

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

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 5:10 PM*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Dennis Davin, Director, Economic Development or Designee

Summary: *Invited guests in attendance: Mr. Flynn and Mr. Davin*

Recognized attendees: Jack Excler, Economic Development

Council Staff in attendance: John Mascio, Jennifer Liptak, and Jared Barker

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Nick Futules, Chair Michael Finnerty, and Council Member Rich Fitzgerald

Absent: Jim Burn, John DeFazio, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, and Jan Rea

III. Approval of Minutes

4098-08 Motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2008 Economic Development & Housing Committee Meeting.

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

Votes: Yes: 3 - Drozd, Futules and Chair Finnerty
Abstain: 1 - Cleary
Absent: 5 - Burn, DeFazio, Green, Macey and Rea
Non-Member: 1 - Council Member Fitzgerald

IV. Agenda Items

Resolution

4071-08 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny authorizing the acceptance of a distribution from the Pennsylvania Gaming and Economic Development and Tourism Fund for the restricted purpose of distribution to a community infrastructure development fund of a county of the second class to fund construction, development, improvement and maintenance of infrastructure projects through the Economic Development, Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund established by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Mr. Davin provided the Committee with a summary of the bill. He said that the bill amends the 2008 Grants and Special Accounts Budget to accept funds from the Pennsylvania Gaming and Economic Development and Tourism Fund for distribution to a community infrastructure development fund. He said that this fund was created pursuant to the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development. He said that the bill also*

approves the transfer of these funds to the Economic Development, Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund established by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County.

Mr. Drozd asked why Council was not informed of this earlier. Mr. Davin said that he could not answer that question. He said that the County did know when the funds would be available and now they are available. He said this funding will save numerous projects in Allegheny County. Mr. Flynn said that these funds qualify for local matching grants.

Mr. Drozd asked if there were any agreements with the State regarding this. Mr. Davin said that they do have a set of guidelines which he will provide to Council. Mr. Drozd then asked if Council would have any input regarding the disbursement of these funds. Mr. Davin said absolutely.

Mr. Finnerty asked Mr. Flynn if Council could have some input into recommending an appointee to the RAC Board when the next vacancy occurs. Mr. Flynn said that they will give all due consideration to Council's recommendations.

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

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM*