

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 28, 2007

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Public Safety

*Jim Burn, Chair; John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Vince Gastgeb, William E. Lestitian,
Chuck Martoni, and William Robinson - Members*

I. Call to Order**Invited Guests:****Stephen Zappala, District Attorney or Designee****Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee****Charles Moffatt, Superintendent, County Police or Designee****II. Roll Call**

Roll Call: Present: Matt Drozd, Vince Gastgeb, William Lestitian, Jim Burn, Council Member Joan Cleary, Council Member Rich Fitzgerald, and Council Member Michael Finnerty
Absent: John DeFazio, Chuck Martoni, and William Robinson

III. Approval of Minutes

3314-07 Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 29, May 3 & June 20, 2007 Public Safety Committee Meetings.

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

IV. Agenda Items**Ordinance**

3281-07 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," by the addition of a new Chapter 275, entitled "Residence Requirements; Registered Sex Offenders," in order to augment the provisions of Pennsylvania's Megan's Law and better provide for the safety of the County's residents.

Sponsors: Vince Gastgeb, Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Michael Finnerty, Bob Macey, Chuck Martoni, Susan Caldwell, Jan Rea and William Russell Robinson

Summary: *Chairman Burn read the bill and invited Council Member Gastgeb, the bill's primary sponsor, to speak. Council Member Gastgeb gave a summary of the bill.*

Chairman Burn stated that the purpose of this meeting is to begin the deliberation process and discuss some of the bill's logistical and legal issues.

Chairman Burn invited County Manager Jim Flynn to join the Members at the table. A discussion ensued regarding the administration's initial comments/concerns regarding the bill. The County Manager mentioned that the legal opinion requested by the Chairman is currently being prepared by the Law Department.

The Chairman invited County Police Superintendent Charles Moffatt and Sgt. Richard Mullen to the table. The Chair asked the Superintendent to give a brief summary of Megan's law as it relates to the County Police. A discussion ensued regarding the bill,

Megan's Law and the operations of the County Police.

The Chairman invited Assistant District Attorney Kevin McCarthy to the table and asked him to provide the Committee with a overview of the Megan's Law. A discussion ensued regarding the bill, Megan's Law and the prosecution of sex offenders.

Action: **Held in Committee**

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM*