

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 16, 2006

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Economic Development & Housing

Brenda Frazier, Chair; Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Dave Fawcett, Mike Finnerty, Bob Macey, and Jan Rea - Members

I. Call to Order

Roll Call: Present: Chair Brenda Frazier, Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Michael Finnerty, and Jan Rea
Absent: John DeFazio, Dave Fawcett, and Bob Macey

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Dennis Davin, Director, Economic Development or Designee

Mike Suley, Manager, Property Assessment

Summary: *Mr. O'hanlon, Mr. Uber, Mr. Davina nd Mr. Tague.*

Mr. Pehur, Mr. Strul, Mr. Detorre, Mr. Pollock, and Mr. Klingman (Findlay Township Manager) were recognized.

John Tague, Task Force on Disabilities

Paul O'Hanlon, Task Force on Disabilities

Roll Call: Present: Chair Brenda Frazier, Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Michael Finnerty, and Jan Rea
Absent: John DeFazio, Dave Fawcett, and Bob Macey

II. Roll Call

Summary: *Committee Members Present: Council Members Frazier, Burn, Cleary, Drozd, Finnerty and Rea.*

Ex-officio Member present: President Fitzgerald.

Staff Present: Mr. Barker.

Roll Call: Present: Chair Brenda Frazier, Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Michael Finnerty, Jan Rea, and Council Member Rich Fitzgerald
Absent: John DeFazio, Dave Fawcett, and Bob Macey

III. Agenda Items

Ordinances

2840-06 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," by creating a new Article XI, entitled "Residential Visitability Design Tax Credit Program."

Sponsors: Rich Fitzgerald, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Brenda Frazier and Bob Macey

Summary: *The Chair described the basic outlines of the visitability tax credit program, and noted some of the features of bill 2840-06 and 2841-06.*

President Fitzgerald described the background of the state program and noted that implementing the program would be at no cost to the County because the credit is only on incremental increases in tax bills due to new construction or improvements.

Mr. Uber indicated that the Executive also feels that it is important to be progressive in this instance, and that it is desirable to incentivize construction like this.

The committee elected to make alterations to bill 2840-06, rather than attempt to merge it with bill 2841-06.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. O'Hanlon indicated that there were some minor changes that he would like to see made to the bill.

President Fitzgerald moved to amend the deadline for program applications to read "occupancy permit issued or certificate of completion received" in §475-58.A.2, Mr. Burn seconded, and the motion was passed by voice vote.

Ms. Cleary moved to delete the second sentence of the definition of "visitable level," President Fitzgerald seconded, and the motion was passed by voice vote.

President Fitzgerald moved to affirmatively recommend the bill as amended, Ms. Cleary seconded, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Action: **A motion was made by Council Member Fitzgerald, seconded by Cleary, that this matter be Amended and Affirmatively Recommended as Amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

Enactment No: 39-06-OR

2841-06

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny establishing a "Visitability Design Tax Credit" and providing for the administration of such tax credit.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Action: **Held in Committee**

Resolutions

2836-06

Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to develop a tax increment financing plan for a proposed TIF District to include portions of the Fifth and Penn Redevelopment Area (pending certification) and designating a representative from the County to participate in the development of a tax increment plan for this proposed TIF District.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *The Chair summarized the bill and deferred to Mr. Detorre.*

Mr. Detorre gave a project overview, and Mr. Pollock gave more specific information about the project.

President Fitzgerald indicated that this project continues the development of this area of the city, and noted that this is why the TIF law exists.

Mr. Drozd agreed, and noted that the increase in tax revenue from the project should be

of use to Wilkinsburg.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to affirmatively recommend the bill, Mr. Finnerty seconded, and the motion was passed by voice vote.

Action: **A motion was made by Council Member Fitzgerald, seconded by Finnerty, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**
Enactment No: 43-06-RE

2837-06

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny adopting the Potato Garden Run Tax Increment Financing Plan presented by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County, creating the Potato Garden Run Tax Increment Financing District and authorizing related agreements.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *The Chair summarized the bill and deferred to Mr. Davin.*

Mr. Davin , Mr. Strul, and Mr. Klingman discussed the issues presented by Findlay Township's contractual relationship with Maronda Farms, and Mr. Davin indicated that he is completely comfortable with proceeding with the project.

Mr. Finnerty moved to affirmatively recommend the bill, Mr. Burn seconded, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Action: **A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Burn, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**
Enactment No: 44-06-RE

IV. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 6:07.*