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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Public Works

Bob Macey, Chair; Sam DeMarco, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, Robert Palmosina, Denise Ranalli-Russell and DeWitt Walton, Members

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager or designee(s)
Stephen Shanley, Director, Allegheny County Department of Public Works

Mr. Pilarski was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Mr. Evanto was present from Administrative Services.

Mr. Barker was present from the Office of County Council.

At the request of Mr. Macey, Mr. Palmosina served as the Chair for this meeting.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 1 - Robert Palmosina

Members Absent: 4 - Sam DeMarco , Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein and Denise Ranalli-Russell

Members Phone: 2 - DeWitt Walton andBob Macey

Members 1

1 - Sue Means

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2019 meeting of the Committee

on Public Works.

A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Palmosina, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

11071-19 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

authorizing Manhunt Productions Inc. to use certain County-owned real and personal

property in connection with filming a television series.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Evanto summarized its provisions, noting that the ordinance would grant permission for filming scenes for a television series in the Courthouse and that the more frequent requests for filming permission are a testament to the strength of the film industry in the area. Mr. Evanto noted that filming would take place in the summer, and that the production company would employ roughly 200 local residents (exclusive of extras), rent roughly 5500 hotel room nights, rent a significant number of vehicles, and purchase lumber and other materials. Mr. Evanto indicated that the filming in the Courthouse is tenatively scheduled for Flag Day, which would minimize the impact on the County, as several offices will be

closed (although the administrative offices will remain open).

In response to questions from the Chair, Mr. Evanto noted that any cost to the County would be reimbursed by the production company and reviewed the filming schedule and the security and other needs that would be occasioned by the filming. Mr. Evanto also provided a brief overview of the premise behind the television program.

The Chair, Mr. Pilarski and Mr. Evanto discussed the use of unionized employees in film productions.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. Evanto indicated that the filming would take place while the Courthouse is open and during business hours, so there will be no fee associated with the building use apart from the cost of related staff time.

A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Palmosina, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12.