

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

Rich Fitzgerald, President; Chuck Martoni, Vice-President; Jim Burn, Susan Caldwell, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Dave Fawcett, Mike Finnerty, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb, Jay Jabbour, Rich Nerone, 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**
- V. Proclamations/Certificates**

2489-06 Proclamation recognizing the month of March as "American Red Cross Month" and commending the American Red Cross Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter for their outstanding humanitarian efforts, helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Presented

2491-06 Proclamation recognizing Goodwill Industries, North Hills Community Outreach, Human Services Administration Organization, Catholic Charities, Family Resources, Macedonia Family and Community Enrichment, Jewish Family and Children's Services, Salvation Army, Urban League of Pittsburgh, and the Pittsburgh Project for providing case management and housing during the Hurricane Katrina resettlement project in Allegheny County.

Presented

2471-06 Proclamation commending Fire Chief Mr. Stephen Darcangelo for his long and distinguished service with the Mt. Lebanon Fire Department and congratulating him upon his well-deserved retirement.

Read

2472-06 Proclamation recognizing and honoring the West Mifflin Area High School "Titan Thunder" Marching Band for earning numerous awards and for their dedication to entertaining audiences in Allegheny County and throughout the nation.

Read

2473-06 Proclamation commending the Allegheny County Labor Council's wisdom in honoring Mr. Rich Stanizzo, Business Manager of the Pittsburgh Building and Construction Trades Council and Mr. Bill George, President of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO with the "Labor's Men of the Year" award.

Read

2474-06 Proclamation recognizing and celebrating the Borough of Plum's 50th Anniversary and expressing gratitude for their contributions and services.

Read

- [2475-06](#) Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Peter Haywiser, from Boy Scout Troop #225, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's most distinguished honor.

Read

- [2476-06](#) Proclamation recognizing and commending Dr. Thomas E. Starzl, M.D., Ph.D., director emeritus of the Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute, for earning the 2004 National Medal of Science, the nation's highest scientific honor, and for his remarkable contributions in patient care, clinical research, clinical innovation and education.

Read

- [2477-06](#) Certificate of Achievement recognizing and congratulating the 2006 Allegheny County graduates from the Local Government Academy's Newly Elected Officials Course.

Read

- [2490-06](#) Proclamation recognizing the month of April as the "Month of the Young Child", sponsored by the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children, and commending the early childhood professionals that provided learning activities to children and their families.

Read

- [2492-06](#) Memorial Proclamation recognizing the lifetime of dedication and achievement by former Pennsylvania Speaker of the House K. Leroy Irvis.

Read

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

- [2488-06](#) Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of County Council held on February 21, 2006.

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

Votes: Yes: 13 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 2 - Council Member Caldwell and Council Member Fawcett

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

- 2478-06** Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Lisa M. Coluatti for appointment to the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.
Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review
- 2479-06** Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Dr. Diego Chaves-Gnecco for appointment to the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.
Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review
- 2480-06** Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Dr. Mary Carrasco for appointment to the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.
Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review
- 2481-06** Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Avis B. Katovsky for appointment to the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.
Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading

- 2450-06** A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2006 (Submission #02-06).
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 Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Fawcett
Not present: 1 - Council Member Burn
- 2463-06** A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2006 Capital Budget for Allegheny County.
A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:
Votes: Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Fawcett

Committee on Parks - Second Reading**2444-06**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing facility and recreational rates and fees for the use of County recreational and park facilities effective April 1, 2006.

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

Votes: Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Fawcett

Committee on Economic Development - Second Reading**2446-06**

A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny authorizing pursuit of a Tax Increment Financing plan in Castle Shannon Borough, 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: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Fawcett

2448-06

Resolution declaring the financing of a project by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority on behalf of Jefferson Regional Medical Center (formerly South Hills Health System) as desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people in the County.

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

Votes: Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Fawcett

2449-06

Resolution declaring the financing of a project by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority on behalf of Robert Morris University as desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of the people in the County.

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

Votes: Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Fawcett

Committee on Public Safety - Second Reading**2324-06**

An Ordinance repealing the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation as established by Ordinance on January 1, 1977 and amended by Ordinance on June 14, 1982 to aid in the preservation of County property and promoting and preserving the public health, safety and welfare in the parks owned and maintained by the County of Allegheny, and replacing such Rules and Regulations with Parks Department Regulations.

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 Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Fawcett
Not present: 1 - Council Member Jabbour

2421-06

A Resolution authorizing the Allegheny County Police Training Academy to apply for and to accept a grant from the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) and agreeing to adhere to all rules, regulations and training standards established MPOETC.

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

Votes: Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Jabbour, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Fawcett

X. Liaison Reports

None

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**2483-06**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to facilitate the recording of transactions for pawnbrokers, dealers in precious metals, secondhand dealers and antique dealers of goods in order to establish a registry of such transactions designed for the purpose of tracking and locating stolen items and prosecuting those trafficking in stolen items.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

2484-06

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the County to amend and restate a land lease agreement for a parcel of property located within Settlers Cabin Park with the Horticultural Society of Western Pennsylvania for the development, construction and operation of a Botanic Garden within Settler Cabin Park.

Referred to the Committee on Parks**2485-06**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, suspending all needle exchange programs instituted by the Allegheny County Board of Health and/or Health Department until such time as the effectiveness, legality, and utility of such programs are demonstrated.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services**2486-06**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing a policy of providing for an allocation for children's care or services when the County provides hospital funding through a direct appropriation, a subsidy or deferment of taxes, a bond project, or appropriate grant funded project.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development**2482-06**

Resolution of the County of Allegheny providing for a program of temporary exemption from county real property taxes for improvements, including repairs, construction, or reconstruction, made on industrial, commercial or business property in a deteriorated area in the Township of North Fayette, County of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, Pa. Stat. Ann. Tit. 72 §4722 et seq.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development**2487-06**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, setting forth County policy regarding the construction of a tunnel, commonly known as the North Shore Connector project.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance**XII. New Business - Motions****2493-06**

Motion Expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County urging the Chief Executive to locate a suitable facility to permanently house the Allegheny County Crime Lab as soon as practicable.

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

2497-06

Motion Expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County urging that Governor Rendell and the Pennsylvania General Assembly work with all possible and deliberate speed to secure funding for the refurbishment of two bridges in the Borough of Emsworth, Allegheny County.

This Motion was made from the floor and was not on the original agenda

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

2495-06

Communication from Council Member C.L. Jabbour submitting his resignation from his position as a Member of Allegheny County Council, effective March 22, 2006.

Not on original agenda

Received and Filed

XIII. Public Comment on General Items

XIV. Adjournment