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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Public Works

Bob Macey, Chair

*Members; Sam DeMarco, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk,
Paul Klein, Denise Ranalli-Russell, DeWitt Walton*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager, or designee(s)
Stephen Shanley, Director, Allegheny County Department of Public Works

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Mr. Szefi was present from the Law Department.

Mr. Shanley was present from the Department of Public Works.

Mr. D'Alessandro was present from Congressman Doyle's office.

Mr. Diven was present from the Hibernian Celtic Athletic Fund.

Mr. Van Horn was present from the Delta Foundation.

Jeremy Waldrup was present from the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership.

Mr. Barker and Mr. Szymanski were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 4 - Macey, Michael Finnerty, Paul Klein and DeWitt Walton

Members Absent: 5 - Sam DeMarco, Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk and Denise Ranalli-Russell

Members 1 - Ed Kress

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[9639-16](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2016 meeting of the Committee on Public Works.

**A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Walton, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[9624-16](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to the Delta Foundation of Pittsburgh for the purpose of staging a dancing event on the Andy Warhol Bridge (9th Street) Bridge to be known as "Ball on the Bridge" on Saturday, June 18, 2016

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Van Horn described

the Delta Foundation's involvement and the dance aspects of the event.

Mr. Van Horn noted that, very often, minors who are participating are living under difficult conditions, including homelessness.

In response to questions from Mr. Finnerty, Mr. Van Horn described Delta Foundation's activities to date regarding insurance, security, sanitary facilities, and event staffing. Mr. McKain noted that the bridge rental fee is a flat \$80, with Delta Foundation to reimburse the County for additional expenses, including police presence. Mr. Van Horn noted that attendance at or participation in the event will not require a ticket.

In response to questions from the Chair, Mr. Evanto discussed the City of Pittsburgh's participation through its Department of Public Safety and Special Events Office, and noted that there would be no alcohol permitted on the bridge.

A motion was made by Walton, seconded by Klein, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[9625-16](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership for the purpose of staging a food festival and related activities on the Rachel Carson Bridge (9th Street) Bridge to be known as "Picklesburgh 2016" between Thursday, July 14, 2016 and Sunday, July 17, 2016.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain provided a brief overview of its provisions. Mr. Waldrup described the PDP's general function, noting that Picklesburgh was born out of a desire to increase foot and other traffic in the downtown area in the often-slower mid summer timeframe, and that the first iteration of the event was highly successful in 2015. Mr. Waldrup described the media attention that the first event garnered for the region, and that restaurants in the area indicated that the event had a favorable impact on their businesses.

In response to questions from Mr. Finnerty, Mr. McKain noted that insurance recommendations had been made by the County's insurance broker, and that meeting these requirements would be the responsibility of the PDP, and that the PDP would reimburse the County for out of pocket expenses. Mr. Evanto noted that the Health Department's permitting and food safety regulations would be in force for the portions of the event relating to food service.

A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Klein, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[9626-16](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to Peony Entertainment for the purpose of staging a series of boxing matches on the Roberto Clemente (6th Street) Bridge between boxers from the United States versus boxers from Cuba to be known as "Boxing on the Bridge" on or about July 30, 2016.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. D'Alessandro and Mr. Diven provided a brief overview of the event. Mr. Diven noted Cuba's rich boxing

history, and the potential benefits to local amateur boxers of competition at that high level. The Chair and Mr. Diven discussed the regional benefits of hosting the event, and Mr. Diven discussing the region's ties with Cuba and the possibility of leveraging these ties to economic or business opportunity.

Mr. McKain noted that there has been an extensive amount of communication and coordination with all stakeholders, including the City of Pittsburgh, that has taken place in order to bring the event to fruition.

Mr. Diven indicated that the event would be nationally televised in Cuba.

The Chair indicated that his understanding is that police coverage would be provided and sanitary facilities placed.

In response to questions from Mr. Finnerty, Mr. McKain noted that the County spoke with its insurance brokers to arrive at a recommended level of insurance for all three of the bridge-related events, and that this would be the responsibility of the entities using the bridges. Mr. McKain also noted that the rental fee is \$80, but that additional County costs such as police coverage or sanitary facility provision would be reimbursed by the event sponsor(s). Mr. Diven indicated that no fee would be charged for attendance at the event, but that all attendees will have to have a ticket to get on the bridge, and that there would be security screening for individuals as they proceed onto the bridge.

A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Walton, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[9627-16](#)

Ordinance of the County of Allegheny granting authority to demolish certain structures in Stowe Township, Deer Lakes Park and Boyce Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain provided an overview of the bill's provisions. Mr. McKain noted that the parks properties to be demolished are essentially permanently installed port-a-john type facilities that are no longer in use and which cannot be relocated. Mr. McKain described the demolition of the properties in Stowe Township, noting that the County had undertaken a number of public works projects in Stowe Township, that a number of properties had to be acquired at the time, and that any structures located on the properties were in such a state of disrepair that they had become a safety hazard.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Szefi noted that a single ordinance is appropriate.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. McKain noted that none of the parks property demolition have anything whatsoever to do with natural gas extraction under Deer Lakes Park.

A motion was made by Walton, seconded by Klein, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[9628-16](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the South Park Roller Hockey League ("SPRHL") to use real property in the County's South Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Walton, that this matter be Returned Without Recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[9629-16](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Friends of South Park to enter onto the County's South Park for the purpose of constructing a bocce court and two horseshoe pits on Edgebrook Field, with the County to retain ownership of the bocce court and horseshoe pits.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain summarized its provisions, noting that the Friends of South Park had selected and retained a contractor to perform the construction, and who had obtained appropriate insurance for the project. Mr. McKain noted that the County would assume ownership and maintenance of the bocce court and horseshoe pits once they are completed.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Baechle noted that similar facilities exist in other County parks.

In response to a question from Mr. Walton, Mr. Baechle confirmed that the County would assume the maintenance of the facilities once constructed, and that this is not a unique arrangement.

A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Finnerty, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[9630-16](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the naming of the access road adjacent to the Nurses Memorial Monument in the County's South Park as "Nurses Lane."

Sponsors: Chief Executive

A motion was made by Walton, seconded by Finnerty, that this matter be Returned Without Recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44.