

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, March 18, 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, 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 Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: Council Member McCullough
Phone: Council Member Gastgeb

V. Filling of Council Vacancy/Oath of Office

3860-08 Motion to approve the appointment of Amanda Green to serve as a Member of Allegheny County Council to fill the vacancy that exists in Council District 13.
A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Proclamations/Certificates

3845-08 Proclamation recognizing the Royal Tribe arts organization for the success of its Stand Up Now Tour.

Presented

3846-08 Proclamation declaring March 29, 2008 “Bon Ami Temple No. 49 Day” in Allegheny County.

Read

3847-08 Certificate of Recognition honoring Andy and Eunice Swoger of Coraopolis, who recently celebrated their 61st anniversary.

Read

3848-08 Certificate of Recognition congratulating Tom Clark Chevrolet of McKeesport, who recently celebrated its 40th year in business.

Read

3849-08 Proclamation recognizing the Verona Garden Club for being named Verona's 2008 Citizens of the Year by The Advance Leader.

Read

3850-08 Proclamation honoring the YWCA, local business and local non-profits involved

in Pittsburgh's first annual "Day of Inclusion," to be held on March 20, 2008.

Read

3851-08 Proclamation recognizing Rebecca Sciullo for being named Oakmont's 2008 Citizen of the Year.

Read

3852-08 Certificate of Recognition honoring Thomas Jefferson High School senior Orlando Torres for winning his football team's Breisinger Award.

Read

3853-08 Certificate of Achievement recognizing the Pittsburgh Frick 6-8 girls' basketball team for winning the 2008 Middle School City Championship Basketball Game.

Read

VII. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VIII. Approval of Minutes

3841-08 Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of Council held on February 5 and February 19, 2008.

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

IX. Presentation of Appointments

3825-08 Appointment - Approving the appointment of Manuel Reich to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Hartwood Acres) for a term to expire on March 18, 2010.

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

3826-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Cole Moretti to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Deer Lakes Park) for a term to expire on March 18, 2010.

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

3827-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Linda Dankmyer to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Hartwood Acres) for a term to expire on March 18, 2010.

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

3828-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of David Vento to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Boyce Park) for a term to expire on March 18, 2010.

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

3837-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Rick Self to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (South Park) for a term to expire on March 18, 2010.

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

3838-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Paul Gitnik to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (South Park) for a term to expire on March 18, 2010.

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

3839-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Nick Fera to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (South Park) for a term to expire on March 18, 2010.

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

3840-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of David Buchewicz to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (South Park) for a term to expire on March 18, 2010.

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

3829-08 Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Lilia C. Huguley for appointment to the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review

3830-08 Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Vivian A. Sweeney for appointment to the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review

3831-08 Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Dr. Caesar A. Garafoli for appointment to the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review

3832-08 Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Fr. David Taylor for appointment to the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review

3833-08 Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of William A. Desantis for appointment to the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review

3834-08 Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Morton Coleman for appointment to the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review

3835-08 Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Michele Balcer for appointment to the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review

3836-08 Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Michael Enright for appointment to the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review**X. Unfinished Business****Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading**

3708-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Ronald J. Beinlich to serve as a member to the Agriculture Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

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

3709-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Roy Kraynyk to serve as a member to the Agriculture Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

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

3710-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Thomas W. Headley to serve as a member to the Agriculture Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

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

3711-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Dennis J. Simon to serve as a member to the Authority for the Improvements in Municipalities for a term to expire on December 31, 2012.
A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

3715-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Rick E. Pierchalski to serve as a member to the Regional Asset District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.
A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

3718-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Daniel J. Griffin to serve as a member to the Regional Asset District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.
A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

3719-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Dusty Elias Kirk to serve as a member to the Regional Asset District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.
A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

3720-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Glenn Mahone to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Airport Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2012.
A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:
Votes: Yes: 10 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Noes: 3 - Council Member Drozd, Council Member Gastgeb and Council Member Rea
Abstentions: 1 - Council Member Green
Absent: 1 - Council Member McCullough

3721-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Dawn M. Price to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Housing Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2012.
A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

3722-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Dr. Walter Smith Jr. to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.
A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

3723-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Paul Quarantillo to serve as a member of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for a term to expire on May 23, 2012.

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

3724-08 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Timothy H. Johnson to serve as a member of the Retirement Board of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

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

3725-08 Appointment - Approving the appointment of Mark Jones to serve as a member of the following Authorities: Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority, Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, Allegheny Higher Education Building Authority and the Residential Finance Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2012.

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

Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading

3737-08 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the New Home Construction/Improvement Program Resolution enacted May 23, 1996 by the Board of Commissioners of Allegheny County at Agenda Number 700-96, subsequently amended by Resolutions Nos. 22-00, 6-01, 61-02, 04-04-RE, and 49-05-RE by providing for the continuation of the Allegheny County New Home Construction/Improvement Exemption Program.

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 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
Abstentions: 1 - Council Member Green
Absent: 1 - Council Member McCullough
Not present: 1 - Council Member Burn

Committee on Government Reform - Second Reading

3795-08 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the transfer of the County Bureau of Weights and Measures as an office under the County Chief Executive ("Chief Executive") to an office within and under the purview of the Office of the County Controller ("Controller").

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 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
Abstentions: 1 - Council Member Green
Absent: 1 - Council Member McCullough
Not present: 1 - Council Member Burn

XI. Liaison Reports**XII. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**

3842-08 An Ordinance Authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire the Riverton Railroad Bridge and approaches over the Monongahela River, between City of Duquesne and City of McKeesport, from the Union Railroad Company, for the Steel Valley Trail.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

3854-08 An Ordinance amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 1, entitled "Administrative Code," Article 808.B, "Rental Vehicle Taxation," in order to provide consistency with regard to exemptions from the County tax on the rental of certain motor vehicles within the County and the exemptions from taxes imposed by the Commonwealth on such rentals.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

3855-08 An Ordinance amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 1, entitled "Administrative Code," Article 809, entitled "Real Property Taxation," in order to provide a uniform mechanism for the periodic adjustment of the rate of property taxation in order to account for inflationary costs borne by the County.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

3856-08 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," through the creation of a new Chapter 263, entitled "County Vehicle Usage," in order to clarify the appropriate use of County owned vehicles by County employees and elected officials.

Referred to the Committee on Government Reform

3843-08 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2008 (Submission #04-08).

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

3844-08 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

XIII. New Business - Motions

3857-08

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, recognizing and commending local activities in support of ending the genocide in Darfur, and specifically recognizing and commending the Destroyed Villages March and Rally to be held in Pittsburgh on May 18, 2008.

This bill was originally a Motion and was amended to a Resolution. The second reading was waived.

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

3858-08

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County endorsing the provisions of H.R. 5036, currently pending before the United States House of Representatives, and urging the Allegheny County Board of Elections to take certain actions relevant to inquiries made by citizens of the County regarding the County's voting system.

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

3859-08

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County approving a public hearing, pursuant to Article II.G. of the Rules of Allegheny County Council to allow the public the opportunity to comment on non-profit entities as they relate to the County's budgetary position. Budget and Finance Chairman William Russell Robinson will serve as the presiding officer.

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

XIV. Public Comment on General Items**XV. Adjournment**