

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Wednesday, January 2, 2008

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Rich Fitzgerald, Brenda Frazier, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Bob Macey, Chuck McCullough, Chuck Martoni, 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. Certificates of Election/Oaths of Office****3642-08**

Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the Election held on the Sixth Day of November, 2007, John P. DeFazio was duly elected to the Office of Member of Council, At-Large, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. DeFazio was administered the Oath of Office

Received and Filed

3643-08

Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the Election held on the Sixth Day of November, 2007, Chuck McCullough was duly elected to the Office of Member of Council, At-Large, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. McCullough was administered the Oath of Office

Received and Filed

3644-08

Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the Election held on the Sixth Day of November, 2007, Jan Rea was duly elected to the Office of Member of Council, District 2, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Rea was administered the Oath of Office

Received and Filed

3645-08

Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the Election held on the Sixth Day of November, 2007, Vince Gastgeb was duly elected to the Office of Member of Council, District 5, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Gastgeb was administered the Oath of Office

Received and Filed

3646-08

Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the Election held on the Sixth Day of November, 2007, Joan Cleary was duly elected to the Office of Member of Council, District 6, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Cleary was administered the Oath of Office

Received and Filed**3647-08**

Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the Election held on the Sixth Day of November, 2007, Nick Futules was duly elected to the Office of Member of Council, District 7, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Futules was administered the Oath of Office

Received and Filed**3648-08**

Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the Election held on the Sixth Day of November, 2007, Bill Robinson was duly elected to the Office of Member of Council, District 10, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Robinson was administered the Oath of Office

Received and Filed**3649-08**

Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the Election held on the Sixth Day of November, 2007, Rich Fitzgerald was duly elected to the Office of Member of Council, District 11, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Fitzgerald was administered the Oath of Office

Received and Filed**3650-08**

Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the Election held on the Sixth Day of November, 2007, Brenda L. Frazier was duly elected to the Office of Member of Council, District 13, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Frazier was administered the Oath of Office

Received and Filed**V. Roll Call**

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

VI. Organization of Council

Mr. Fitzgerald's nomination to serve as Council President was approved by a vote of 14 - 1, with Mr. Drozd abstaining.

VII. Proclamations/Certificates

[3655-08](#) Certificate of Achievement congratulating the Upper St. Clair High School Boys Golf Team for winning the 2007 WPIAL Championship.

Read

[3661-08](#) Certificate of Achievement recognizing B.S.A. Troop 181 Scout Nicholas M. Snyder upon receiving his Eagle Scout Award.

Read

VIII. Public Comment On Agenda Items

IX. Approval of Minutes

[3654-08](#) Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of County Council held on November 20, 2007.

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

Notes: Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, President Fitzgerald, Council Member Robinson, Council Member Cleary, Council Member Frazier, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Futules and Council Member Rea
Abstentions: 1 - Council Member McCullough

X. Presentation of Appointments

[3652-08](#) Appointment - Approving the appointment of James M. Flynn to serve as County Manager for the County of Allegheny.

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

[3653-08](#) Appointment - Approving the appointment of Michael H. Wojcik to serve as County Solicitor for the County of Allegheny.

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

[3665-08](#) Appointment - Approving the appointment of Jennifer Liptak to serve as a Member of the Retirement Board of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

This bill was not on the original agenda, it was introduced from the floor.

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

XI. Unfinished Business

XII. Liaison Reports

XIII. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**3656-08**

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 creating a new Article 208, entitled "Community Benefits Program," in order to establish a policy of providing for community and private-sector input when the County provides capital funding through a direct appropriation, a subsidy or deferment of taxes, or a bond project.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

3657-08

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 creating a new Article 208, entitled "Impact Analysis Program," in order to establish a policy of providing for disseminating information about proposed projects having community impacts to community and private-sector groups when the County provides capital funding through a direct appropriation, a subsidy or deferment of taxes, or a bond project.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

3658-08

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," by the creation of a new Article 485 entitled "Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance," in order to establish a uniform process for periodically reviewing the County's Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance activities.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

3659-08

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," by the creation of a new Article 480 entitled "Tax Increment Financing," in order to establish a uniform process for periodically reviewing the County's Tax Increment Financing activities.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

3662-08

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing the Allegheny County Airport Authority to repay the sum of \$42,500,000 to the County.

This bill was not on the original agenda, it was introduced from the floor.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

3663-08

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances,

Division 4, entitled "Finances," through the creation of a new Chapter 480, entitled "Essential Services and Tax Exempt Certification," in order to provide for a tax exempt certification and essential services fee for certain properties within the County for which an exemption from the real property tax is claimed.

This bill was not on the original agenda, it was introduced from the floor.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

3664-08

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 \$25,000, effective January 1, 2009.

This bill was not on the original agenda, it was introduced from the floor.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

XIV. New Business - Motions

3660-08

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County amending Rules of Council for Allegheny County Council.

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

XV. Public Comment on General Items

XVI. Adjournment