

MOTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Urging the Pittsburgh Steelers to finance the construction of new club seating in Heinz Field in its entirety.

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh Steelers have become an indispensable cornerstone of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County since their purchase by the Rooney family in 1933; and

WHEREAS, throughout their time in Pittsburgh, the Steelers have been exceptional partners with the community; and

WHEREAS, the Steelers, coming off of their fifth Super Bowl Championship, are currently valued by Forbes Magazine at approximately \$820 million, with total 2004 revenues of \$182 million and profits of \$36 million; and

WHEREAS, the Steelers have just announced plans to add 717 club seats and approximately 20,000 square feet of club space within Heinz Field, the first such addition since the stadium opened in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Sports and Exhibition Authority has recently voted to contribute to this construction project from a capital reserve fund established at the time of the construction of Heinz Field, with the remainder for the project to be paid for by the Steelers; and

WHEREAS, moneys from the capital reserve fund might be more wisely conserved for use on future projects that could potentially be significantly more burdensome to the Steelers;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, AND IT IS THE SENSE OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, that the Pittsburgh Steelers should more fully consider funding the full cost of the proposed addition to Heinz Field. Council further moves that, on an ongoing basis, the Steelers continue to reaffirm their partnership with the citizens of Allegheny County by funding the costs of maintaining and improving the Heinz Field facility and any debt service thereon without the contribution of public funding, to the extent practicable.

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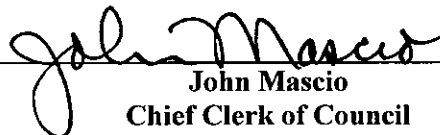
In Council April 4 2006.

Read and Approved.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:



John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

From: Mascio, John
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 12:13 PM
To: Art Rooney II
Subject: Bill No. 2516-06 - Motion of Allegheny County Council
Dear Mr. Rooney,

At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on April 4, 2006, Council unanimously approved the attached Motion sponsored by Council Member Matt Drozd expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County urging the Pittsburgh Steelers to finance the construction of the new club seating in Heinz Field in its entirety.

Your attention to this Motion is requested.

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council