

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, April 27, 2006**

**4:00 PM**

**Conference Room 1**

### **Committee on Economic Development & Housing**

***Brenda Frazier, Chair; Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Dave Fawcett, Mike Finnerty, and Jan Rea - Members***

**I. Call to Order**

**Summary:** *The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM*

**Invited Guests:**

**Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee**

**Dennis Davin, Director, Economic Development or Designee**

**Summary:** *Invited Guests Present: Derek Uber for Mr. Flynn; Darnel Moses for Dennis Davin.*

*Recognized Attendees: Linda Hackett, Bond Counsel for Houston Harbaugh; Jim Webster, also with Houston Harbaugh and representing Waynesburg College*

*Council Staff Present: John Mascio and Jared Barker*

**II. Roll Call**

**Summary:** *Council President Rich Fitzgerald present Ex-Officio*

**Roll Call:** Present: Chair Brenda Frazier, Matt Drozd, and Council Member Rich Fitzgerald  
Absent: Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Dave Fawcett, Michael Finnerty, and Jan Rea

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**2546-06** Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 30, 2006 Economic Development & Housing Committee Meeting.

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

**IV. Agenda Items**

**Resolutions**

**2538-06** A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny approving a project and the financing thereof by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority on behalf of Waynesburg College and declaring such project as desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of the people in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Darnel Moses provided the committee with a summary of the bill. He said that the bill would authorize the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority to issue bonds on behalf of Waynesburg College to finance the construction of capital facilities on the College's Waynesburg, PA campus (including a new recreation center and cafeteria), and would refund outstanding bonds previously issued on behalf of the College by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Facilities Authority. He also said that the proceeds of the Bonds will pay all or a portion of the costs of issuance, including the costs of providing credit enhancement for the Bonds.*

*He explained that prior to the issuance of debt by an authority, the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945 requires the municipality that organized the authority, or in this case the County, to adopt by Resolution or Ordinance as a declaration that the project is desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people located in the geographical area where the facilities are or will be located.*

*Mr. Fitzgerald asked Mr. Webster why the County would be involved in this if the project was in Green County. Mr. Webster said that Green County did not have an issuer with the capacity to do this. Ms. Hackett said that Waynesburg College has satellite classes in Allegheny County and that Allegheny County would also benefit from this.*

*Mr. Drozd said that he had no problem with supporting neighboring counties.*

*Ms. Frazier asked Mr. Moses if doing this would diminish the county's ability to issue other bonds. Mr. Moses said it would not.*

**Action:**      **A motion was made by Council Member Fitzgerald, seconded by Drozd, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**V.      Adjournment**

**Summary:**      *The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM*