

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, October 11, 2007**

**5:00 PM**

**Conference Room 1**

### **Committee on Public Works**

***Bob Macey, Chair; Jim Burn, Vince Gastgeb, William E. Lestitian, Chuck Martoni,  
and William Robinson - Members***

**I. Call to Order**

**Summary:** *The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM*

**Invited Guests:**

**Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee**

**Tom Donatelli, Director, Public Works**

**Summary:** *Invited guests in attendance: Derek Uber for Mr. Flynn; Joe Olcazk for Mr. Donatelli*

*Recognized attendees: Joe Hrabik, Public Works*

*Council staff in attendance: Jared Barker and Joe Catanese*

**II. Roll Call**

***Roll Call:*** Present: William Lestitian, Chair Bob Macey, and Council Member Michael Finnerty

Absent: Jim Burn, Vince Gastgeb, William Robinson, and Member Chuck Martoni

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**3472-07** Motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2007 Public Works Committee Meeting.

**Action:** **A motion was made by Lestitian, seconded by Chair Macey, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

**IV. Agenda Items****Ordinances****3037-07**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances to include a new Chapter 271, entitled "Allegheny County Utility Infrastructure Web Site."

**Sponsors:** Bob Macey

**Summary:** *The Chair provided the committee with a summary of the bill. Mr. Finnerty inquired about the fee structure and the Chair explained this to Mr. Finnerty.*

*Mr. Lestitian expressed his support for the bill and suggested an amendment to change the word "incorporated" to "formed". The committee agreed that this amendment would be presented at the next Regular Meeting of Council.*

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

**3315-07**

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to clear the right-of-way for reconstruction of Scotia Run Bridge No. 1, Project No. XC01-0403, in the Borough of Jefferson Hills, and to acquire by condemnation certain parcels of land for this project, and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code of 1964, as amended.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:**

*Mr. Hrabik provided a summary of the bill. He explained that the process of bridge replacement and the need to acquire a small piece of property to accomplish this. He noted that the owners inherited the property with significant tax liability and they have opted to disclaim ownership. He explained that the county can not purchase this property from anyone but can acquire it through eminent domain. The Chair inquired about discussions with other taxing bodies and Mr. Hrabik noted that they are willing to waive taxes for the parcel in light of the improvement.*

**Action:**

**A motion was made by Lestitian, seconded by Chair Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3422-07**

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny (the "County") to acquire an aerial easement for and accept ownership of, the bridge structure and abutments of the McKeesport Flyover Ramp which is to be constructed between Lysle Boulevard and Industry Drive in the City of McKeesport (the "City").

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:**

*The Chair discussed the basic of the project and deferred to Mr. Hrabik. Mr. Hrabik detailed the status of the plans for the bridge construction. He noted that the approach ramps will be owned by McKeesport while the deck and abutments will be owned by the county. In response to a question from Mr. Lestitian, Mr. Hrabik discussed the need for the bridge to cross railroad tracks to alleviate traffic.*

**Action:**

**A motion was made by Lestitian, seconded by Chair Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**V. Adjournment****Summary:**

*The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM*