

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, November 13, 2008**

**5:00 PM**

**Conference Room I**

## **Committee on Health & Human Services**

*Joan Cleary, Chair; Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Nick Futules, Amanda Green,  
Bob Macey, Chuck McCullough, and William Robinson - Members*

**I. Call to Order**

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

**Invited Guests:**

**Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee**

**Dr. Bruce Dixon, Director, Health Department**

**Summary:** *Invited guests in attendance: Mr. Flynn and Dr. Dixon*

*Council staff in attendance: John Mascio, Jennifer Liptak, and Jared Barker*

**II. Roll Call**

**Roll Call:** Present: Michael Finnerty, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, Chuck McCullough, William Robinson, and Chair Joan Cleary

Absent: Jim Ellenbogen, and Nick Futules

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**4438-08** Motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2008 & September 30, 2008 Health & Human Services Committee Meetings.

**Action:** **A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yes: 4 - Finnerty, Macey, Robinson and Chair Cleary

Abstain: 2 - Green and McCullough

Absent: 2 - Ellenbogen and Futules

**III. Agenda Items**

**Ordinance**

**4424-08** Ordinance of the County of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending Section 5-1007.11 of the Allegheny County Code to provide for a waiver of the residency requirement for certain positions or classifications of employees.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Mr. Flynn provided the committee with a summary of the bill. He said that the proposed ordinance would amend the County's residency requirements for employees. He said that these requirements currently require that all County employees must establish a residence within the County within one year of the start of their employment. He said that there are, however, currently three exceptions to this requirement: Lifeguards in the Public Works Department, all Caseworkers, and certain contracted positions within the Department of Computer Services.*

*He explained that the bill would create a fourth exception for new hires in the positions of Air Pollution Control Engineers and Coke Oven Technicians employed in the Air Quality Division of the Allegheny County Health Department. He said that these positions are very specialized and they are having difficulty finding people to fill these*

*positions and that waving the residency requirement would widen their scope of candidates.*

*At the request of Council Member Green, Doctor Dixon described to the committee the special training that is necessary for these positions.*

**Action:**      **A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**IV.      Adjournment**

**Summary:**      *The meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM*