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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 31, 2018

4:30 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Public Works

Bob Macey, Chair; Sam DeMarco, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, Robert Palmosina, Denise Ranalli-Russell and DeWitt Walton, Members

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:32.

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. Barker was present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 4 - Robert Palmosina, Denise Ranalli-Russell, DeWitt Walton and Bob Macey

Members Absent: 3 - Sam DeMarco, Cindy Kirk and Paul Klein

Members 1 - Sue Means

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[10650-18](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2018 meeting of the Committee on Public Works.

A motion was made by Ranalli-Russell, seconded by Walton, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[10618-18](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership for the purpose of staging a food festival and related activities on the Roberto Clemente (6th Street) Bridge to be known as "Picklesburgh" between Thursday, July 19, 2018, and Monday, July 23, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill.

The Chair expressed support for the event, and noted that it has been successful in previous years.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain noted that there is always adequate police presence at this event and that the County is reimbursed for those expenses.

Mr. McKain discussed some of the history of the event, and indicated that it had received national attention in years past.

Ms. Means and Mr. McKain discussed an incident that took place on the bridge several years prior, and Mr. Howard noted that the PDP also contracts with private security for the event. Mr. Walton and Ms. Means discussed the incident, with Mr. Walton indicating his belief that it took place either prior to or just after a sporting event.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. McKain noted that the County works very hard to provide adequate safety and security for the event, and Mr. Howard noted that the event was being extended on to the North Shore without increasing the number of vendors in order to reduce crowding.

A motion was made by Walton, seconded by Ranalli-Russell, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[10620-18](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to Epilepsy Foundation Western/Central Pennsylvania (EFWCP) for the purpose of staging a public fundraising event and related activities on the Roberto Clemente (6th Street) Bridge to be known as “30th Annual Family Fun Run/Walk for Epilepsy” on Saturday, July 28, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill.

The Chair noted that the event had been successful in the past.

A motion was made by Palmosina, seconded by Ranalli-Russell, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[10640-18](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance on behalf of the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania - the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas ("the Courts") of the donation of used desks, conference tables, file cabinets, work stations, movable file storage systems, other office furniture and related personal property for use in the Courts that has been offered to the Courts by various law firms and other organizations.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill.

The Chair noted that a previous version of this bill had been of limited duration, but that the current ordinance contains no expiration date.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain noted that the Courts, the Manager's Office, and the Controller's Office work together to appropriately value the property donated, ensure that asset tagging is completed where appropriate, and the like.

Ms. Means and Mr. McKain discussed the tax deductability of the donations for the entities that make them.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain noted that the donations are not stored, but rather moved directly into the appropriate offices.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. McKain indicated that the disposal of items without salvage value is undertaken through either auction or scrapping via interaction between his office and the Office of the Controller. Mr. McKain noted that any items of historical value are preserved.

Mr. Palmosina and Mr. McKain discussed how scrap items can fluctuate in value.

A motion was made by Palmosina, seconded by Ranalli-Russell, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45.