

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Meeting Minutes - Approved**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2015**

**4:00 PM**

**Conference Room #1**

## **Committee on Public Works**

*Bob Macey, Chair  
Members: Jim Ellenbogen  
Michael Finnerty  
Nick Futules  
Heather Heidelbaugh  
Ed Kress  
William Russell Robinson*

## I. Call to Order

### Invited Guests:

**William D. McKain, CPA-County Manager or Designee**

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

*Sue Means, John DeFazio, Tom Baker were present as non-Council Members.*

*Mr. McKain and Mr. Evanto were present from the Managers office and the Office of Marketing.*

## II. Roll Call

**Members Present:** 4 - Macey, Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules and William Robinson

**Members Absent:** 4 - Barbara Danko, Jim Ellenbogen, Heather Heidelbaugh and Ed Kress

## III. Approval of Minutes

[8858-15](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of Allegheny County Council held on January 22, 2015

## IV. Agenda Items

### Ordinances

[8851-15](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Screaming Spirit Productions LLC to use certain County owned real and personal property in connection with filming a television series.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*The Chair introduced the members of the administration in attendance and invited Mr. McKain and Mr. Evanto to the table to review the proposed ordinance.*

*Mr. McKain reviewed the benefits to the ordinance including sales and use taxes, production hiring and the marketing benefits to Allegheny County from the exposure through the television series.*

*Mr. Evanto gave a background on the Production Company and the filming. Proposed expenditures of 7million including rentals, food and housing. The company will use the Mansion for about 6 days.*

*The Chair inquired about the loss of use of the Mansion for that weekend. Mr. Evanto stated that it wouldn't affect any of the current events planned at the Mansion as they are filming during the week and the events scheduled are on the weekend, including the Hartwood Mothers Day tea which will happen as planned uninterrupted.*

*Mr. McKain clarified that the company will actually be in the County for 8 months shooting at various sites.*

*The Chair asked if we had dealt with this production company previously. Mr. Evanto stated that there is a person on staff who they had worked with previously.*

*Mr. Futules inquired if we are charging the production company for use of the Park space and Mansion.*

*Mr. McKain stated that they would only ask for any lost revenues, not a set fee.*

*Ms. Means asked why there were not more details about the agreement provided within the ordinance and what would happen in the even of unforeseen circumstance like bad weather, if that could affect the use and schedule. She would like more detail about the land to be used and the timeline.*

*Mr. McKain stated that there were many meetings with the company and the Parks Department and the Managers office dealing with the details well in advance of this ordinance being presented and that maybe the company, because they are based in California, was not aware of Council's schedule.*

*Mr. Baker inquired as to whether or not the County was aware of the content of the script so there would not be any issues of inappropriateness that would look badly for the County.*

*Mr. Evanto stated that he had not actually read the script but reviewed a synopsis of the plot, stating there was nothing inappropriate.*

*Mr. McKain stated that his staff worked closely with the company. Mr. Macey stated that he had the utmost confidence in Public Works and the Managers Office to make the appropriate decisions.*

**Affirmatively Recommended**

Enactment No: 12-15-OR

## V. Adjournment