

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

Rich Fitzgerald, President; Chuck Martoni, Vice-President; Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Bob Macey, Chuck McCullough, Jan Rea, and William Russell Robinson - Members

Copies of all proposed legislation contained in this agenda can be viewed or obtained from the Chief Clerk, Office of County Council, Room 119, Courthouse, 436 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 Phone: 412-350-6495, or on Council's web site: www.county.allegheny.pa.us/council.

I. Call To Order**II. Pledge of Allegiance****III. Silent Prayer or Reflection****IV. Roll Call**

Roll Call: Present: Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: Council Member Rea

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[3744-08](#) Proclamation celebrating the 250th anniversary of the naming of the Pittsburgh region.

Presented

[3745-08](#) Proclamation designating February 27, 2008 as “Peace-it-Together Community Initiative Day” in Allegheny County.

Presented

[3747-08](#) Proclamation recognizing Conservation Consultants, Incorporated for their dedication to educating consumers about protecting the environment and for demonstrating a commitment to civic responsibility.

Presented

[3748-08](#) Proclamation recognizing Arthur “Bud” Gastgeb for receiving the South Hills Marine Corps League Detachment 726's “Marine of the Year” Award in November 2007.

Presented

[3750-08](#) Proclamation honoring the District 4 Outgoing Elected Officials for their service to Allegheny County.

Read

[3751-08](#) Certificate of Achievement recognizing Alex Mattoon for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Read

[3753-08](#) Certificate of Achievement recognizing Andrew Hall for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Read

[3754-08](#) Proclamation welcoming the members of the Cawthon family to Pittsburgh as they celebrate their 17th biannual family reunion.

Read

[3756-08](#) Proclamation recognizing the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality as they embark on their 2008 National Conference and Career Fair.

Read

[3757-08](#) Certificate of Recognition honoring George and Dolores Cindrich of White Oak, who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Read

[3759-08](#) Certificate of Recognition commending the following members of the Glassport Police Department for their efforts in investigating a rash of burglaries in the community and the apprehension of a burglary suspect: Sgt. Shawn DeVerse, Sgt. Clifford LaFever, Officer Jason Shallenberger, Officer Nicholas Catto, Officer Raymond Johnson, and Officer Todd Kiggins.

Read

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Unfinished Business

Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading

[3666-08](#) Appointment - Approving the appointment of Dr. Melinda Campopiano to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

[3667-08](#) Appointment - Approving the appointment of Rev. David W. Bethea to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

[3668-08](#) Appointment - Approving the appointment of Richard Gardner to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

[3669-08](#) Appointment - Approving the appointment of Barbara Wolfovitz to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory

Board for a term to expire on January 1, 2011.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading

3662-08 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing the Allegheny County Airport Authority to repay the sum of \$42,500,000 to the County.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 12 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough and Council Member Robinson
Absent: 1 - Council Member Rea
Not present: 1 - President Fitzgerald

3673-08 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," through the creation of a new Chapter 485, entitled "Gaming Revenues," in order to provide a uniform mechanism for accepting and disbursing revenues provided to the County under the terms of the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development and Gaming Act, 4 P.S. §1101 et. s

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

3717-08 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2008 (Submission #02-08).

A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 12 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough and Council Member Robinson
Absent: 1 - Council Member Rea
Not present: 1 - President Fitzgerald

Committee on Parks - Second Reading

3714-08 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the use of County Land by the Northern Allegheny County Senior Softball League for the sponsorship of the senior softball league in NORTH PARK.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 12 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough and Council Member Robinson
Absent: 1 - Council Member Rea
Not present: 1 - President Fitzgerald

VIII. Liaison Reports

IX. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

3746-08 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny amending Article XXI of the Allegheny County Health Department's Rules and Regulations, "Air Pollution Control Regulations and Addition to State Implementation Plan, modifying Section 2104.02, which will change the particulate emissions limitations for the US Steel Clairton Works' Coke Screening #3 process.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services

3749-08 An Ordinance amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, entitled "County Government Operations," through the creation of a new Chapter 221, entitled "Elected Official Travel," through the creation of a new Article I, entitled "Reporting," in order to establish uniform County policies for evaluating the results and efficacy of travel undertaken by County elected officials.

Referred to the Committee on Government Reform

3763-08 An Ordinance amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," Chapter 475, entitled "Taxation," Section 475-50.1, entitled "Homestead status reevaluation schedule," in order to clarify the ability of the Allegheny County Controller to provide information to the Chief Assessment Officer regarding properties which are partially exempted from taxation due to application of the homestead exemption under the terms of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (Act 50 of 1998, 53 P.S. §8581 et. seq.).

Referred to the Committee on Government Reform

3752-08 A Resolution approving a project for the benefit of the Pauline Auberle Foundation (the "Foundation") to be financed by the Authority for Improvements in Municipalities by the issuance of a Note(s) through the Authority, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Note, and determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

3755-08

A Resolution approving a Project for the benefit of Point Park University (the "University") to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt or taxable bonds, to be issued in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$35,000,000, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Bonds (hereinafter defined), and determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

3758-08

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2008 (Submission #03-08).

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

3760-08

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the United States Congress to act with all deliberate speed to renew the exemption of the steamboat Delta Queen from the terms of the Safety of Life at Sea Act (P.L. 89-777).

Referred to the Committee on Government Reform

3762-08

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing Allegheny County Council's Committee on Budget and Finance to undertake a comprehensive analysis of existing and potential County fees and charges.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

X. New Business - Motions**XI. New Business - Communications****3761-08**

Communication from former Council Member Brenda Frazier submitting her resignation from her position as a Member of Allegheny County Council, effective February 11, 2008.

Received and Filed

XII. Public Comment on General Items**XIII. Adjournment**