

Allegheny County Council

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Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

Rich Fitzgerald, President; Chuck Martoni, Vice-President; Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, Chuck McCullough, Jan Rea, and William Russell Robinson - Members

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PA 15219 Phone: 412-350-6495, or on Council's web site:

www.county.allegheny.pa.us/council.

- I. Call To Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Silent Prayer or Reflection**
- IV. Roll Call**
- V. Proclamations/Certificates**

[4368-08](#) Proclamation declaring October 2008 "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Allegheny County.
Sponsors: Joan Cleary, Rich Fitzgerald, Chuck Martoni, Bob Macey, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green, Nick Futules, Michael Finnerty, Jim Burn, Jan Rea, William Russell Robinson, John DeFazio and Chuck McCullough

[4369-08](#) Proclamation celebrating the 110th anniversary of Grace United Church of Christ.
Sponsors: Bob Macey

[4370-08](#) Proclamation commending the knowledge and quick thinking exhibited by Andy Baechle, which were demonstrated in his lifesaving actions at a recent training session for Directors of Parks and Recreation.
Sponsors: Vince Gastgeb

[4371-08](#) Proclamation recognizing the late Pittsburgh-area sculptor Frank Vittor, who will be honored on Sunday, October 12, 2008 with an Official State Historical Marker.
Sponsors: Rich Fitzgerald
To be entered into the Record

[4372-08](#) Certificates of Recognition honoring the individuals chosen by the New Pittsburgh Courier as the 2008 "50 Women of Excellence".
Sponsors: Amanda Green
To be entered into the Record

[4373-08](#) Certificate of Achievement recognizing BSA Troop 368 scout Brandon Barton for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.
Sponsors: Matt Drozd
To be entered into the Record

[4374-08](#) Proclamation celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Forbes Funds.
Sponsors: Bob Macey
To be entered into the Record

[4375-08](#)

Proclamation declaring October 11, 2008 “African-American Heritage Day” in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Amanda Green, Rich Fitzgerald, Chuck Martoni, William Russell Robinson, Bob Macey, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, Vince Gastgeb, Joan Cleary, Nick Futules, Michael Finnerty, Jim Burn, Jan Rea, John DeFazio and Chuck McCullough

To be entered into the Record

[4376-08](#)

Certificate of Recognition congratulating Robert and Marion Goetz on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Sponsors: Bob Macey

To be entered into the Record

[4377-08](#)

Proclamation recognizing Allegheny County Department of Human Services employee Marian Gremba upon her retirement.

Sponsors: Joan Cleary

To be entered into the Record

[4378-08](#)

Proclamation recognizing the 95th anniversary of the Steamfitters Local Union #449.

Sponsors: Rich Fitzgerald, Chuck Martoni, Amanda Green, John DeFazio, Chuck McCullough, Matt Drozd, Jan Rea, Jim Burn, Michael Finnerty, Vince Gastgeb, Joan Cleary, Nick Futules, Bob Macey, William Russell Robinson and Jim Ellenbogen

To be entered into the Record

[4379-08](#)

Certificates of Recognition honoring the 2008 Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame inductees.

Sponsors: Chuck Martoni

To be entered into the Record

VI. Presentations and Addresses

Chief Executive Dan Onorato will submit his 2009 Comprehensive Fiscal Plan and Budget Message to Council

VII. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VIII. Approval of Minutes

[4380-08](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on September 9, 2008.

IX. Unfinished Business**Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading**[4343-08](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2008 (Submission #13-08).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Legislative History

9/23/08	County Council	Referred
9/30/08	Committee on Budget and Finance	Affirmatively Recommended

X. Liaison Reports**XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**[4381-08](#)

An Ordinance amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 1, entitled "Administrative Code," Article 808.A, in order to establish the rate of County taxation on the sale at retail of liquor and malt and brewed beverages within the County at five percent (5%).

Sponsors: Chuck McCullough

[4382-08](#)

An Ordinance amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 1, entitled "Administrative Code," Article 808.A, in order to reduce the rate of County taxation on the sale at retail of liquor and malt and brewed beverages within the County.

Sponsors: Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Michael Finnerty, Amanda Green, Chuck Martoni, Bob Macey and Rich Fitzgerald

[4383-08](#)

An Ordinance establishing a policy for the handling of any surplus alcoholic drink tax revenues expended in 2008 and subsequent budget years.

Sponsors: Matt Drozd

[4384-08](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," Chapter 475, Article VII, entitled "Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Programs," Section 475-47 in order to increase Allegheny County's Homestead Exemption to \$22,000, effective January 1, 2009.

Sponsors: Chuck McCullough

[4385-08](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the tax levy upon all real property subject to taxation within the limits of Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chuck McCullough

[4387-08](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2008 (Submission #14-08).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

XII. New Business - Motions

[4388-08](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing the Budget & Finance Committee to conduct public hearings, pursuant to § 801.05 of the Administrative Code on Wednesday, October 29 and Thursday, October 30, beginning each day at 4 p.m. in the Gold Room of the Allegheny County Courthouse. Budget & Finance Chair William Russell Robinson will serve as the presiding officer. One purpose of these hearings is to allow the public opportunity to comment on the proposed budgets for the 2009 calendar year before passage.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson

[4389-08](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing the Allegheny County Executive to negotiate the sale of any natural gas rights held by the County for property upon which the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport is situated to the Allegheny County Airport Authority.

Sponsors: Chuck McCullough

XIII. Notification of Contracts

[4390-08](#)

Communication from County Manager Jim Flynn submitting a summary of Executive Actions relating to contracts for the months of August and September, 2008.

Sponsors: County Manager

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment