

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 2, 2008

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Economic Development & Housing

Mike Finnerty, Chair; Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Nick Futules, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, and Jan Rea - Members

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM*

Invited Guests:

William Mullen, County Sheriff or Designee
John Weinstein, County Treasurer or Designee
Mark Flaherty, County Controller or Designee
Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Summary: *Invited guests in attendance: Mr. Flynn and Joe Rizzo for Mr. Mullen*

Council staff in attendance: John Mascio, Jennifer Liptak, and Jared Barker

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Nick Futules, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, Jan Rea, Chair Michael Finnerty, and Council Member Vince Gastgeb
Absent: Jim Burn, and John DeFazio

III. Agenda Items

Ordinance

4300-08 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (hereinafter referred to as "County") authorizing an extension of the filing of the 2007 Allegheny County Real Estate Tax Liens to October 31st, 2008.

Sponsors: Controller, Treasurer, Sheriff, Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, Michael Finnerty, Rich Fitzgerald, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, Chuck Martoni, Chuck McCullough, Jan Rea and William Russell Robinson

Summary: *Ms. Liptak provided the Committee with a brief summary of the bill. She said that the bill would extend the date for the filing of real estate tax liens until October 31, 2008 for the unpaid taxes for the 2007 year. She said that the powers and duties of the County to assess property, collect taxes and file liens for delinquent taxes would remain unaffected and that lien filings would be temporarily modified for 2008 date only.*

She also said that the Controller, the Sheriff and the Treasurer have established a Taxpayer Task Force to create a comprehensive report along with recommendations for filing tax liens and to assist taxpayers within sixty (60) days. The time extension would become immediately effective upon enactment of the Ordinance.

Mr. Drozd asked if this would affect the County's cash flow. Ms. Liptak said that putting off the liens would have no budgetary affect.

The Chair distributed copy of a memo dated September 2, 2008 addressed to all Members of Council. The memo contained an attached copy of the amended by-laws of the Economic Development, Community Infrastructure & Tourism Board. There was no discussion. He asked Ms. Liptak to make sure that all Members of Council receive a

copy of the memo and the amended by laws. She said that she would.

Action: A motion was made by Cleary, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM*