

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 19, 2009

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Government Reform

*Rich Fitzgerald, Chair; Jim Burn, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Nick Futules,
Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, and Chuck McCullough - Members*

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Steve Bland, Executive Director, Port Authority

Shirley Atkins, PIIN

Barbara Simpson, PIIN

Summary: *Invited Guests Present: Steve Bland, Executive Director, Port Authority; Shirley Atkins, PIIN*

Recognized Attendees: Rosemary Protsko, PIIN; Jon Robison, President, Allegheny County Transit Council; Lisa Earl, Manager of Ross Park Mall, SIMON Properties

Council Staff Present: Jared Barker; Stephanie Buka

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Rich Fitzgerald, and Michael Finnerty

Absent: Jim Burn, Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green Hawkins, and Chuck McCullough

Phone: Bob Macey

III. Approval of Minutes

5234-09 Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 22, 2009 Government Reform Committee meeting.

Action: **A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Agenda Items**Resolution**

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.

Sponsors: Rich Fitzgerald, Jim Burn, Nick Futules, Chuck McCullough, Bob Macey, Michael Finnerty, Jim Ellenbogen and John DeFazio

Summary: *Ms. Protsko described PIIN's position concerning mall management and public transportation. The three malls PIIN is concerned about include Century III, South Hills Village and Ross Park Mall, which are all owned by SIMON Properties.*

Mr. Robison lends his support to this legislation and is working with PIIN on this cause.

Mr. Bland reported that the Port Authority has developed positive working relationships

with various mall managers. He added that while they field many complaints about bus stop locations, it is the mall, as the property owner, which affords the Port Authority the privilege to make stops. Mr. Bland lends his support to this legislation and discussed utilization issues.

SIMON Properties has made a commitment to attend a meeting with Council Members on Wednesday, December 2nd to discuss the matter.

Action: **Held in Committee**

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.*