

MOTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Urging that Governor Rendell and the Pennsylvania General Assembly work with all possible and deliberate speed to secure funding for the refurbishment of two bridges in the Borough of Emsworth, Allegheny County.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Emsworth is currently struggling with securing funding for refurbishing a pair of its most important bridges, one of which is located on Gibbs Street off of Camp Horne Road, and the other of which is located on Herron Street off of Pennsylvania Route 65; and

WHEREAS, one of these bridges constitutes the only ready access to a residential area, but is constructed with box girders identical to those used in a bridge spanning Interstate 70 that recently collapsed in Washington County, and is so outdated that its weight limit will not accommodate modern fire trucks; and

WHEREAS, this situation will result in a delay of approximately 15 minutes in response time, should fire equipment have to reach the affected residential neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Emsworth is also home to Shaffner Manufacturing, which employs approximately 90 individuals, the world headquarters of ConAir, which employs approximately 200 individuals, and approximately 75,000 square feet of newly remodeled warehouse space that could employ as many as 75 individuals; and

WHEREAS, these three properties comprise a significant portion of the Borough of Emsworth's only commercial and manufacturing properties, and employ a large percentage of the individuals who work in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, these commercial and manufacturing properties are only accessible via the second of the outdated bridges; and

WHEREAS, Shaffner Manufacturing has already indicated that it will be forced to relocate its operations to an existing facility in Mississippi, should the access to their Emsworth property remain in its current condition; and

WHEREAS, these two bridges have been awaiting reconstruction since 1982; and

WHEREAS, at a recent meeting with representatives from PennDOT, the Allegheny County Department of Public Works, United States Senator Arlen Specter, Pennsylvania State Senator John Pippy, United States Representative Melissa Hart, and Pennsylvania State Representative Thomas Petrone, Mayor George Rossi of Emsworth was informed that the best prospect for funding the refurbishment of these two bridges in the near future is from the state's discretionary "spike fund;"

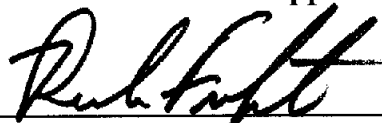
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, AND IT IS THE SENSE OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, that the refurbishment of these two bridges constitute priority investments that evidently cannot be funded through routine regional funding allocations and would overwhelm other local resources. Accordingly, the Council of Allegheny County hereby requests that Governor Rendell and the General Assembly work with all possible and deliberate speed to secure funding for the refurbishment of these two bridges, whether via the Commonwealth's "spike fund" or other means.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER MOVED, that copies of this Motion be transmitted to Governor Rendell and Allegheny County's delegation to the General Assembly.

SPONSORED BY VICE PRESIDENT MARTONI

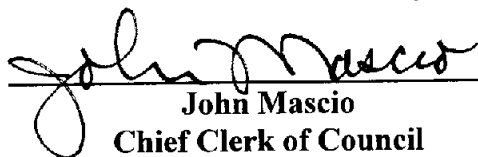
In Council March 21 2006.

Read and Approved.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:



John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Mascio, John

From: Mascio, John

Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 10:56 AM

To: Governor Ed Rendell; Gerald J. Lavalle; J. Barry Stout; Jane Orie; Jay Costa; Jim Ferlo (jferlo@pasenate.com); John Perzel; John Pippy; Robert J. Mellow; Robert Jubelirer; Sean Logan; Wayne Fontana (wfontana@pasenate.com); Anthony DeLuca; Dan Frankel; David Levdansky; Don Walko; Frank Dermody; Frank Pistella; Harry Readshaw; Jake Wheatley; Jeffrey Habay; John Maher; Joseph F. Markosek; Joseph Preston, Jr.; Kenneth Ruffing; Marc Gergely; Mark Mustio; Michael Diven; Mike Turzai; Nick Kotik; Paul Costa; Sean M. Ramaley; Thomas C. Petrone; Tom Stevenson; Victor John Lescovitz

Subject: Bill No. 2497-06 - Motion of Allegheny County Council

At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on March 23, 2006, Council unanimously approved the attached Motion (Bill No. 2497-06) sponsored by Council Member Chuck Martoni entitled, "A Motion Expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County urging that Governor Rendell and the Pennsylvania General Assembly work with all possible and deliberate speed to secure funding for the refurbishment of two bridges in the Borough of Emsworth, Allegheny County."

Your attention to this Motion is requested.

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council

MOTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Urging the Pittsburgh Steelers to finance the construction of new club seating in Heinz Field in its entirety.

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh Steelers have become an indispensable cornerstone of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County since their purchase by the Rooney family in 1933; and

WHEREAS, throughout their time in Pittsburgh, the Steelers have been exceptional partners with the community; and

WHEREAS, the Steelers, coming off of their fifth Super Bowl Championship, are currently valued by Forbes Magazine at approximately \$820 million, with total 2004 revenues of \$182 million and profits of \$36 million; and

WHEREAS, the Steelers have just announced plans to add 717 club seats and approximately 20,000 square feet of club space within Heinz Field, the first such addition since the stadium opened in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Sports and Exhibition Authority has recently voted to contribute to this construction project from a capital reserve fund established at the time of the construction of Heinz Field, with the remainder for the project to be paid for by the Steelers; and

WHEREAS, moneys from the capital reserve fund might be more wisely conserved for use on future projects that could potentially be significantly more burdensome to the Steelers;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, AND IT IS THE SENSE OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, that the Pittsburgh Steelers should more fully consider funding the full cost of the proposed addition to Heinz Field. Council further moves that, on an ongoing basis, the Steelers continue to reaffirm their partnership with the citizens of Allegheny County by funding the costs of maintaining and improving the Heinz Field facility and any debt service thereon without the contribution of public funding, to the extent practicable.

SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DROZD

In Council April 4 2006.

Read and Approved.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: John Mascio
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

From: Mascio, John
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 12:13 PM
To: Art Rooney II
Subject: Bill No. 2516-06 - Motion of Allegheny County Council
Dear Mr. Rooney,

At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on April 4, 2006, Council unanimously approved the attached Motion sponsored by Council Member Matt Drozd expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County urging the Pittsburgh Steelers to finance the construction of the new club seating in Heinz Field in its entirety.

Your attention to this Motion is requested.

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council