

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Agenda Synopsis**

**Tuesday, September 26, 2006**

**5:00 PM**

**Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room**

## **County Council**

*Rich Fitzgerald, President; Chuck Martoni, Vice-President; Jim Burn, Susan Caldwell, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Dave Fawcett, Mike Finnerty, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb, Bob Macey, Rich Nerone, 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**

*15 Members Present - one by phone*

**V. Proclamations/Certificates**

**2781-06** Proclamation recognizing Mr. Michael Stoehr for his excellence in education and rehabilitative services with the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network.

**Read**

**2782-06** Proclamation recognizing the 20th Anniversary Celebration and accomplishments of the Steel Valley Authority.

**Presented**

**2783-06** Proclamation honoring the life and memory of Mr. Dominic P. Serapiglia for his long-time public service as Mayor of the City of Clairton.

**Read**

**2784-06** Proclamation celebrating the 75th Anniversary of St. Valentine's Parish, located in Bethel Park, County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

**Presented**

**2785-06** Proclamation recognizing the Visiting Nurse Foundation as they enter a new era with the unveiling of a new name and logo on September 28, 2006 at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Museum in Oakland

**Read**

**2786-06** Proclamation honoring the life and memory of Ms. Linda LeFever, Executive Director of the Northside Community Development Fund.

**Read**

**2787-06** Proclamation recognizing Mr. Stanley Lowe for his efforts in economic development and sustainability for Allegheny County and the region.

**Read**

**2788-06** Proclamation celebrating the retirement of Mr. Jeffrey W. Thomas, after 5 years

as the Borough Manager of Tarentum.

**Read**

**2791-06**

Proclamation designating Saturday, September 23, 2006 as "Porky Chedwick Day" in Allegheny County.

**Read**

**VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items**

**VII. Approval of Minutes**

**2789-06**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on August 29, 2006.

**Passed**

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

**Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading**

**2715-06**

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Herky Pollock to serve as a Member of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for a term to expire on May 23, 2009.

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

**2744-06**

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Timothy H. Johnson to serve as a Member of the Retirement Board of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2007.

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

**2745-06**

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Eddie Edwards, Jr. to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Port Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

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

**Votes:** Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Noes: 1 - Council Member Drozd

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

**2758-06**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing acceptance of a donation of personal property for use by the County.

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

**Votes:** Yes: 15 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald

**2762-06**

An Ordinance of the Allegheny County Council amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," by creating a new §475-50.1, in order to establish a reevaluation schedule for real property previously approved for property tax exclusion under the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (Act 50 of 1998, 53 P.S. §8581 et. seq.).

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

**Votes:** Yes: 15 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald

**2760-06**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2006 (Submission #09-06).

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

**Votes:** Yes: 15 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald

**Committee on Health & Human Services - Second Reading****2705-06**

An Ordinance to prohibit smoking in certain public places and workplaces, and providing for penalties for violations.

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

**Votes:** Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Noes: 1 - Council Member Nerone

**Special Committee on Property Assessments - Second Reading****2763-06**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the Office of Property Assessment and the Allegheny County District Attorney to work cooperatively to identify and fully prosecute individuals who receive the homestead exemption from real property taxation through fraudulent or otherwise deceptive means, consistent with the terms of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (53 P.S. §8581 et. seq.), also known as Act 50.

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

**Votes:** Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Noes: 1 - Council Member Nerone

## **IX. Liaison Reports**

*Council Member Rea discussed the use of electronic voting machines*

## **X. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**

### **2780-06**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the transfer of Ownership of a County Police Horse back to the original donors.

**Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance**

### **2790-06**

An Ordinance of the Allegheny County Council amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," by creating a new Chapter 280, entitled "Housing Choice Voucher Program" and a new §280-1 in order to establish a mechanism for recovering taxes owed by landlords participating in the program.

**Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform**

## **XI. New Business - Motions**

### **2792-06**

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County recognizing and thanking the public for their participation in the legislative process through discussions of Bill No. 2705-06, the proposed Allegheny County smoking ban, which helped educate and inform Allegheny County Council.

*Floor Motion - Not on original agenda*

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

## **XII. Public Comment on General Items**

## **XIII. Adjournment**