

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

Rich Fitzgerald, President; Chuck Martoni, Vice-President; Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Dave Fawcett, Ron Francis, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb, Jay Jabbour, Edward Kress, Rich Nerone, Doug Price, Jan Rea, William Russell Robinson, and Eileen Watt

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I. Call To Order**II. Pledge of Allegiance****III. Silent Prayer or Reflection****IV. Roll Call**

Summary: *14 Members present*

Roll Call: Present: Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Kress, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Price, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Watt and President Fitzgerald
Absent: Council Member Francis

V. Proclamations/Certificates**2200-05**

Proclamation honoring and recognizing the Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Richard T. Neumann, for his recovery efforts in the aftermath of flooding from Hurricane Ivan, and thanking him for his years of dedicated service to the individuals and families of Etna and surrounding communities.

Sponsors: Edward Kress

Action: Presented

2201-05

Proclamation commending and congratulating the Pleasant Hills Public Library on its 60th anniversary, recognizing its commitment to the neighborhood and its citizens, and offering our sincerest thanks to all past and present library staff members for their dedication and professionalism.

Sponsors: Joan Cleary

Action: Read

2202-05

Certificate acknowledging the substantial impact that Mr. John Balkovec had on the many people with whom he came in contact with during his years of service as an Active and Associate Member with Brentwood Emergency Medical Service.

Sponsors: Joan Cleary

Action: Read

2203-05

Certificate acknowledging the substantial impact that Mr. Roger Owens had on the many people with whom he came in contact with during his years of service as an Associate Member with Brentwood Emergency Medical Service.

Sponsors: Joan Cleary

Action: Read

2204-05 Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Allen W. Hauser, Boy Scout Troop # 228, Greater Pittsburgh Council, in recognition of earning the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's most distinguished honor.

Sponsors: Vince Gastgeb

Action: Read

2209-05 Proclamation congratulating and honoring Conservation Consultants, Incorporated for its continuing tradition of assisting individuals and other entities in using energy responsibly.

Sponsors: Rich Fitzgerald

Action: Read

2210-05 Proclamation congratulating and honoring Kim Lavern Jefferson and Lynn Verdell Jefferson-Doswell for their perseverance in the face of adversity.

Sponsors: Brenda Frazier

Action: Read

2211-05 Proclamation congratulating and honoring the firefighters of the Highland Volunteer Fire Department, the Ingomar Volunteer Fire Department, and the Peebles Volunteer Fire Department, as well as local rescue service personnel, for their dedicated public safety services to residents of the Town of McCandless and the surrounding communities.

Sponsors: Jan Rea

Action: Read

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

2205-05 Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of County Council held on September 6th, 20th and October 4, 2005.

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

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

2216-05 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Jerry Speer to serve as a Member of the Property Assessment Appeals & Review Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

Sponsors: Rich Fitzgerald

Action: Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading

2164-05 Appointment - Approving the appointment of James Linaberger to serve as a Member of the Regional Trail Corporation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2007.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

2166-05 Appointment - Approving the appointment of Andrew Baechle to serve as a Member of the Regional Trail Corporation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2007.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading

2192-05 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budgets for 2005 (Submission #18-05).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Action: 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 Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Kress, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Price, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Watt and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Francis
Not present: 1 - Council Member Fawcett

Enactment No: 47-05-RE

Committee on Economic Development - Second Reading

2193-05 A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny adopting and authorizing financing of a project by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority (the "Authority") on behalf of The Center for Emergency Medicine ("CEM") as desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of the people in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Action: 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 Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Kress, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Price, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Watt and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Francis
Not present: 1 - Council Member Fawcett

Enactment No: 48-05-RE

Special Committee on Property Assessments - Second Reading

2187-05

An Ordinance of the Allegheny County Council providing for facilitated appeals of property valuations certified for the 2006 tax year.

Sponsors: Rich Fitzgerald and Brenda Frazier

Action: **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 Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Kress, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Price, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Watt and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Francis
Not present: 1 - Council Member Fawcett

Enactment No: 51-05-OR

2190-05

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending portions of Article 207 to make the rules and regulations of the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review consistent with a base year valuation system of real property assessment.

Sponsors: Rich Fitzgerald and Brenda Frazier

Action: **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 Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Watt and President Fitzgerald
Noes: 3 - Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Kress and Council Member Price
Absent: 1 - Council Member Francis

Enactment No: 52-05-OR

2194-05

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the New Home Construction/Improvement Program Resolution enacted May 23, 1996 by the Board of Commissioners of Allegheny County at Agenda Number 700-96, subsequently amended by Resolutions Nos. 22-00, 6-01, 61-02, and 04-04-RE, by providing for the continuation of the Allegheny County New Home Construction/Improvement Exemption Program.

Sponsors: Joan Cleary

Action: 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 Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Kress, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Price, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Watt and President Fitzgerald

Absent: 1 - Council Member Francis

Enactment No: 49-05-RE

X. Liaison Reports

Summary: Council Member Frazier provided a report on the Kanas subcommittees; Council Member Fawcett reported on the process of selecting new voting machines for Allegheny County

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

2212-05 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.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson, John DeFazio, Rich Fitzgerald, Brenda Frazier, Joan Cleary and C.L. Jabbour

Action: Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

Enactment No: 53-05-OR

2213-05 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to facilitate the reporting and recording of information by contractors operating within Allegheny County, as well as for the licensing of the same.

Sponsors: Edward Kress

Action: Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

2214-05 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, setting forth funding guidelines for the Allegheny Regional Asset District.

Sponsors: Edward Kress

Action: Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform

2215-05 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, setting forth County policy regarding the sale of naming rights for the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport.

Sponsors: Edward Kress

Action: Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform

2206-05

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny approving certain Inter-Departmental Transfers in the Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2005 and ending December 31, 2005.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Action:

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

Enactment No: 50-05-RE

2207-05

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budgets for 2005 (Submission #19-05).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Action:

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

Enactment No: 54-05-RE

2217-05

Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting an Operating Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter, by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of Allegheny County and for meeting debt charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson, Rich Fitzgerald, John DeFazio, Brenda Frazier and Joan Cleary

Action:

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

Enactment No: 55-05-RE

2218-05

Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a Capital Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses for capital expenditures during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson, John DeFazio, Rich Fitzgerald, Brenda Frazier and Joan Cleary

Action:

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

Enactment No: 56-05-RE

2219-05

Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Grants, Special Accounts, and Agency Fund Budgets, by setting forth appropriations to pay said expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson, John DeFazio, Rich Fitzgerald, Brenda Frazier and Joan Cleary

Action: Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance
Enactment No: 57-05-RE

XII. New Business - Motions

2208-05 Motion of the Council of Allegheny County to continue the services of Attorney John Cambest to provide legal advice, representation and consultation to County Council.

Sponsors: Rich Fitzgerald

Action: Referred to the Executive Committee

XIII. Public Comment on General Items

XIV. Adjournment