

Allegheny County Council

*County of Allegheny
436 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Phone (412) 350-6495
Fax (412) 350-6499*



Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 2006

5:30 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Public Safety

Jim Burn, Chair; John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Vince Gastgeb, Chuck Martoni, Rich Nerone, and William Robinson - Members

I. Call to Order**Invited Guests:****Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee****Superintendent Charles Moffatt, County Police****Andy Baechle, Director, Parks**

Summary: *Invited Guests in attendance: Mr. Moffatt, Mr. Baechle, and Derek Uber for Mr. Flynn.*

Recognized attendees: Clarence Hopson, Parks

Council Staff present: Jared Barker

II. Roll Call

Summary: *Non Committee Council Members present: Council Members Cleary, Finnerty, Cleary, Rea, and Caldwell.*

Present Ex-Officio - Council President Rich Fitzgerald

Roll Call: Present: Matt Drozd, Vince Gastgeb, and Jim Burn

Absent: John DeFazio, Chuck Martoni, Rich Nerone, and William Robinson

III. Approval of Minutes

2470-06 Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 1, 2006 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

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

IV. Agenda Items**Ordinance**

2324-06 An Ordinance repealing the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation as established by Ordinance on January 1, 1977 and amended by Ordinance on June 14, 1982 to aid in the preservation of County property and promoting and preserving the public health, safety and welfare in the parks owned and maintained by the County of Allegheny, and replacing such Rules and Regulations with Parks Department Regulations.

Sponsors: Vince Gastgeb

Summary: *The Chair indicated that there was a meeting on this bill in February and suggested revisions have been provided to the committee. Mr. Gastgeb said that he recalled an issue regarding firearms in the parks. Mr. Baechle said that the final version of the bill contained language provided by the Law Department. Mr. Burn asked what the changes were from the original bill. Mr. Moffatt said that the County Police had some input and they felt that the county could not supersede state law on firearms. He said that if a person is licensed to carry a firearm, then they are allowed to carry in the parks. Also,*

the bill would allow a person not licensed to carry to transport firearms through the park as long as it is not accessible for use.

The Chair said that the revisions will be introduced as an amendment at the March 21, 2006 Regular Meeting.

Mr. Gastgeb complimented Mr. Moffatt and the County Police for their input on this bill.

Action: **A motion was made by Gastgeb, seconded by Drozd, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution

2421-06 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 MPOETC.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Mr. Moffat provided a summary of the bill. He said that the bill would authorize the County to apply for and accept grant funding from the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC). He said that this authorization is required before the County may receive grant funding for the training of police officers under the terms of the statute that established the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training program, Act 120 of 1974.*

He said that they just put on a new class of officers and that they can apply for 60% reimbursement of their salaries while they are in the academy and for all county costs associated with their training. He said they just need Council's approval before they can receive the money.

Action: **A motion was made by Gastgeb, seconded by Burn, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM*