

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 25, 2007**

**4:00 PM**

**Conference Room I**

## **Committee on Health & Human Services**

***Mike Finnerty, Chair; Joan Cleary, Susan Caldwell, Brenda Frazier, Bob Macey,  
and William Robinson - Members***

I. Call to Order

**Summary:** *The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM*

**Invited Guests:**

**Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee**

**Dr. Bruce Dixon, Director, Health Department or Designee**

**Summary:** *Invited guests in attendance: Derek Uber for Mr. Flynn and Rebecca Chatta for Dr. Dixon.*

*Recognized attendees: Roger Westman, Health Department*

*Council staff in attendance: John Mascio and Jared Barker*

II. Roll Call

***Roll Call:*** Present: William Robinson, and Michael Finnerty  
Absent: Joan Cleary, Susan Caldwell, and Bob Macey  
Non-Member: Brenda Frazier

III. Approval of Minutes

**3176-07** Motion to approve the minutes of the Januray 30, 2007 Health & Human Services Committee Meeting.

**Action:** **A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Finnerty, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Agenda Items

**Ordinances**

**3151-07** An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny approving adoption of the Allegheny County Health Department's Rules and Regulations, Article IV, Smoking Regulations.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *The Chair indicated that there was a proposed amendment to the bill but that it could not be passed since there were not a majority of the seated members of the committee present at the meeting. He said that he would hold the bill in committee until such time that it could be amended in committee.*

**3152-07** An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny amending Ordinance 16782 and Article XXI of the Allegheny County Health Department's Rules and Regulations, Article XXI, Air Pollution Control, revising Air Pollution Control Regulations and adding to State Implementation Plan for SIP Revision 58 relating to Solid Waster Incineration Units.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Mr. Westman provided the committee with a summary of the bill. He said that the Board of Health adopted this amendment and in compliance with the Local Health Administration Law, the Director of the Health Department has submitted the amendment to the Chief Executive, with a recommendation for approval by County Council.*

*He further explained that this amendment incorporates a few facially minor additions to the State Implementation Plan relating to solid waste incineration units. These additions appear to be aimed primarily at clarifying the inclusion of "air curtain incinerators" within the regulation.*

*The Chair asked Mr. Westman if these regulations will be more stringent than the Federal government's. Mr. Westman said no.*

*The Chair asked Mr. Westman how the air curtain incinerators would operate. Mr. Westman provided the Chair with that information.*

**Action:** **A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Finnerty, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Resolution**

**3154-07** A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the United States Congress to approve House Resolution 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act, establishing the United States National Health Insurance Program to provide all individuals residing in the United States and in U.S. territories with free health care that includes all medically necessary care, such as primary care, and prevention, prescription drugs, emergency care, and mental health services.

**Sponsors:** Rich Fitzgerald, John DeFazio, Michael Finnerty, Joan Cleary, Brenda Frazier, Jim Burn, Bob Macey, William E. Lestitian and William Russell Robinson

**Action:** **A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Finnerty, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **V. Adjournment**

**Summary:** *The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM*