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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 23, 2016

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Public Works

Bob Macey, Chair

*Members; Sam DeMarco, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk,
Paul Klein, Denise Ranalli-Russell, DeWitt Walton*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager or Designee(s)
Stephen Shanley, Director, Allegheny County Department of Public Works

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Mr. Shanley and Mr. Dillon were present from the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Evanto was present from the Department of Administrative Services.

Mr. Weber was present from the Regatta.

Mr. Sikernik was present from Riverlife.

Mr. Barker and Mr. Szymanski were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 1 - Macey

Members Absent: 7 - Sam DeMarco ,Jim Ellenbogen,Nick Futules,Cindy Kirk,Paul Klein,Denise Ranalli-Russell andDeWitt Walton

Members Phone: 1 - Michael Finnerty

III. Approval of Minutes

[9716-16](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2016 meeting of the Committee on Public Works.

**A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[9708-16](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the grant of a temporary license to The Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, Inc. for the purpose of staging a craft and food vendor market on the Roberto Clemente Bridge (6th Street) Bridge as part of The Three Rivers Regatta Motor Boat and River Festival between Friday, August 5, 2016 and Monday, August 8, 2016.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Evanto summarized its provisions, noting that the event would be completely cleaned up before the start of rush hour on Monday, August 8, and that the County has already discussed the event with the relevant law enforcement entities and the City of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Weber briefly described the Regatta, noting that the event is not for profit and that it raises significant revenues for charities and river-related cleanup and use efforts. Mr. Weber indicated that the Regatta was moving to a later time in the year in order to avoid taking place at the same time as the City's INdependence Day celebration, but that the Regatta would still be contributing funding to the Independence Day events. Mr. Weber noted that, as there would be a Pirates game that day, their consent would be obtained prior to vendor selection in order to avoid conflicts with league or team sponsors and/or inappropriate vendors.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. McKain noted that alcohol would be served during the event, but that individuals tend to stay on the bridge for only a short time, which should limit individual consumption, and that police presence would be adequate.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Weber described the vendor selection process and, together with Mr. Evanto, discussed insurance and alcohol permitting that would apply to the vendors.

In response to a question from Mr. Finnerty, Mr. Weber described the course to be used by boats that are taking part in races and that there would be ample spectator vantage points with concessions, childrens' activities, and the like.

A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9709-16

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to Riverlife, in conjunction with Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, for the purpose of creating a light display on the Rachel Carson Bridge (9th Street) Bridge in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh's Bicentennial Celebration known as "Pittsburgh 200" beginning October 1, 2016.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain described the proposed lighting feature, and noted that the City of Pittsburgh had asked that the County permit the proposed use of the Carson Bridge.

Mr. Sikernik noted that the Mayor had asked that the celebration highlight the bridges, and that it was timed to coincide with the National League of Municipalities conference. Mr. Sikernik described the bidding process and the cooperation that had taken place with the City, the County, and the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership.

Mr. Shanley noted that the Department of Public Works is satisfied that the lighting will be safe.

Mr. Sikernik noted that the lighting would be in place through First Night, with installation and testing in October and the display going live in November.

Mr. Dillon suggested that the agreement would likely be similar in some fashions to the Knit the Bridge agreement, with relevant plans submitted to the County in advance.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Sikernik indicated that there is no final design at this time, and Mr. McKain noted that there is wisdom in securing the authorization prior to finalizing the plans.

In response to a question from Mr. Finnerty, Mr. Sikernik noted that the lights would be LED, and would be powered by the wind that circulates around the bridge.

In response to a question from Mr. Finnerty, Mr. McKain noted that the Law Department had signed off on the arrangement and that the appropriate insurance is in place.

A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Discussion Topic

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:21.