

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Thursday, May 28, 2009

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Government Reform

Rich Fitzgerald, Chair; Jim Burn, Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, and Chuck McCullough - Members

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee
Joy Gaetano, President, Allegheny County Library Association

Cynthia Richey, Vice President, Allegheny County Library Association
Marilyn Jenkins, Executive Director, Allegheny County Library Association

Invited Guests or Designees Present: Marilyn Jenkins, ACLA Director; Joy Gaetano, ACLA Board President; Jo Ellen Kenney, Director of the Carnegie Library of McKeesport; Cynthia Richey, ACLA Board Vice-President

Council Staff Present: Jared Barker, Jennifer Liptak

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Bob Macey, and Rich Fitzgerald
Absent: Jim Burn, Jim Ellenbogen, Amanda Green, and Chuck McCullough
Non-Member: Joan Cleary, and Matt Drozd

III. Approval of Minutes

4843-09 Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 23, 2009 Government Reform Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Gastgeb, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

4889-09 Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2009 Government Reform Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Gastgeb, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Agenda Items**Ordinances**

4560-09 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 220, entitled "Campaign Finance Reports and Statements," through the creation of a new §220-10 governing reporting of certain campaign contributions and gifts to the Chief Executive or Members of Council.

Held in Committee

4567-09 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, entitled "County Government Operations," by the addition of a new

Chapter 219 entitled "Campaign Finance Regulation."

Held in Committee

4848-09

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, entitled "County Government Operations," by the addition of a new Chapter 219 entitled "Campaign Finance Regulation."

Held in Committee

Discussion Topic:

1. Allegheny County Library Association RAD funding distribution

The Chair called Ms. Jenkins and Ms. Gaetano from the Allegheny County Library Association to the table, and they described ACLA's function/organization and the background of library funding through RAD.

The Chair called Ms. Kenney from ACLA to the table, and she discussed the role of the ACLA Formula Committee, of which she is a member, and the process of formula development.

The Chair called Ms. Richey from ACLA to the table, and she discussed the role of the ACLA Formula Committee and the process of formula development.

In response to questions, Ms. Jenkins and Ms. Kenney further discussed the process of deriving a funding formula.

In response to questions, Ms. Kenney described information dissemination among member libraries and the selection of members of the committee deriving the formula.

Ms. Gaetano discussed RAD's function once a formula is derived.

In response to questions, Ms. Richey described causes for confusion among libraries.

The committee discussed asking the RAD Board for information regarding their role once the formula is derived.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.