

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 2, 2009

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Government Reform

***Rich Fitzgerald, Chair; Jim Burn, Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb,
Amanda Green, Bob Macey, and Chuck McCullough - Members***

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Michael Wojcik, Allegheny County Solicitor

Ruth Bird Smith, Allegheny County M/WDDBE

John Deighan, Allegheny County Chief Purchasing Officer

Summary: *Invited guests in attendance: Derek Uber for Mr. Flynn, Mr. Wojcik, Ms. Byrd Smith, and Mr. Deighan*

Recognized attendees: Ted Trbovich, County Law Department

Council Staff in attendance: Jared Barker and Jennifer Liptak

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Amanda Green, Rich Fitzgerald, and Michael Finnerty

Absent: Jim Burn, Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Bob Macey, and Chuck McCullough

III. Approval of Minutes

4736-09 Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 26, 2009 Government Reform Committee meeting.

Action: **A motion was made by Green, seconded by Fitzgerald, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Agenda Items**Ordinances**

4695-09 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny authorizing the County to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the City of Pittsburgh under which the County will provide purchasing and procurement services on behalf of the City.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *The Chair read the bill and requested that Mr. Wojcik, Mr. Trbovich, Mr. Deighan, and Ms. Byrd Smith come to the table. He indicated that Mr. Robinson has a proposed amendment to the bill that he may introduce at a later date.*

Mr. Wojcik discussed the original form of the Ordinance in relation to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, and expressed concern that additional items may be proposed for the Ordinance. Mr. Trbovich discussed process that led to the agreement.

Ms. Smith discussed M/W/DBE activities regarding County contracts, and Mr. Trbovich discussed that matter in relation to City contracts.

Ms. Green asked if the process is followed for each and every contract, and Ms. Byrd Smith noted that she can only answer for the contracts that she deals with.

The Chair discussed Council's role with regard to contracts, and noted that it appears that Mr. Robinson's concerns are focused on M/W/DBE reporting requirements.

Ms. Byrd Smith discussed reporting activities of her department.

Mr. Finnerty asked if the amendment is redundant, and Mr. Trbovich discussed the issue.

Ms. Green noted that there are and have been concerns expressed about M/W/DBE participation and noted that the M/W/DBE Ordinances on the agenda address those concerns better than the amendment.

The Chair asked Ms. Smith, Mr. Trbovich and Mr. Wojcik to be present at the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2009.

Action:

A motion was made by Green, seconded by Fitzgerald, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

4726-09

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, §5-905.04, entitled "Allegheny County Professional Services Review Committee Reporting Obligations," to clarify the ongoing reporting obligation of the Professional Services Review Committee.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson and Chuck McCullough

Summary:

The bill was held due to the absence of the sponsors.

Action:

Held in Committee

4727-09

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 435, entitled "Minority Business Enterprise Program," through the creation of a new §435-13, entitled "Allegheny County Contract Reporting Obligations," in order to establish a requirement for reporting the M/W/DBE status of parties to contracts with Allegheny County.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson and Chuck McCullough

Summary:

The bill was held due to the absence of the sponsors.

Action:

Held in Committee

V. Adjournment

Summary:

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM