

Allegheny County Council

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Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 17, 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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PA 15219 Phone: 412-350-6495, or on Council's web site:

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- I. Call To Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Silent Prayer or Reflection**
- IV. Roll Call**
- V. Proclamations/Certificates**

[5218-09](#) Proclamation honoring the career of Mr. John Moon and his retirement from the Pittsburgh Emergency Medical Services Bureau.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson

[5219-09](#) Certificates of Achievement honoring Bishop Canevin's boys golf team for winning the Division II WPIAL Boys Golf Team Championship.

Sponsors: Jim Ellenbogen

[5220-09](#) Certificate of Achievement honoring Ms. Nadia Luttner of Fox Chapel High School for winning the WPIAL Girls Golf Individual Championship.

Sponsors: Jim Burn

[5221-09](#) Certificates of Recognition honoring the students and chaperones who participated in the Power of Youth program.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson

[5222-09](#) Proclamation naming November "Diabetes Awareness Month" in Allegheny County and acknowledging the efforts of the Pittsburgh chapter of the Diabetes Association of America.

Sponsors: Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Michael Finnerty, Rich Fitzgerald, Vince Gastgeb, Bob Macey and Chuck Martoni

To be entered into the Record

[5223-09](#) Proclamation honoring Yunnan Provencial Library's 100th anniversary.

Sponsors: Rich Fitzgerald

To be entered into the Record

[5224-09](#) Certificate of Recognition honoring Springdale Volunteer Fire Department's 100th anniversary.

Sponsors: Nick Futules

To be entered into the Record

[5225-09](#) Proclamation honoring Mr. Joe Scarillo for his 10 years of service to Bethel Park's youth sports programs.

Sponsors: Vince Gastgeb

To be entered into the Record

[5226-09](#)

Certificates of Recognition honoring Andrew S. Leonhard and Samuel M. Furlong of Boy Scout Troop 228 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Bob Macey

To be entered into the Record

[5227-09](#)

Proclamation honoring the Aero Club of Pittsburgh's 100th anniversary.

Sponsors: Bob Macey

To be entered into the Record

[5228-09](#)

Certificate of Recognition honoring the 70th anniversary of Sylvester and Nettie Ferenz.

Sponsors: Bob Macey

To be entered into the Record

[5229-09](#)

Proclamation honoring McKeesport Kane Regional Center's 25th anniversary.

Sponsors: Bob Macey

To be entered into the Record

[5230-09](#)

Certificate of Recognition honoring Thomas G. Walk of Boy Scout Troop 99 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Bob Macey

To be entered into the Record

[5231-09](#)

Proclamation honoring the Town of McCandless' three volunteer fire departments in conjunction with the McCandless Fire and Rescue Annual Appreciation Dinner and Banquet.

Sponsors: Jan Rea

To be entered into the Record

[5232-09](#)

Certificates of Recognition honoring the recipients of Talk Magazine's Minority Achiever Awards.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson

To be entered into the Record

[5233-09](#)

Certificates of Recognition honoring New Pittsburgh Courier's 50 Men of Excellence.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson

To be entered into the Record

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items**VII. Approval of Minutes**[5217-09](#)

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on October 20, 2009.

VIII. Presentation of Appointments**IX. Unfinished Business**[5208-09](#)

Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato returning with his veto Council Bill No. 5154-09, entitled, "An Ordinance approving the sale of certain real property owned by the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania to a development group comprised of: Massaro Properties LLC; Langholz Wilson Ellis, Inc.; Kratsa Properties; and Tasso Katselas Associates, Inc. for the sale price of \$4,900,000.00 for the purpose of demolishing the current building located thereon and constructing a new development including a hotel, office building, and parking garage." which he submitted to Council on November 6, 2009.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[5209-09](#)

Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato returning with his veto Council Bill No. 3819-08, entitled, "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 480, entitled "Essential Services and Tax Exempt Verification Certification," in order to provide for a tax exempt certification and essential services fee for certain properties within the County for which an exemption from the real property tax is claimed." which he submitted to Council on November 6, 2009.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading[5179-09](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the tax levy upon all real property subject to taxation within the limits of Allegheny County.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson, Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Jim Ellenbogen, Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules, Amanda Green, Vince Gastgeb, Bob Macey, Chuck McCullough, Jan Rea, Chuck Martoni and Rich Fitzgerald

Legislative History

11/4/09	County Council	Referred
11/10/09	Committee on Budget and Finance	Affirmatively Recommended

5180-09

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting an Operating Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter, by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of Allegheny County and for meeting debt charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson, Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, Jan Rea, Chuck Martoni and Rich Fitzgerald

Legislative History

11/4/09	County Council	Referred
11/10/09	Committee on Budget and Finance	Affirmatively Recommended

5181-09

Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a Capital Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses for capital expenditures during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson, Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules, Amanda Green, Vince Gastgeb, Bob Macey, Jan Rea, Chuck Martoni and Rich Fitzgerald

Legislative History

11/4/09	County Council	Referred
11/10/09	Committee on Budget and Finance	Affirmatively Recommended

5182-09

Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Grants Budget, Special Accounts Budget, and Agency Fund Budget, by setting forth appropriations to pay said expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson, Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules, Amanda Green, Vince Gastgeb, Bob Macey, Jan Rea, Chuck Martoni and Rich Fitzgerald

Legislative History

11/4/09	County Council	Referred
11/10/09	Committee on Budget and Finance	Affirmatively Recommended

5183-09

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009 (Submission #19-09).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Legislative History

11/4/09	County Council	Referred
11/10/09	Committee on Budget and Finance	Affirmatively Recommended

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions[5210-09](#)

An Ordinance approving the sale of certain real property owned by the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania to a development group comprised of: Massaro Properties LLC; Langholz Wilson Ellis, Inc.; Kratsa Properties; and Tasso Katselas Associates, Inc. for the sale price of \$4,900,000.00 for the purpose of demolishing the current building located thereon and constructing a new development including a hotel, office building, and parking garage.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[5211-09](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the terms of Bill No. 3819-08, which provided for the implementation of a County fee for essential services provided to certain tax-exempt entities, in order to clarify the use to which revenues raised by the essential services fee could be put.

Sponsors: Matt Drozd

[5212-09](#)

An Ordinance amending the terms of Bill No. 5154-09, which authorized the sale of County-owned real property located at 3333 Forbes Avenue in the City of Pittsburgh, in order to alter the manner in which the County is to administer the proceeds of such sale.

Sponsors: Chuck McCullough

[5213-09](#)

An Ordinance amending the terms of Bill No. 5154-09, which authorized the sale of County-owned real property located at 3333 Forbes Avenue in the City of Pittsburgh, in order to alter the manner in which the County is to administer the proceeds of such sale.

Sponsors: Chuck McCullough

[5214-09](#)

An Ordinance establishing an Allegheny County "Rainy Day" Special Reserve Fund and providing for the administration of revenues placed into such fund.

Sponsors: Chuck McCullough

[5215-09](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009 (Submission #20-09).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

XII. New Business - Motions

5216-09

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County pulling Bill No. 5205-09, amending and conforming Article 210 of the Administrative Code entitled “Assessment Standards and Practices” to: comply with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision in Clifton, et al. v. Allegheny County and Pierce, et al. v. Allegheny County by providing a methodology to equalize base year values through periodic, computer assisted, countywide reassessments; phase-in increases to property assessments so as to protect property owners from the undue financial burden of such increases; and to preclude the County and local taxing bodies from obtaining “windfall” property tax revenues as a result of any adjustments to the base year system, from committee for an immediate final vote.

Sponsors: Chuck McCullough

XIII. Public Comment on General Items**XIV. Adjournment**