

# Allegheny County Council

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## Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

## County Council

*John DeFazio, President; Nicholas Futules, Vice President; Tom Baker; Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty; Amanda Green Hawkins; Heather Heidelbaugh; Terri Klein; 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**

*The meeting was called to order at 5PM.*

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Silent Prayer or Reflection**

**IV. Roll Call**

**Council Members Present:** 16 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Martoni, Means, Rea and Robinson  
**Council Members Absent:** 1 - Palmiere

**V. Proclamations/Certificates**

[8467-14](#) Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. James Knepper Jr. of Boy Scout Troop 905 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Baker

[8468-14](#) Proclamation congratulating the Neil Armstrong Middle School and George Washington Elementary School of the Bethel Park School District for earning the 2012-2013 Governor’s Award for Excellence in Academics.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Means

[8469-14](#) Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Noah Adams of Boy Scout Troop 150 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Rea

[8470-14](#) Proclamation congratulating Dr. Gail D. Edwards for earning the 2014 Pittsburgh Circle of Courage Award in Education.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Robinson

[8471-14](#) Proclamations honoring the 2014 Faith in Action Awardees sponsored by the NAACP Pittsburgh Chapter.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Green Hawkins and Council Member Robinson

**VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items**

*10 speakers presented on bill no. 8376-14*

**VII. Approval of Minutes**

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**VIII. Presentation of Appointments**

[8458-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Tammy Firda to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Round Hill Park) for a term to expire on September 9, 2016.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Macey

**Passed**

**Council Members Yes:** 14 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Means, Rea and Robinson

**Council Members Absent:** 1 - Palmiere

[8459-14](#) Approving the appointment of Tonya B. Johnson to serve as a Member of the Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

**Sponsors:** Council Member DeFazio

**Referred**

[8465-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Carrie Noll to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (White Oak Park) for a term to expire on September 9, 2016.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Macey

**Passed**

**Council Members Yes:** 14 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Means, Rea and Robinson

**Council Members Absent:** 1 - Palmiere

**IX. Unfinished Business**

**Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading**

[8428-14](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission #10-14).

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Passed for Chief Executive Signature**

**Council Members Yes:** 14 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Means, Rea and Robinson

**Council Members Absent:** 1 - Palmiere

Enactment No: 25-14-RE

[8444-14](#)

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

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Passed for Chief Executive Signature**

**Council Members Yes:** 14 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Means, Rea and Robinson

**Council Members Absent:** 1 - Palmiere

Enactment No: 26-14-RE

**Committee on Government Reform - Second Reading**

[8376-14](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting the display of the National Motto, "In God We Trust" to be displayed above a replication of the Bill of Rights and to be hung in a prominent location in the Gold Room of the Allegheny County Courthouse.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Means, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Kress, Council Member Heidelbaugh and Council Member Baker

*Disregard the generated action. The bill did receive a proper second however it failed with the following votes: Baker, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Means, Rea, and Robinson: Yes (6) Danko, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green-Hawkins, Macey, Martoni, DeFazio: No (8)*  
**Defeated due to lack of second**

**Council Members Yes:** 6 - Baker, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Means, Rea and Robinson

**Council Members No:** 8 - Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Finnerty, Macey and Martoni

**Council Members Absent:** 1 - Palmiere

**Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading**

[8426-14](#)

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 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

**Passed for Chief Executive Signature**

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

**Council Members No:** 1 - Heidelbaugh

**Council Members Absent:** 1 - Palmiere

Enactment No: 24-14-RE

[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

**Passed for Chief Executive Signature**

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

**Council Members No:** 1 - Heidelbaugh

**Council Members Absent:** 1 - Palmiere

Enactment No: 27-14-RE

[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

**Passed for Chief Executive Signature**

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

**Council Members No:** 1 - Heidelbaugh

**Council Members** 1 - Palmiere

**Absent:**

Enactment No: 28-14-RE

**X. Liaison Reports**

**XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**

[8472-14](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the conveyance of the County of Allegheny’s interest in the four parcels known as Block 643-B Lot # 207, Block 643-B Lot # 209, Block 643-B Lot # 215, and Block 643-B Lot # 217 (“the Properties”) located in the Borough of Wall, East Allegheny School District, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to George Mrjenovich.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Referred by Chair**

Enactment No: 18-14-OR

[8473-14](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission #12-14).

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Referred by Chair**

Enactment No: 29-14-RE

**XII. New Business - Motions**

[8474-14](#) 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

**Approved**

**Council Members Yes:** 5 - Baker, Heidelbaugh, Means, Rea and Robinson

**Council Members No:** 9 - Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Kress, Finnerty, Macey and Martoni

**Council Members** 1 - Palmiere

**Absent:**

[8475-14](#) 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

**Approved**

**Council Members Yes:** 7 - Baker, Danko, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Means, Rea and Robinson

**Council Members No:** 7 - DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Kress, Finnerty, Macey and Martoni

**Council Members  
Absent:** 1 - Palmiere

[8476-14](#) 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

**Approved**

**Council Members Yes:** 4 - Baker, Heidelbaugh, Means and Robinson

**Council Members No:** 10 - Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni and Rea

**Council Members  
Absent:** 1 - Palmiere

[8477-14](#) 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

**Approved**

**Council Members Yes:** 4 - Baker, Heidelbaugh, Means and Rea

**Council Members No:** 10 - Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni and Robinson

**Council Members** 1 - Palmiere  
**Absent:**

[8478-14](#) 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

**Approved**

**Council Members Yes:** 3 - Baker, Heidelbaugh and Means

**Council Members No:** 11 - Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Rea and Robinson

**Council Members** 1 - Palmiere  
**Absent:**

[8479-14](#) 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

**Approved**

**Council Members Yes:** 3 - Baker, Heidelbaugh and Means

**Council Members No:** 11 - Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Rea and Robinson

**Council Members** 1 - Palmiere  
**Absent:**

[8480-14](#) 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

**Approved**

**Council Members Yes:** 4 - Baker, Heidelbaugh, Means and Rea

**Council Members No:** 10 - Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni and Robinson

**Council Members** 1 - Palmiere  
**Absent:**

**XIII. Public Comment on General Items**

*Two speakers presented*



**XIV. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM*