

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 17, 2009

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Economic Development & Housing

Mike Finnerty, Chair; Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Nick Futules, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, and Jan Rea - Members

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 5:02.*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Dennis Davin, Director, Economic Development or Designee

Summary: *Invited Guests Present: Derek Uber, Deputy County Manger; Dennis Davin, Director of Economic Development*

Recognized Attendees: Bob Hurley, Deputy Director of Economic Development; Steven Massaro and Gary Wilson were present from the Development Group.

Council Staff Present: Jared Barker, Jennifer Liptak

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Nick Futules, Bob Macey, Jan Rea, and Michael Finnerty
Absent: John DeFazio, and Amanda Green Hawkins
Non-Member: William Russell Robinson

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. 5109-09 Motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2009 Economic Development & Housing Committee Meeting.

Action: **A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Futules, that this matter be Passed.**
The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 6 - Burn, Drozd, Futules, Macey, Rea and Finnerty
Abstain: 1 - Cleary
Absent: 2 - DeFazio and Green Hawkins
Non-Member: 1 - Russell Robinson

Ordinance

5086-09 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

Summary: *The Chair read the title and summarized supplemental information that was distributed to all Members.*

Director Davin and Mr. Hurley discussed demolition costs and potential additional costs from hazardous material contamination, if any is found. Director Davin then

summarized the project and RFP process.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Massaro gave a project overview, and indicated that their intent is to keep the development on the tax rolls for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Hurley and Director Davin discussed accomodating the Health Department employees currently at 3333 Forbes.

Mr. Burn moved to make an amendment to the bill which would make the approval contingent upon the Development Group not seeking public financing for the development while not prohibiting future payments for space leased in the development, and Mr. Macey seconded the motion. The amendment passed by voice vote.

In response to questions, Director Davin discussed other options for the Health Department in Oakland.

Action: **A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Burn, that this matter be Amended and Affirmatively Recommended as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Votes: Yes: 6 - Burn, Drozd, Futules, Macey, Rea and Finnerty
No: 1 - Cleary

Absent: 2 - DeFazio and Green Hawkins
Non-Member: 1 - Russell Robinson

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 6:01.*