

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Approved

Thursday, January 22, 2015

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Public Works

Bob Macey, Chair

Members: Barbara Daly Danko, Jim Ellenbogen

Michael Finnerty

Nick Futules

Heather Heidelbaugh

Ed Kress

William Russell Robinson

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA-County Manager or Designee

Stephen G. Shanley P.E.- Director, Public Works or Designee

Mr. Pilarski was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Mr. Wright was present from the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Barker was present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 4 - Macey, Barbara Danko, Michael Finnerty and Nick Futules

Members Absent: 4 - Jim Ellenbogen, Heather Heidelbaugh, Ed Kress and William Robinson

Members 1 - Sue Means

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[8744-15](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of Allegheny County Council held on December 9, 2014
Passed

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[8733-15](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation certain temporary construction easement areas from three parcels required to construct lateral support facilities for Homestead-Duquesne Road at Franklin Street in Munhall Borough (5147-0207), and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill, and the Chair provided a brief overview of the need for the project.

At Ms. Danko's request, Mr. Wright provided additional detail regarding the proposed project, noting that additional lateral slope support would be necessary in order to adequately maintain a relatively sharp turn in Homestead-Duquesne road, that the parcels that would be required for the project are all vacant, and that efforts to date at locating the respective owners had proven unsuccessful.

The Chair suggested that the volume of traffic along Homestead-Duquesne road mandates the repairs in question in his opinion.

In response to questions from Ms. Means, Mr. Wright provided additional detail regarding the efforts to contact the owners, and noted that the easements acquired would be temporary, with the property ultimately reverting to the record owners.

Ms. Danko and Mr. Wright discussed the relatively small extent of the proposed project.

Affirmatively Recommended

Enactment No: 6-15-OR

[8734-15](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation a certain drainage easement area from a parcel of land of Ernest M. Pido and Catherine Beauchamp required to construct a replacement storm sewer along West Run - Homestead & Duquesne Connecting Road, also known as East 22nd Avenue Extension, in Munhall Borough (5331-0002), and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and the Chair provided some additional detail regarding the project and property owners.

Ms. Danko indicated that the property affected is located within her district, and that she has no problem with proceeding.

In response to a question from Mr. Finnerty, Mr. Wright discussed the project in greater detail, and described the need for additional drainage in the area.

Ms. Means and Mr. Wright discussed one of the property owners' refusal to accept the County's offer for the property, with Mr. Wright noting that this easement is for drainage purposes, and will be permanent.

Ms. Danko and Mr. Wright discussed the value of beginning the bid process sooner than later.

Affirmatively Recommended

Enactment No: 7-15-OR

[8735-15](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation temporary construction easement areas from parcels of land of Walter J. Davic required to construct lateral support facilities for Painters Run Road east of McMillan Road, Site 1, and of William Raymond Siedle (1/2 interest) and Daniel F. Vanzin and Catherine Vanzin (1/2 interest) required to construct lateral support facilities for Painters Run Road at Essen Hill Road, Site 2, both sites being in Upper St. Clair Township (6242-0206), and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and the Chair described the project.

Ms. Means and Mr. Wright discussed the project location and scope, as well as the efforts made to contact the respective landowners and explain the need for the project to the ones who could be reached in order to reach an agreement.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. Wright indicated that these construction easements would be temporary, with the properties reverting to its respective owners.

The Chair expressed support for moving the project forward.

Ms. Danko noted that, at least in theory, the Department of Real Estate may be able to assist with locating record owners. Mr. Futules and Mr. Pilarski noted that not all owners are diligent about paying taxes or updating their contact information, and Mr. Wright indicated that he did attempt to cross reference the parcels in question with assessment records.

The Chair, Mr. Finnerty, Ms. Danko and Ms. Means discussed meeting procedure.

Affirmatively Recommended

Enactment No: 8-15-OR

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:25.