

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 9, 2006

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Public Works

***C.L. Jabbour, Chair; Jim Burn, Vince Gastgeb, Chuck Martoni, Rich Nerone, 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: Mr. Flynn and Mr. Donatelli*

II. Roll Call

Summary: *Non Committee Council Members in attendance: Council Members Cleary and Finnerty.*

Council's Staff in attendance: John Mascio, Jared Barker, and Stephanie Buka

Roll Call: Present: Vince Gastgeb, and C.L. Jabbour

Absent: Jim Burn, Chuck Martoni, Rich Nerone, and William Robinson

III. Approval of Minutes

2381-06 Motion to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2005 Public Works Committee Meetings.

Action: **A motion was made by Gastgeb, seconded by Jabbour, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Agenda Items**Ordinances**

2299-06 An Ordinance authorizing the extension of the term of Ordinance No. 04-04-OR, enacted February 17, 2004, allowing the Department of Public Works to take certain actions on behalf of County Council with respect to the issuance of highway occupancy permits, the grant of certain licenses, rights of entry and easements, and the amicable acquisition of certain real estate affecting County public work projects and other matters for calendar years 2006 and 2007.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Mr. Donatelli provided a summary of the bill. He said that this Ordinance would extend Ordinance No. 04-04, enacted February 17, 2004, through December 31, 2007.*

The Home Rule Charter establishes that County Council has the power to permit the use of County land, buildings or other real or personal property owned by the County by ordinance. Ordinance No. 04-04 delegated this power to the Department of Public Works. This legislation would continue that delegation by allowing the Department of Public Works to issue highway occupancy permits for use of County roads and bridges, grant licenses, rights of entry and easements pertaining to County-owned real estate, and undertake the amicable acquisition of real estate for public works projects for calendar years 2006 and 2007. He said that under the terms of the bill, Council would

retain the right to revoke or rescind any permit, license, property acquisition, or other action undertaken by the Department of Public Works under the terms of the legislation and that County Council must provide authorization and approval first, if the DPW seeks to acquire property through the right of eminent domain.

The Chair said that this was a routine bill. There was no discussion on the bill.

Action:

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

V. Adjournment

Summary:

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM