

Allegheny County Council

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Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

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, William E. Lestitian, Bob Macey, Jan Rea, and William Russell Robinson - Members

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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**

- [3071-07](#) Proclamation proclaiming the week of March 4-10, 2007 as “Women in Construction Week” in Allegheny County.
Sponsors: Chief Executive, Brenda Frazier, John DeFazio and Dave Fawcett
- [3072-07](#) Certificate of Achievement awarded to Upper St. Clair High School Football Team for winning both the 2006 PIAA and WPIAL Class AAAA Football Championship.
Sponsors: Vince Gastgeb
- [3086-07](#) Proclamation recognizing Ms. Beth Seidl, a pioneer in women’s basketball, and the first female to score 2,197 points in Allegheny County.
Sponsors: Rich Fitzgerald, Jim Burn, John DeFazio and Dave Fawcett
- [3074-07](#) Certificate of Achievement awarded to the 2007 Power of Youth in Government student participants and chaperones.
Sponsors: Rich Fitzgerald, Chuck Martoni, Jim Burn, Susan Caldwell, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Dave Fawcett, Michael Finnerty, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb, William E. Lestitian, Bob Macey, Jan Rea and William Russell Robinson
- [3076-07](#) Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. Ron Pint for his volunteer work with Allegheny County's Home Delivered Meals Program and to all the drivers that volunteer for the Plum Senior Center.
Sponsors: Susan Caldwell, John DeFazio and Dave Fawcett
- [3078-07](#) Proclamation recognizing Mr. Paul J. Roup for being named a district deputy grand master of the Masons by Right Worshipful Grand Master Ronald A. Aungst, Sr.
Sponsors: Susan Caldwell, John DeFazio and Dave Fawcett
- [3079-07](#) Proclamation recognizing KU Resources, Inc., an environmental consulting firm headquartered in Duquesne, Pennsylvania, and celebrating their 10 year anniversary.
Sponsors: Bob Macey, John DeFazio and Dave Fawcett

[3080-07](#)

Proclamation recognizing the construction and dedication of Ohio Valley General Hospital's new, state-of-the-art, Surgery and Maternity Center.

Sponsors: Michael Finnerty, John DeFazio and Dave Fawcett

[3081-07](#)

Proclamation honoring Dr. Katherine D. Seelman for receiving the 2007 University of Pittsburgh, Chancellor's Distinguished Public Service Award.

Sponsors: Joan Cleary, John DeFazio and Dave Fawcett

[3082-07](#)

Proclamation recognizing Bon Ami Temple #49, Daughters of Elks, Improved Benevolent Protective Order Elks of the World for their generous charity work and congratulating the 2007 Award winners.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson, John DeFazio and Dave Fawcett

To be entered into the Record

[3084-07](#)

Certificate of Achievement awarded to Owen Barrette and Anthony Manfredo for earning the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's most distinguished honor.

Sponsors: Vince Gastgeb

To be entered into the Record

VI. Presentations and Addresses

Mary Conturo, Executive Director of the Sports and Exhibition Authority, will provide an update on the status of the existing conditions at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

VII. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VIII. Approval of Minutes

[3069-07](#)

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of County Council held on February 6, 2007.

IX. Presentation of Appointments

[3068-07](#)

Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Thomas Murrin for reappointment to the Allegheny County Airport Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

X. Unfinished Business

Special Committee on Government Reform - Second Reading[2379-06](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Part 9, Article 903 of the Administrative Code, §5-903.02, to restrict County purchases of goods or products made in sweatshop conditions in the course of the formal procurement process.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson, Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, Rich Fitzgerald, John DeFazio, Michael Finnerty, Chuck Martoni, Rich Nerone, C.L. Jabbour and Brenda Frazier

Legislative History

2/7/06	County Council	Referred
2/22/07	Special Committee on Government Reform	Released from the Committee

[2988-07](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Purchasing and Supplies to conduct an internet auction of approximately one hundred and fifty (150) Hill-Rom spring and flat metal hospital beds, EdgeGARD Clean Bench, Raytheon Medical Systems, X-Ray Equipment and accessories, and various obsolete items identified as being of no use to daily operations at the John J. Kane Regional Centers. These items include, but are not limited to, office equipment, housekeeping equipment, food service equipment, wheelchairs and parts and lifts. The items are presently located in the John J. Kane Regional Centers and the County Warehouse. Items will be awarded to the highest bidder(s).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Legislative History

1/23/07	County Council	Referred
2/22/07	Special Committee on Government Reform	Released from the Committee

[3018-07](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance No. 55-05-OR, which authorized the County to enter into a purchasing Services Agreement with the City of Pittsburgh under the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Act for the purpose of jointly cooperating in the performance and exercise of certain governmental functions in the area of providing purchasing services.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Legislative History

2/6/07	County Council	Referred
2/22/07	Special Committee on Government Reform	Released from the Committee

Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading

[3032-07](#)

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Deborah D. Booker to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Housing Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2011.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Legislative History

2/6/07	County Council	Referred
2/15/07	Committee on Appointment Review	Affirmatively Recommended
2/20/07	County Council	Held

Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading

[2992-07](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2007 (Submission #01-07).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Legislative History

1/23/07	County Council	Referred
2/27/07	Committee on Budget and Finance	Affirmatively Recommended

[3020-07](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2007 (Submission #02-07).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Legislative History

2/6/07	County Council	Referred
2/27/07	Committee on Budget and Finance	Affirmatively Recommended

[3047-07](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2007 (Submission #03-07).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Legislative History

2/20/07	County Council	Referred
2/27/07	Committee on Budget and Finance	Affirmatively Recommended

XI. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[3073-07](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 1, entitled "Administrative Code," Article 203, entitled "County Authorities," to provide for regular status update presentations by the County Authorities to County Council, as well as for event-specific status updates.

Sponsors: Matt Drozd

[3075-07](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing that a referendum question amending Article III, Section 6 entitled "Requirements; Prohibitions" of the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter, pursuant to the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law and Second Class County Charter Law, be placed on the November, 2007 Municipal General Election ballot.

Sponsors: Matt Drozd

[3077-07](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," Chapter 475, entitled "Taxation," by creating a new Article XII, entitled "Allegheny County Farmland and Forest Land Assessments," in order to establish County policy applying preferential treatment for tax purposes of properties used as agricultural or forest reserve, or which are subject to agricultural use, consistent with applicable state law.

Sponsors: William E. Lestitian and Rich Fitzgerald

[3070-07](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2007 (Submission #04-07).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[3083-07](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the United States Congress to approve House Resolution 811 to amend the Help America Vote Act, 42 U.S.C. §15301 et. seq., to require the creation of voter verified paper records (VVPRs) for each voter using an electronic voting machine.

Sponsors: John DeFazio

XIII. New Business - Motions

[3085-07](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County urging the General Assembly to, with all deliberate speed, accept an amendment to the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974, to be offered by Senator Wayne Fontana, designed to update and clarify state law relating to preferential taxation of certain properties under the Clean and Green Program.

Sponsors: William E. Lestitian and Rich Fitzgerald

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment