

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 26, 2009

5:30 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Government Reform

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

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM*

Invited Guests:

Mark Flaherty, County Controller or Designee

John Weinstein, County Treasurer or Designee

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Summary: *Invited guests in attendance: Derek Uber for Mr. Flynn, and Dan Pietragallo for Mr. Flaherty.*

Recognized attendees: Michael McCabe, Counsel, Jordon Tax Service

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

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Jim Burn, and Rich Fitzgerald

Absent: Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, and Chuck McCullough

III. Approval of Minutes

4659-09 Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 26, 2009 Government Reform Committee meeting.

Summary: *The Motion contained a clerical error. It should have been a Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 11, 2009 Government Reform Committee Meeting instead of the February 26, 2009 Government Reform Committee Meeting, and therefore it is withdrawn.*

Action: **Withdrawn**

IV. Agenda Items**Ordinances**

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.

Sponsors: Treasurer

Summary: *The Chair said that a visual presentation and detailed discussion on this bill took place at the January 28, 2009 Government reform meeting. He said that the Controller had some concerns but those concerns have been resolved.*

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

4567-09

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, entitled "County Government Operations," by the addition of a new Chapter 219 entitled "Campaign Finance Regulation."

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

The Chair said that a Public Hearing on this matter took place on February 25, 2009, but there seemed to be little interest from the public since only one person registered to speak. He described the differences between this bill and a similar proposed bill (4560-09). He said that Pittsburgh City Council is concerned that if this bill should pass it may apply to them. He said that his committee is in the process of obtaining a legal interpretation of this bill regarding that matter.

Action: Held in Committee

V. Adjournment

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