

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

5:00 PM

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Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

Rich Fitzgerald, President; Chuck Martoni, Vice-President; Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, Chuck McCullough, Jan Rea, and William Russell Robinson - Members

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

Roll Call: Present: Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Phone: Council Member Ellenbogen

V. Proclamations/Certificates

4522-08 Proclamation honoring the late Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll for her vast contributions to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Presented

4523-08 Proclamation congratulating Dr. Charles T. Blocksidge for earning the 2008 John Fry Individual Merit Award from the North American Council for Staff, Program and Organizational Development.

Presented

4524-08 Proclamation declaring December 16, 2008 “Point of Pittsburgh” Day in Allegheny County.

Presented

4525-08 Certificate of Achievement recognizing Pittsburgh Allderdice High School Boys' Golf Team member A.J. Cohen for winning the 2008 Pittsburgh City League Championship.

Presented

4526-08 Certificate of Achievement recognizing the Clairton High School Football Team for winning the 2008 WPIAL Class A Championship.

Read

4527-08 Certificate of Achievement recognizing the Brashear High School Football Team for winning the 2008 Pittsburgh City League Championship.

Read

4528-08 Proclamation congratulating Allegheny General Hospital and The Western Pennsylvania Hospital for being recognized as two of the nation's 100 Top

Hospitals for cardiovascular care.

Read

4529-08

Proclamation commending Verona Borough Police Officer Sean Blake for his lifesaving actions on November 6, 2008.

Read

4530-08

Certificate of Recognition honoring Art Crivaro for 30 years of service to Allegheny County's Department of Public Works.

Read

4531-08

Certificate of Achievement recognizing the Thomas Jefferson High School Football Team for winning the 2008 WPIAL and PIAA Class AAA Championships

Read

4532-08

Certificate of Achievement recognizing the Deer Lakes High School Student Council for raising funds to host their annual Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon.

Read

4533-08

Certificate of Recognition congratulating Bernard and Carolyn Musyznski on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Read

4534-08

Proclamation honoring the late Charles "Teenie" Harris and the late Frank E. Bolden, who will be recognized at the 2009 Spirit of King Awards Ceremony for their lifetime achievements in the pursuit of human right and equality.

Read

4535-08

Certificates of Achievement recognizing those individuals named as the New Pittsburgh Courier's 2008 "Men of Excellence."

Read

4537-08

Proclamation celebrating the unveiling of the new Brentwood landmark, the Brentwood Clock.

Read

4544-08

Proclamation recognizing Ms. Katie Miller for her consistent dedication and for her contributions to the new County government while serving both County Council and the citizens of Allegheny County.

Presented

VI. Presentations and Addresses

Chief Executive Dan Onorato will brief Council on Port Authority's recently ratified labor contract and discuss Port Authority's dedicated funding.

Presented

VII. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VIII. Approval of Minutes

4516-08 Motion approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of County Council held on November 18, 2008.

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

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading

4441-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Phillis D. Lavelle to serve as a member of the Property Assessment Appeals & Review Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

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

Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading

4498-08 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to amend and revise in part the fees and rates schedule of the Department of Parks for the use of certain County recreational and park facilities, the fees and rates schedule of the County Medical Examiner for certain services provided by the County Medical Examiner and the fees and rates schedule of the County Department of Real Estate for certain services provided by the Department of Real Estate to be effective January 1, 2009.

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

Votes: Yes: 11 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Noes: 4 - Council Member Drozd, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member McCullough and Council Member Rea

Enactment No: 31-08-OR

Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading

4401-08 An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of the County of Allegheny's interest in the parcel known as Block 422-L Lot # 204 ("the Property") located in the Township of Aleppo, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Township of Aleppo.

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

Votes: Yes: 15 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald

Enactment No: 30-08-OR

4483-08

A Resolution providing for a program of temporary exemption from county real property taxes for improvements, including repairs, construction, or reconstruction, made on industrial, commercial, or business property in a deteriorated area in the City of McKeesport, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, Pa. Stat. Ann. Tit. 72 §4722 et seq.

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

Votes: Yes: 15 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald

Enactment No: 52-08-RE

4484-08

A Resolution providing for a program of temporary exemption from county real property taxes for improvements, including repairs, construction, or reconstruction, made on industrial, commercial, or business property in deteriorated areas of the Borough of Homestead, the Borough of West Homestead, and the Borough of Munhall, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, Pa. Stat. Ann. Tit. 72 §4722 et seq.

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

Votes: Yes: 15 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald

Enactment No: 53-08-RE

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

4517-08

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny authorizing the County to enter into a cooperation agreement with the City of Pittsburgh, School District of Pittsburgh

and Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Act for the purpose of jointly cooperating in the collection of Delinquent Taxes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Reform

4518-08

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny approving certain Inter-Departmental Transfers in the Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008.

Second reading waived

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 Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Noes: 1 - Council Member McCullough

Enactment No: 54-08-RE

XII. New Business - Motions

4519-08

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County re-establishing the Budget Transfer Committee in accordance with Section 805.03 of the Administrative Code.

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

4520-08

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing the approval of the Council of Allegheny County for amended Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Allegheny County Treasurer to govern collection of Allegheny County's Alcoholic Beverage Tax, pursuant to the terms of Ordinances 54-07-OR and 28-08-OR.

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

4521-08

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

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

4538-08

Motion Expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny urging the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to vote against the current draft of the Public School Employees' Benefit Act, HB 1277, a bill which would establish a statewide health care system for public school employees in Pennsylvania due to the Act's potential deleterious effects on employees of the Commonwealth's Community Colleges.

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

4539-08

Motion Expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County urging the

Allegheny County Board of Elections to conduct a review of a possible issue with the number of ballots cast in Wilkinsburg Ward 1, District 6, in the course of the 2008 General Election, and to make information regarding the conduct of each election available to the public.

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

4540-08

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing the Council of Allegheny County to conduct a public hearing, pursuant to Article II.G. of the Rules of Allegheny County Council on January 15, 2009, beginning at 5 p.m. in the Gold Room of the Allegheny County Courthouse. The President shall be the presiding officer for such public hearing. The primary purpose of this hearing is to allow the opportunity for public comment on Bill No. 4201-08, a bill which would establish a Countywide nondiscrimination requirement in housing, employment, and other contexts, as well as a formalized means of resolving disputes based on allegations of such discrimination.

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

Votes: Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Noes: 1 - Council Member McCullough

XIII. Notification of Contracts

4541-08

Communication from County Manager Jim Flynn submitting a summary of Executive Actions relating to contracts for the months of October and November, 2008.

Received and Filed

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment