

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 2, 2009

4:15 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Government Reform

***Rich Fitzgerald, Chair; Jim Burn, Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb,
Amanda Green, Bob Macey, and Chuck McCullough - Members***

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Summary: *Invited Guests Present: Jim Flynn, County Manager*

Recognized Attendees: Jim Eichenlaub, Director of Government Affairs, Builders Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh; Jeff Martin, Richland Holdings, LLC

Council Staff Present: Jared Barker; Jennifer Liptak; Stephanie Buka

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Jim Burn, Rich Fitzgerald, John DeFazio, and Michael Finnerty
Absent: Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, and Chuck McCullough

III. Approval of Minutes

4991-09 Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 28, 2009 Government Reform Committee meeting.

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

IV. Agenda Items**Resolution**

4961-09 A Resolution amending the New Home Construction/Improvement Program Resolution enacted May 23, 1996 by the Board of Commissioners of Allegheny County at Agenda No. 700-96, subsequently amended by Resolutions Nos. 22-00, 6-01, 61-02, 04-04-RE, 49-05-RE and 07-08-RE, by providing for the continuation of the Allegheny County New Home Construction/Improvement Exemption Program.

Sponsors: Chief Executive, Michael Finnerty, Jim Ellenbogen, Bob Macey, Vince Gastgeb and Matt Drozd

Summary: *Mr. Eichenlaub provided the members with information concerning the success of the New Home Construction/Improvement Program and its financial impact on Allegheny County. Mr. Eichenlaub said he would like to continue to use the program as a promotional tool.*

Mr. Martin described the slump in the housing market but said Allegheny County is doing better than many other locales.

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

Discussion Topic:

Act 202 and Act 42

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.*