinguished honor.

Read

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

2835-06

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of Council held on September 26 and October 10, 2006.

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

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

2843-06

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Jude Dressler to serve as a member of the Council of Friends (South Park) for a term to expire on November 8, 2008.

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

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Public Safety - Second Reading

2759-06

A Resolution authorizing the Allegheny County Police Training Academy to apply for and to accept a grant from the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) and agreeing to adhere to all rules, regulations and training standards established by MPOETC.

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

Votes: Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Nerone

2672-06

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County requesting that the Governor and General Assembly revisit the appropriate provisions of state law and recreate the requirement that all motorcycle riders wear helmets in Pennsylvania.

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

X. Liaison Reports

Council Member DeFazio commented on the importance of paper verified voting machines and Council Member Fawcett provided an update on the November 7, 2006 election.

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

2840-06

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances,

Division 4, entitled "Finances," by creating a new Article XI, entitled "Residential Visitability Design Tax Credit Program."

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

2841-06

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny establishing a "Visitability Design Tax Credit" and providing for the administration of such tax credit.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

2850-06

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, entitled "County Government Operations," by adding a new Section 230-6, entitled "Backup 911 Call Center," requiring the continuous maintenance of a live backup 911 call center that can be rendered fully functional within minutes of a significant or catastrophic failure at the County's primary 911 call center.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

2851-06

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, entitled "County Government Operations," by creating a new Article 290, entitled "Capital Project Review Program," in order to establish a uniform Countywide policy governing the construction of capital projects with an aggregate construction costs of greater than \$5 million.

Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform

2852-06

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, entitled "County Government Operations," by creating a new Article 208, entitled "Community Benefits Program," in order to establish a policy of providing for community and private-sector input when the County provides capital funding through a direct appropriation, a subsidy or deferment of taxes, or a bond project.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

2836-06

Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to develop a tax increment financing plan for a proposed TIF District to include portions of the Fifth and Penn Redevelopment Area (pending certification) and designating a representative from the County to participate in the development of a tax increment plan for this proposed TIF District.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

2837-06

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny adopting the Potato Garden Run Tax Increment Financing Plan presented by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County, creating the Potato Garden Run Tax Increment Financing

District and authorizing related agreements.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

2838-06

A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny recommending the adoption and approval of a proposed Allegheny County Health Department Rule and Regulation (Article IV - Needle Exchange)

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services

2839-06

Resolution approving a Project for the benefit of West Penn Allegheny Foundation, LLC, to be financed by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority by the issuance of one or more series of the Authority's Hospital Revenue Notes (West Penn Allegheny Foundation Project), Series 2006 (or similar designation) (the "2006 Notes") to be issued in aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$31,000,000, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the 2006 Notes, and determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and constituting the elected official approval required by Section 147 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

2842-06

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2006 (Submission #12-06).

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

2853-06

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.

Withdrawn at the request of the sponsor

Withdrawn

2856-06

Communication from Council Member Rich Nerone submitting his resignation from his position as a Member of Allegheny County Council, effective November 8, 2006.

Not on original agenda

Received and Filed

XII. New Business - Motions

XIII. Public Comment on General Items

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM