

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

6:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Special Committee on Government Reform

Rich Fitzgerald, Chair -- Committee of the Whole

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Tom Donatelli, Director, Public Works

Charles Moffatt, Superintendent, County Police

Kent George, Director, Airport Authority or Designee

The ACCES Panel

Summary: *Invited guests in attendance:
Mr. Flynn and ACCES panel members including Colin Lynch, David Eckhardt, Paul O'Hanlon, Janet Jai and Suzanne Broughton*

Council Staff in attendance: Jennifer Liptak

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: John DeFazio, Michael Finnerty, Jan Rea, and Chair Rich Fitzgerald
Absent: Jim Burn, Susan Caldwell, Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, William Lestitian, Bob Macey, Dave Fawcett, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb, Chuck Martoni, and William Robinson

III. Agenda Items

Ordinances

3094-07 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," Chapter 210, entitled "Authorities," by the creation of a new Article VI, governing the dissolution of existing County authorities.

Sponsors: Jan Rea and Vince Gastgeb

Summary: *The Chair read the bill. Council Member Rea discussed her purpose for sponsoring this bill. This ordinance establishes a mechanism in the Administrative Code for Council to dissolve authorities. It was noted that any dissolution of an authority must comply with applicable state law.*

Action: **Released from the Committee**

3366-07 An Ordinance amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 1, entitled "Administrative Code," Section 5-203.04, entitled "Authority meetings, agendas and minutes," in order to clarify the requirement for the submission of agendas and minutes by the County's various authorities.

Sponsors: Michael Finnerty

Summary: *The Chair read the bill. Council Member Finnerty discussed his purpose for sponsoring this bill. This ordinance specifies and makes it mandatory that Council receive the*

minutes and agendas for all the meeting held by authorities. It was noted that Council does receive some agendas in advance from a few authorities.

Action: Released from the Committee

3413-07 An Ordinance directing the establishment of a Free Cell Phone Parking Zone at Greater Pittsburgh International Airport.

Sponsors: Vince Gastgeb

Action: Held in Committee

Resolution

3098-07 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to enact procedures for dissolving authorities created in whole or in part by Allegheny County pursuant to the terms of statutes other than the Municipality Authorities Act, 53 P.S. §5601 et. seq.

Sponsors: Jan Rea and Vince Gastgeb

Action: Held in Committee

Discussion Topic:

ACCES Panel Report

Summary: *Members of the ACCES advisory panel including Janet Jai, Suzanne Broughton, David, Eckhardt, Collin Lynch, and Paul O'Hanlon submitted a document summarizing their initial recommendations regarding voter equipment changes and a work plan for achieving their designated goals. It is their opinion that the voting machine system should be changed to include voter verified paper ballots, supported by random audits, and the machines should be truly accessible. They recommended that these changes be implemented by 2010.*

IV. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.*