

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

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

Roll Call: Present: Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Phone: Council Member Martoni

V. Proclamations/Certificates

3071-07 Proclamation proclaiming the week of March 4-10, 2007 as “Women in Construction Week” in Allegheny County.

Presented

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.

Presented

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.

Presented

3074-07 Certificate of Achievement awarded to the 2007 Power of Youth in Government student participants and chaperones.

Presented

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.

Read

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.

Presented

3079-07 Proclamation recognizing KU Resources, Inc., an environmental consulting firm

headquartered in Duquesne, Pennsylvania, and celebrating their 10 year anniversary.

Presented

3080-07

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

Presented

3081-07

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

Presented

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.

Read

3084-07

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

Read

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.

Presented

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.

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

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.

Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review

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.

A motion was made that this matter be Amended and Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 12 - Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Not present: 3 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Fawcett and Council Member Martoni

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).

A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 12 - Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Not present: 3 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Fawcett and Council Member Martoni

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.

A motion was made that this matter be Amended and Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 12 - Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Not present: 3 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Fawcett and Council Member Martoni

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.

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

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).

A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 12 - Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Not present: 3 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Fawcett and Council Member Martoni

3020-07 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2007 (Submission #02-07).

A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 12 - Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Not present: 3 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Fawcett and Council Member Martoni

3047-07 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2007 (Submission #03-07).

A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 12 - Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Not present: 3 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Fawcett and Council Member Martoni

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.

Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform

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.

Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform

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.

Referred to the Special Committee on Property Assessments

3070-07

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

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

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.

Second Reading Waived

A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 12 - Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Not present: 3 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Fawcett and Council Member Martoni

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.

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

3015-07

Motion expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County urging the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to open traffic lanes currently designated for high occupancy vehicles to all vehicle traffic during rush hour, as a result of anticipated increased traffic volume in the wake of the Allegheny County Port Authority's service reductions.

A Motion was approved to pull this bill out of Committee. It was not on the original agenda.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 11 - President Fitzgerald, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Rea, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Cleary, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Robinson and Council Member Gastgeb
Noes: 1 - Council Member Macey
Not present: 3 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Fawcett and Council Member Martoni

3087-07

Motion Expressing the Sense of Council urging the General Assembly of Pennsylvania and each municipality within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to enact legislation that would require the chief independent elected official to resign from office prior to becoming a candidate for nomination or election to any other elected political office.

This Motion was introduced from the floor. It was not on the original agenda.

Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment