

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Agenda Synopsis**

**Tuesday, April 4, 2006**

**5:00 PM**

**Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room**

## **County Council**

*Rich Fitzgerald, President; Chuck Martoni, Vice-President; Jim Burn, Susan Caldwell, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Dave Fawcett, Mike Finnerty, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb, Rich Nerone, Jan Rea, and William Russell Robinson - Members*

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

**2521-06**     Proclamation recognizing Council Member Jay Jabbour for his tremendous contributions to the cause of good government and citizen participation, and for representing the citizens of District 9 with the utmost integrity and professionalism.

*Not on original agenda*

**Presented**

**2498-06**     Proclamation commending Sister Marilyn Bergt, Coordinator of Community Service and La Roche College volunteers for their dedication and commitment to assisting the dislocated families affected by Hurricane Katrina.

**Presented**

**2508-06**     Proclamation honoring Mr. Robert Eagleson, Electrical Construction Trades Instructor, Steel Center Area Vocational Technical School for being named the 2005 Outstanding Career and Technical Education Teacher by the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Education.

**Read**

**2517-06**     Proclamation commending the efforts that the public libraries of Allegheny County and the Allegheny County Library Association have taken to serve the County as long-standing destinations for knowledge, personal development, entertainment and social interaction, and declaring April 2006 "One Book, One Community Month" in Allegheny County.

**Presented**

**2519-06**     Proclamation recognizing the month of April 2006 as "Fair Housing Month" in Allegheny County.

**Presented**

**2499-06**     Proclamation recognizing the Pittsburgh Curling Club as host of the international 2006 TropiCurl Island Summer Bonspiel and thanking them for bringing the sport of curling to Allegheny County.

Read

**2500-06**

Proclamation recognizing and welcoming the National Society of Black Engineers for choosing to host their 2006 Annual Convention in Pittsburgh and for their efforts to increase the number of culturally responsible African American engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community.

Read

**2501-06**

Proclamation honoring Dr. Alexander Lese for being named the Brentwood Baldwin Whitehall Chamber of Commerce 2006 Person of the Year.

Read

**2502-06**

Certificate of Achievement recognizing Ms. Carolyn Barry and Ms. Mallory Jenkins for earning the Brentwood Baldwin Whitehall Chamber of Commerce 2006 Student of the Year award.

Read

**2503-06**

Certificate of Achievements acknowledging the Brentwood, Whitehall and Baldwin Borough Public Libraries for earning the 2006 Organization of the Year award from the Brentwood Baldwin Whitehall Chamber of Commerce.

Read

**2507-06**

Proclamation congratulating the South Park Township Library on the occasion of their grand reopening and thanking South Park Township, the volunteers and dedicated citizens who helped make this renovation possible.

Read

**2509-06**

Proclamation celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Broughton Volunteer Fire Department and recognizing their valuable contributions to the community.

Read

**2510-06**

Proclamation congratulating Ms. Ruth Byrd-Smith for being honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration as the 2006 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year for the Pittsburgh District, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Read

**2511-06**

Certificate of Achievement recognizing the Allegheny County participating schools and students in the 72nd Annual Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science, Region 7 Program.

Read

- 2512-06** Certificate of Achievement recognizing the Dominion 2005 Community Impact Award Winners for their commitment to the prosperity and growth of Allegheny County.  
**Read**

## **VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items**

## **VII. Approval of Minutes**

- 2506-06** Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 7, 2006.  
**A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **VIII. Unfinished Business**

- 2504-06** Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato returning with his veto Council Bill No. 2460-06, entitled, "An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Part 1, Article 101 of the Administrative Code, §5-101.03, to redefine the term "candidate" within the Administrative Code. " which he submitted to Council on March 17, 2006.  
**A motion was made that this matter be Received and Filed. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading**

- 2505-06** Communication dated March 23, 2006, from Chief Executive Dan Onorato requesting that the reappointment of Steven G. Zylstra as a Board Member of the Community College of Allegheny County be withdrawn.  
**A motion was made that this matter be Received and Filed. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 2414-06** Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Steven G. Zylstra to serve as a member of the Allegheny Community College Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.  
*Withdrawn at the request of the Chief Executive*  
**Withdrawn**

- 2439-06** Appointment - Approving the appointment of Richard Jevon to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.  
**A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 2440-06** Appointment - Approving the appointment of Aurelia G. Carter to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory

Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

**A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2441-06**

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Dr. Helen Cahalane to serve as a member of the Children's Youth and Families Advisory for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

**A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2442-06**

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Robert D. Dotts to serve as a member of the Council of Friends (Hartwood Acres) for a term to expire on March 7, 2008.

**A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2447-06**

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Joe Catanese to serve as a member of the Council of Friends (Deer Lakes) for a term to expire on March 7, 2008.

**A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Committee on Economic Development - Second Reading**

**2422-06**

A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny adopting and authorizing participation in a tax increment financing plan presented by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, and authorizing related agreements for financing a portion of the costs of public infrastructure and other necessary public improvements for a new mixed-use development to be located within a portion of Redevelopment Area No. 44 - Market Stanwix / Downtown Triangle known as the Fifth and Market TIF District.

**A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald

**2482-06**

Resolution of the County of Allegheny providing for a program of temporary exemption from county real property taxes for improvements, including repairs, construction, or reconstruction, made on industrial, commercial or business property in a deteriorated area in the Township of North Fayette, County of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, Pa. Stat. Ann. Tit. 72 §4722 et seq.

**A motion was made that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Nerone, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald

**IX. Liaison Reports**

*Council President Rich Fitzgerald discussed the process for filling the vacancy existing in Council District 9*

**X. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions****2513-06**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the creation of an Allegheny County Citizens' Election System Advisory Panel in order to identify, anticipate, and remedy any issues arising from the implementation of a new voting system in Allegheny County.

**Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform**

**2522-06**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requesting an alteration in County policy regarding the purchase and use of a new election system under the terms of the Help America Vote Act.

*Not on original agenda Motion approved to have this bill placed on the agenda*

**Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform**

**2514-06**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to facilitate the apprehension and prosecution of individuals violating the criminal provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act by County law enforcement personnel.

**Referred to the Committee on Public Safety**

**2515-06**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania directing the County Board of Elections to place on the 2006 November General Election Ballot for the consideration of the County's voters two referendum questions concerning whether the County's Home Rule Charter should be amended to allow Members of County Council to run for nomination or election to another elected office without having to first resign from County Council and to fill vacancies on County Council at the next regularly scheduled primary or November election.

**Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform**

**2518-06**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2006 (Submission #03-06).

**Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance**

**XI. New Business - Motions****2516-06**

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.

**A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

**XII. Public Comment on General Items**

**XIII. Adjournment**