

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

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, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, Chuck McCullough, Jan Rea, and William Russell Robinson - Members

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

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

V. Proclamations/Certificates

5140-09 Proclamation honoring distinguished CCAC alumnus Mr. Peter DeComo for proactively serving Allegheny County.

Presented

5141-09 Proclamation commending Community Human Services for hosting the Sleep-In for the Homeless.

Presented

5142-09 Proclamation honoring the 90th anniversary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 118.

Read

5143-09 Proclamations commending the Kukkiwon National Taekwondo Demonstration Team and distinguished pioneers of taekwondo for visiting Allegheny County.

Read

5144-09 Certificates of Achievement honoring Joshua David Carter, David Thomas Gregory, and John Malcolm Turek of Boy Scout Troop 78 for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout.

Read

5145-09 Certificate of Recognition honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Robert and Loretta Lee.

Read

5146-09 Certificate of Recognition honoring the 60th wedding anniversary of Lawrence and Betty Bjornberg.

Read

5147-09 Certificate of Recognition honoring the 60th wedding anniversary Martin and Elizabeth Devine.

Read

5148-09 Certificate of Recognition celebrating the 100th birthday of Mary Pysz.

Read

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

5138-09 Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on September 8, 2009.

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

VIII. Unfinished Business

Committee on Government Reform - Second Reading

5111-09 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the County Controller and Division of Purchasing and Supplies to conduct an Internet auction of the contents of the County Warehouse and former Coroner and Crime Lab equipment and furniture.

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

Votes: Yes: 12 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald

Absent: 3 - Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio and Council Member Gastgeb

5112-09

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, permitting PGH Productions, Inc., to use certain County-owned real property in connection with filming a motion picture.

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 Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald

Absent: 3 - Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio and Council Member Gastgeb

5127-09

Motion expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County urging the General Assembly to reform the real estate property tax and provide a Safe Harbor Alternative for counties from periodic countywide reassessments by permitting counties to adopt a state established schedule of values per square foot for designated land and improvement types in lieu of property assessments.

Referred to the Committee on Government Reform

IX. Liaison Reports**X. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions****5134-09**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the use of county owned real property, namely, a house and surrounding property located in Boyce Park, by FAMILY LINKS, INC.

Referred to the Committee on Parks

5135-09

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 491, entitled "Community College of Allegheny County Appropriations," in order to provide a mechanism for adjusting the County's annual budgetary appropriation to the Community College of Allegheny County in order to keep pace with rising inflationary costs.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

5136-09 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009 (Submission #17-09).
Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

XI. New Business - Motions

5137-09 Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing the Budget & Finance Committee to conduct public hearings, pursuant to § 801.05 of the Administrative Code on Wednesday, October 28 and Thursday, October 29, beginning each day at 4 p.m. in the Gold Room of the Allegheny County Courthouse. Budget & Finance Chair William Russell Robinson will serve as the presiding officer.
A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

5139-09 Motion of the Council of Allegheny County urging the Pennsylvania Senate and Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to support Pennsylvania House Bill No. 1661, the "Property Tax Reassessment Moratorium Act," and encouraging the Senate to pass and the Governor to sign this legislation with all due speed.

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

Votes: Yes: 11 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Noes: 1 - Council Member McCullough
Absent: 3 - Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio and Council Member Gastgeb

XII. Public Comment on General Items

XIII. Adjournment