

# Allegheny County Council

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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

## Committee on Public Works

*Bob Macey, Chair; Tom Baker, Tom Duerr, Bethany Hallam, Cindy Kirk, Bob Palmosina and DeWitt Walton, Members*

## I. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 4:00.*

### Invited Guests:

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

*Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.*

*Mr. Shanley was present from the Department of Public Works.*

*Mr. Barker and Mr. Varhola were present from the Office of County Council.*

## II. Roll Call

**Members Present:** 1 - Bob Macey

**Members Absent:** 0

**Members Phone:** 6 - Tom Baker, Tom Duerr, Bethany Hallam, Cindy Kirk, Robert Palmosina and DeWitt Walton

## III. Approval of Minutes

## IV. Agenda Items

### Ordinances

#### [11574-20](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to acquire by condemnation certain real property located within one of the parcels included in the Campbell's Run Road Bridge No. 6 Project located in the Township of Robinson and the Township of Collier and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including but not limited to the Eminent Domain Code.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain summarized its provisions, noting that condemnation is the option of last resort for the County in all instances, and in this case, is being used in relation to only one of six property owners with parcels relevant to the project. Mr. McKain noted that the County has scheduled multiple meetings with the owner, but that he has not kept any of the scheduled appointments. Mr. Shanley indicated that the project cannot continue without the parcel at issue, insofar as it part of the bridge will be located thereon and a small amount of temporary construction easement is necessary.*

*In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. McKain and Mr. Shanley indicated that the County has attempted to meet with the property owner multiple times over the course of approximately one year, and that the project is getting to the point at which he has concerns that funding may be put at issue with too much more delay.*

*In response to questions from Ms. Hallam, Mr. Shanley indicated that the property at issue constitutes a small piece of the owner's property, and Mr. McKain noted that it is not where his house or other structures are located, nor is it a significant portion of the parcel.*

*In response to a question from Mr. Palmosina, Mr. Shanley noted that the property at issue is located in Collier Township.*

*Mr. Duerr asked that Mr. Catena be kept apprised of developments regarding the bill, since the project is within his district.*

**A motion was made by Kirk, seconded by Duerr, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

#### [11575-20](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny (“**County**”), in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department, to convey by special warranty deed two parcels of land, described as (1) 12,989 square feet of land being all of Block and Lot Number 375-C-185; and, (2) 13,986 square feet of land being all of Block and Lot Number 375-C-191, both parcels of land being situate in the Borough of North Braddock, Allegheny County, to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“**Commonwealth**”) acting through its Department of Transportation (“**PennDOT**”).

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain summarized its provisions, noting that due to the extent of a major landslide on Route 30, PennDOT took over the remediation project and noted that the County owns a pair of parcels that would be relevant to mediation and maintenance efforts, and expressed a desire to acquire the parcels in order to facilitate its current and future efforts.*

*In response to questions from the Chair, Mr. Shanley noted that neither parcel is arranged such that building upon them would be easily accomplished.*

*In response to questions from Ms. Hallam, Mr. Shanley noted that the values of the parcels are just over \$9,000 for one and \$2,000 for the other, and that the transfer to PennDOT would eliminate a source of potential liability for the County.*

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

#### V. Adjournment

*The meeting adjourned at 4:12.*