

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

4:00 PM

Conference Room I

Committee on Health & Human Services

*Mike Finnerty, Chair; Joan Cleary, Jim Ellenbogen, Bob Macey, Nick Futules,
Chuck McCullough, and William Robinson - Members*

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee
Dr. Bruce Dixon, Director, Health Department
Dr. Roger Westman, Health Department
George Babcock, Vice President-Plant Operations

Chris Masciantonio, General Manager-Public Policy and Government Affairs
Ray Terza, Managing Director-Coke Battery Assessment
Jim Volanski, General Manager-Environmental Affairs

Anton Lukac, General Manager-Mon Valley Works
Lisa Roudabush, Plant Manager-Clairton Works

Summary: *Invited guests in attendance: Mr. Flynn, and Dr. Dixon*

Recognized attendees: Jim Thompson, Health Department

Council staff in attendance: John Mascio and Joe Catanese

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Nick Futules, Chuck McCullough, and Chair Michael Finnerty
Absent: Jim Ellenbogen, Bob Macey, and William Robinson
Phone: Joan Cleary

III. Approval of Minutes

3766-08 Motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2008 Health & Human Services Committee Meeting.

Action: **A motion was made by Futules, seconded by Chair Finnerty, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Votes: Yes: 2 - Futules and Chair Finnerty
Abstain: 1 - McCullough
Absent: 3 - Ellenbogen, Macey and Robinson
Phone: 1 - Cleary

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinance

3746-08

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny amending Article XXI of the Allegheny County Health Department's Rules and Regulations, "Air Pollution Control Regulations and Addition to State Implementation Plan, modifying Section 2104.02, which will change the particulate emissions limitations for the US Steel Clairton Works' Coke Screening #3 process.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

Dr. Dixon provided the committee with a brief summary of the bill. He then deferred to Mr. Thompson who provided a more detailed explanation. He said that the bill would amend the Allegheny County Health Department's Air to change the particulate emissions limitations for the US Steel Clairton Works' Coke Screening #3 process.

He said that the only change to the regulation would be to the amount of PM-10 emissions that would be permissible for this particular process. As currently written, the regulation specifies that PM-10 emissions cannot exceed 2.8 grains/ton of coke at any time. The amendment would change this to a maximum of 1.26 pounds per hour.

He said that the limit of 2.8 grains PM10 per ton of coke was developed during the PM-10 State Implementation Plan in the early 1990's. A baghouse is the particulate control device used to control emissions from this process. He said that analysis of the process since the PM-10 SIP found that this limit is physically infeasible for any baghouse. It has been determined that the Article XXI limit is the result of an error in calculations or in efficiency estimations.

He said that a new baghouse has been proposed for installation at the Coke Screening #3 process and that no significant impact at any location adjacent to the Clairton Works.

Action:

A motion was made by Cleary, seconded by Futules, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM*