

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

5:00 PM

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 Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: Council Member Green
Phone: Council Member Gastgeb

V. Proclamations/Certificates

4036-08 Proclamation recognizing the Allegheny County Controller's Office for earning the AIIM Best Practices Award.

Presented

4037-08 Certificate of Recognition honoring CCAC students Michele Lowe and Neily Rosko for being named to the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team.

Presented

4038-08 Proclamation declaring May 18-24, 2008 "Public Works Week" in Allegheny County.

Presented

4063-08 Certificate of Achievement congratulating the St. Louise de Marillac JV and Varsity Cheerleading Teams for winning the Diocesan championship.

Presented

4039-08 Proclamation declaring May 11-17, 2008 "Women's Health Week" in Allegheny County.

Presented

4040-08 Certificate of Achievement recognizing BSA Troop 228 scout Cameron Norkiewicz, who recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Read

4041-08 Proclamation congratulating Bob Baburich for being named the 2008 Chalfant Citizen of the Year by the "Woodland Progress."

Read

4042-08

Proclamation congratulating Joseph Sauter for being named the 2008 Turtle Creek Citizen of the Year by the "Woodland Progress."

Read

4043-08

Certificates of Achievement recognizing BSA Troop 321 scouts Joseph Weinzierl and Chris Willson, who recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Read

4045-08

Certificate of Achievement honoring CCAC-North Campus hockey player Aaron Nolte for being ranked number one in regular season goals by the American Collegiate Hockey Association- Division 3.

Read

4047-08

Proclamation recognizing Leadership Pittsburgh, Inc. as it celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Read

4049-08

Certificate of Recognition honoring the fifth grade students at the Ellis School, who recently visited County Council as part of their Environmental Unit.

Read

4050-08

Certificate of Recognition congratulating Earl and Ann Carlson of Elizabeth, who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Read

4051-08

Certificate of Recognition congratulating George and Carole King of Forward, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Read

4052-08

Certificate of Achievement recognizing Seton-La Salle freshman Pietra Bruni for winning first place in the senior biology division of the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

Read

4054-08

Certificate of Recognition honoring Angeline Rose Baroni of Bridgeville, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

Read

4055-08

Certificates of Recognition commending the 2008 Allegheny County Police retirees.

Read

4056-08 Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th anniversary of the Gateway Clipper Fleet.

Read

4057-08 Certificate of Recognition celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Manchester Youth Development Center.

Read

4058-08 Proclamation recognizing Esther Miscosky, who was honored by the Borough of Tarentum as a distinguished business owner, and declaring May 20, 2008 as "Esther Miscosky Day" in Allegheny County.

Read

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

4048-08 Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of Council held on April 1 and April 15, 2008.

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

VIII. Unfinished Business

Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading

3794-08 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," by the creation of a new Article 490 entitled "Financing Fees," in order to establish a process for reviewing the County's fees for certain financing activities.

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

Votes: Yes: 12 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald

Absent: 1 - Council Member Green

Not present: 2 - Council Member McCullough and Council Member Rea

3960-08 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series C-61, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$53,435,000 ("C-61 Bonds" or the "Bonds").

A motion was made that this matter be 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, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Noes: 1 - Council Member Drozd
Absent: 1 - Council Member Green
Not present: 2 - Council Member McCullough and Council Member Rea

3972-08

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2008 (Submission #07-08).

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

Votes: Yes: 13 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Green
Not present: 1 - Council Member McCullough

Committee on Parks - Second Reading**3905-08**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing acceptance of cherry trees through the Sakura (Cherry Blossom) Project, in association with the Japanese Association of Greater Pittsburgh.

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

Votes: Yes: 13 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Green
Not present: 1 - Council Member McCullough

3967-08

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to convey excess real estate located on the Montour Trail to adjacent landowners

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

Votes: Yes: 13 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Green
Not present: 1 - Council Member McCullough

Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading**3971-08**

A Resolution approving a Project for the benefit of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) to be financed by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority (the "Authority") by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt or taxable bonds, a portion of which may be issued as commercial

paper, to be issued in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$350,000,000, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Bonds (hereinafter defined), and determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

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

Votes: Yes: 13 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Green
Not present: 1 - Council Member McCullough

Enactment No: 22-08-RE

IX. Liaison Reports

X. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

4033-08

An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations pursuant to Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. §12001 et seq.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services

4053-08

An Ordinance of the Allegheny County Council amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," by creating a new Chapter 280, entitled "Housing Choice Voucher Program" and a new §280-1 in order to establish a mechanism for recovering taxes owed by landlords participating in the program.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

4035-08

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.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

4059-08

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to reject the recent Pentagon decision to award a \$40 Billion defense contract to a foreign entity for the construction of the United States Air Force mid-air refueling tankers and urging the Congress to investigate this decision.

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: 12 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Green
Not present: 1 - Council Member McCullough
Yes Phone: 1 - Council Member Gastgeb

4060-08

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the General Assembly and the United States Congress to push for additional funding for research to discover a cure for life-threatening food allergies.

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: 12 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Green
Not present: 1 - Council Member McCullough
Yes Phone: 1 - Council Member Gastgeb

4062-08

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, declaring Council's intention to eliminate funding to the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania within the next seven-year period and urging the General Assembly to carry-out its constitutionally-mandated and court-ordered responsibility to fund the Fifth Judicial District, as mandated by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Withdrawn

XI. New Business - Motions**XII. Public Comment on General Items****XIII. Adjournment**