

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Economic Development & Housing

Mike Finnerty, Chair; Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Nick Futules, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, and Jan Rea - Members

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager

Dennis Davin, Director, Economic Development or Designee

Summary: *Invited guests in attendance: Derek Uber for Mr. Flynn and Bob Hurley for Mr. Davin*

Recognized attendees: Kay Pierce, Department of Economic Development; Mike Pehur and Robert Rubenstein, Urban Redevelopment Authority; and Mayleen Mayers, East Liberty Development Corporation.

Council staff in attendance: Jennifer Liptak and Jared Barker

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Matt Drozd, Nick Futules, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, Jan Rea, and Chair Michael Finnerty
Absent: Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, and John DeFazio

III. Approval of Minutes

4422-08 Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 14, 2008 Economic Development Committee Meeting.

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

Votes: Yes: 4 - Drozd, Macey, Rea and Chair Finnerty
Abstain: 2 - Futules and Green
Absent: 3 - Burn, Cleary and DeFazio

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

4401-08 An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of the County of Allegheny's interest in the parcel known as Block 422-L Lot # 204 ("the Property") located in the Township of Aleppo, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Township of Aleppo.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Action: Held in Committee

Resolutions

4276-08

A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting "Allegheny Places", the Allegheny County Comprehensive Plan.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

The Chair read the bill and gave a brief overview of the process the committee and the Department of Economic Development has been through thus far to prepare this plan.

Mr. Hurley gave a brief overview of the plan, explaining the components included and the process involved in developing the plan. He said that the County will probably be the first Governmental unit to adopt this type of plan that includes these components. He requested that Council approve the plan before the end of this year.

He said that Allegheny County is the last county in the state to adopt a plan. He said that the plan will give the county guidance over the land use within the municipalities which is the municipalities' purview. The plan creates a consistency between what is in the best interest for the municipality and the county collectively. He added that the municipalities will have better access to funding with the state since there is a plan in place.

The chairman commended the work of the department and Ms. Pierce for all their efforts put forth to create this plan.

Action:

A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Drozd, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 5 - Drozd, Futules, Green, Macey and Chair Finnerty
Abstain: 1 - Rea
Absent: 3 - Burn, Cleary and DeFazio

4402-08

A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny authorizing pursuit of a Tax Increment Financing plan in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

The Chair presented a brief overview of the bill.

Mr. Pehur noted this is a request to form the TIF Committee to review the project and to determine whether it is something that will benefit the community.

Mr. Rubenstein gave an overview of the plan. Additionally he explained that 19 TIF's in the city with 15 being completed to date. He said that the County is receiving \$500,000 from the process and \$1.2 million in increments in these projects. He said that these districts have created over 12,000 jobs for people in the city and outside the city.

He said that this development relates to the TRID (Transit TIF) around the east end bus way, and the TIF district will be in the heart of this transit development.

He said that the TIF will be used for infrastructure improvements and cover approximately \$2,000,000 of the \$7,000,000 in infrastructure costs.

Mayleen Meyers, Executive Director of the East Liberty Development Corporation, discussed how this will improve the community, and what this will bring to East Liberty in terms of opportunity and development. She said she is very excited about having this gateway TIF infrastructure in the community, and called it a third destination in the region.

Action: A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Drozd, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM*