

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

John DeFazio, President; Nicholas Futules, Vice President; Tom Baker; Barbara Daly Danko; Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty; Amanda Green Hawkins; Heather Heidelbaugh; Ed Kress; Bob Macey; Chuck Martoni, Sue Means; John Palmiere; Jan Rea and William Russell Robinson - Members

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I. Call To Order

5:04 PM

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

Council Members Present: 13 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson

Council Members Absent: 2 - Green Hawkins and Heidelbaugh

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[8432-14](#) Proclamation congratulating Mayor Donald J. Baumgarten for being named the 2014 Pennsylvania Mayor of the Year by the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

[8433-14](#) Proclamations celebrating the achievement, scholarship and dedication of the 8th Annual Shyne Honorees.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker

[8434-14](#) Proclamation thanking student interns Ms. Caroline Burnham and Mr. Shane Murphy for their service to Allegheny County Council.

Sponsors: Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Baker, Council Member Danko, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Heidelbaugh, Council Member Kress, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Means, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Rea and Council Member Robinson

[8435-14](#) Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Dorothy Kinner upon the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

[8436-14](#) Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Grace Seeman upon the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

[8437-14](#) Proclamation congratulating the Allegheny League of Municipalities' 2014 Banner Communities of Bethel Park, Mt. Lebanon and Upper St. Clair, and recognizing Mt. Lebanon and Upper St. Clair for earning certification as sustainable communities through the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification Program.

Sponsors: Council Member Means

[8448-14](#) Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Morton and Peggy Parker upon the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

[8441-14](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on July 1st, 2014
Passed

[8442-14](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on July 8th, 2014
Passed

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

[8431-14](#) Approving the appointment of Rhonda Russell to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Deer Lakes Park) for a term to expire on August 26, 2016.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules
Passed

[8438-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Joanne Beckowitz to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Round Hill Park) for a term to expire on August 26, 2016.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey
Passed

[8439-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Judy Marshall to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Round Hill Park) for a term to expire on August 26, 2016.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey
Passed

[8440-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Ken McCracken to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Round Hill Park) for a term to expire on August 26, 2016.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey
Passed

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Public Works - Second Reading

[8425-14](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing a revocable license to Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. for a facility located in South Park on Stoltz Road.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Ms. Means introduced an amendment to allocate the \$25,000 payment for the revocable license for a study of the potential relocation of the nature center in South Park. The amendment failed (3-10) with the following votes: Yes: Means, Rea, Robinson; No: Baker, Danko, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, DeFazio

Passed

Council Members Yes: 13 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson

Council Members 2 - Green Hawkins and Heidelbaugh

Absent:

X. Liaison Reports**XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**

[8443-14](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing, as a result of the County Manager's recent performance of a mandated sunset review and the submission of a report on the sunset review, for the elimination of the County's Department of Real Estate as a separate County department, the transfer of the duties, functions and obligations of the Department of Real Estate to the Department of Administrative Services and the amendment of Chapter OC of the County Code of Ordinances entitled "Organizational Chart" to reflect the elimination of the Department of Real Estate and the transfer of its duties, functions and obligations to the Department of Administrative Services.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred by Chair

[8444-14](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission #11-14).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred by Chair

[8445-14](#) A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act ("LERTA"), Pa. Stat. Ann. tit. 72, § 4722 et seq. (1995), as amended, providing for: a program of temporary exemption from increases in Allegheny County Real Property Taxes, for specified time periods,

resulting from improvements made by an owner of property located within a specific geographic area within the Bloomfield area of the City Of Pittsburgh, County Of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, previously determined to be a deteriorated area; establishing a schedule for exempting increases in Allegheny County property taxes resulting from such improvements; and prescribing the requirements and procedures by which an owner of property located within the deteriorated area can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred by Chair

[8446-14](#)

A Resolution of County of Allegheny approving amendments to the Riverplace-City Center of Duquesne Tax Increment Financing Plan and Riverplace-City Center of Duquesne Tax Increment Financing District and authorizing a new Tax Increment Financing project within the Tax Increment Financing District and related actions.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred by Chair

XII. New Business - Motions

[8447-14](#)

Motion Approving the "Friends of the Park Handbook" in order to provide a standardized guideline for the operations of the Friends of the Park Organization in their activities and advisory duties to the elected representatives of Allegheny County Council.

Sponsors: Council Member Means and Council Member Palmiere

Referred by Chair

[8449-14](#)

Pulling Bill No.8125-14, an Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 301, encompassing County Council generally, through the creation of a new §5-301.07, describing the "oath of office" taken by any person holding the office of member of Allegheny County Council with additional language to support the adherence to County law, from committee for an immediate and final vote.

Sponsors: Council Member Heidelbaugh

Withdrawn

[8450-14](#)

Pulling Bill No.8183-14, an Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 311, entitled "Official Actions of County Council," §5-311.04, entitled "Consideration," in order to clarify the requirement that all ordinances and resolutions be acted upon in either

the affirmative or negative within 90 days of submittal, from committee for an immediate and final vote.

Sponsors: Council Member Heidelbaugh

Withdrawn

[8451-14](#)

Pulling Bill No.8223-14, an Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 203, entitled "County Authorities," §5-203.02, entitled "Appointments to County authorities," in order to render the procedure to be followed when appointing individuals to serve on the governing boards of the enumerated County authorities consistent with applicable law, from committee for an immediate and final vote.

Sponsors: Council Member Heidelbaugh

Withdrawn

[8452-14](#)

Pulling Bill No.8228-14, a Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to enact a with all deliberate speed an act authorizing the governing bodies of counties of the second class to provide by ordinance for the implementation of tax provisions to allow for a property tax freeze for qualifying senior citizens, from committee for an immediate and final vote.

Sponsors: Council Member Heidelbaugh

Withdrawn

[8453-14](#)

Pulling Bill No. 8189-14 amending Article II of the Rules of Council for Allegheny County Council through the creation of a new Section F.11., in order to provide a standardized rule governing participation in all standing committee, from committee for an immediate and final vote.

Sponsors: Council Member Heidelbaugh

Withdrawn

[8454-14](#)

Pulling Bill No. 8230-14, amending Article II of the Rules of Council for Allegheny County Council through the creation of a new Section F.5., in order to encourage committee meeting participation by adjusting the rule governing quorums at committee meetings, from committee for an immediate and final vote.

Sponsors: Council Member Heidelbaugh

Withdrawn

[8455-14](#)

Pulling Bill No. 8231-14, amending Article II of the Rules of Council for Allegheny County Council through the creation of a new Section F.11., in order to provide a standardized rule governing participation by telephone in all committees of Council, from committee for an immediate and final vote.

Sponsors: Council Member Heidelbaugh

Withdrawn

XIII. Public Comment on General Items

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM.