

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 10, 2007

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Economic Development & Housing

Brenda Frazier, Chair; Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Dave Fawcett, Mike Finnerty, Bob Macey, and Jan Rea - Members

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Dennis Davin, Director, Economic Development or Designee

Summary: *Invited guests in attendance: Mr. Flynn and Darnell Moses for Mr. Davin*

Recognized attendees: Kevin Montomger and Linka Hackett - Bond Counsel from Houston Harbough and Roy Barnhart, Waynsburg College - by phone.

Council staff in attendance: John Mascio and Jared Barker

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Chair Brenda Frazier, Matt Drozd, Michael Finnerty, and Jan Rea
Absent: Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Dave Fawcett, and Bob Macey

III. Approval of Minutes

3211-07 Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2007 Economic Development & Housing Committee Meeting.

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

IV. Agenda Items

Resolution

3194-07 Resolution approving a project and the financing thereof by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority on behalf of Waynesburg College and declaring such project as desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of the people in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Darnell Moses provided a summary of the bill. He said that on behalf of Waynesburg College, the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority intends to issue \$13,000,000 of tax-exempt bonds in order to finance the costs of certain capital expenditures at the college.*

He said that the proceeds of the bonds will be used to fund the construction and equipping of capital facilities on the Waynesburg campus, including a new dormitory. In addition, the funds will be used to refund certain outstanding bonds previously issued by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Facilities Authority; the funding of a debt service reserve fund for the bonds; and the payment of the costs of issuance of the bonds.

Mr Barnhart concurred that the funds would primarily be used for the construction of a

new dormitory. Ms. Hackett provided the committee with an explanation of how the funds would be financed. She said that the outstanding debt is 3 million dollars.

Mr. Finnerty asked if this would obligate the county in any way if there was a default. Mr. Moses said it would not.

Ms. Frazier asked if it was unusual for the county to provide this service outside Allegheny County. Mr. Moses said that the service does not have to be limited to Allegheny County but must be within a 100 mile radius. Ms. Hackett said that Waynesburg College does have satellite campuses in Allegheny County and that they have done this in the past because of the good relationship they have with Allegheny County. She said that they like to work with Allegheny County because it is familiar with large public finance transactions and that smaller counties are not familiar with large bond issuances. Mr. Barnhart said they feel very comfortable using Allegheny County.

Ms. Rea said that she would like information on the names of the people on the authority, the bond counsels, and underwriters. Ms. Liptak said that she will communicate that to the department of Economic Development so that they will provide that information to Council in advance.

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

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 4:20*