

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Agenda Synopsis**

**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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**I. Call To Order****II. Pledge of Allegiance****III. Silent Prayer or Reflection****IV. Roll Call**

**Roll Call:** Present: Council Member Burn, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Absent: Council Member Cleary

**V. Proclamations/Certificates**

**4368-08** Proclamation declaring October 2008 "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Allegheny County.

**Presented**

**4369-08** Proclamation celebrating the 110th anniversary of Grace United Church of Christ.

**Read**

**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.

**Presented**

**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.

**Read**

**4372-08** Certificates of Recognition honoring the individuals chosen by the New Pittsburgh Courier as the 2008 "50 Women of Excellence".

**Read**

**4373-08** Certificate of Achievement recognizing BSA Troop 368 scout Brandon Barton for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

**Read**

**4374-08** Proclamation celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Forbes Funds.

**Read**

[4375-08](#) Proclamation declaring October 11, 2008 “African-American Heritage Day” in Allegheny County.

**Read**

[4376-08](#) Certificate of Recognition congratulating Robert and Marion Goetz on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

**Read**

[4377-08](#) Proclamation recognizing Allegheny County Department of Human Services employee Marian Gremba upon her retirement.

**Read**

[4378-08](#) Proclamation recognizing the 95th anniversary of the Steamfitters Local Union #449.

*Will be presented at a later date*

**Withdrawn**

[4379-08](#) Certificates of Recognition honoring the 2008 Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame inductees.

**Read**

## **VI. Presentations and Addresses**

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

*Presented*

## **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.

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

## **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).

**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 Burn, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Absent: 1 - Council Member Cleary  
Not present: 1 - Council Member Finnerty

## **X. Liaison Reports**

## **XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**

**4391-08** 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. (Chief Executive)

*Council approved a Motion to have this bill placed on the Agenda for a first reading, it was not on the original.*

**Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance**

**4392-08** 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 seven percent (7%).

*Council approved a Motion to have this bill placed on the Agenda for a first reading, it was not on the original.*

**Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance**

**4393-08** Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a Capital Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses for capital expenditures during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009. (Chief Executive)

*Council approved a Motion to have this bill placed on the Agenda for a first reading, it was not on the original.*

**Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance**

**4394-08** Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Grants, Special Accounts, and Agency Fund Budgets, by setting forth appropriations to pay said expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009.

*Council approved a Motion to have this bill placed on the Agenda for a first reading, it was not on the original.*

**Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance**

**4395-08** Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting an Operating Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter, by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses of

conducting the public business of Allegheny County and for meeting debt charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009.  
(Chief Executive)

**Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance**

**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%).

**Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance**

**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.

**Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance**

**4383-08**

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

**Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance**

**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.

**Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance**

**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.

**Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance**

**4387-08**

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

**Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance**

## **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.

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

**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.

**Referred to the Committee on Government Reform**

**4396-08**

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County requiring that the Allegheny County Airport Authority furnish a report delineating all leases of real property that have been executed by the Authority since January 1, 2000 to the Council and Chief Executive no later than November 1, 2008.

*This Motion was made from the floor, it was not on the original Agenda.*

**Referred to the Committee on Government Reform**

### **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.

**A motion was made that this matter be Received and Filed. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **XIV. Public Comment on General Items**

### **XV. Adjournment**