

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

John DeFazio, President; Nicholas Futules, Vice President; Tom Baker; Barbara Daly Danko; Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty; Amanda Green Hawkins; Heather Heidelbaugh; Ed Kress; Bob Macey; Chuck Martoni, Sue Means; John Palmiere; Jan Rea and William Russell Robinson - Members

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II. Pledge of Allegiance

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM.

III. Silent Prayer or Reflection

IV. Roll Call

Council Members Present: 13 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Robinson
Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea
Council Members Phone: 1 - Futules

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[8783-15](#) Proclamation naming the month of February 2015 “American Heart Month” in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Baker, Council Member Danko, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Heidelbaugh, Council Member Kress, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Means, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Rea and Council Member Robinson

[8784-15](#) Certificates of Achievement awarded to the 2014-2015 Winchester Thurston School Boys’ Cross Country Team for winning the 2014 PIAA Class A Boys’ Cross Country Championship.

Sponsors: Council Member Danko

[8785-15](#) Certificates of Achievement awarded to the 2014-2015 Winchester Thurston School Boys’ Soccer Team for winning the 2014 WPIAL Class A Boys’ Soccer Championship.

Sponsors: Council Member Danko

[8786-15](#) Certificates of Achievement awarded to the 2014- 2015 Montour High School Girls’ Soccer Team for winning the 2014 WPIAL Class AA Girls’ Soccer Championship.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty

[8787-15](#) Certificates of Achievement awarded to the 2014-2015 Clairton High School Football Team for winning the 2014 WPIAL Class A Football Championship.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

[8788-15](#) Certificates of Achievement awarded to the 2014-2015 South Park High School Boys' Soccer Team for winning the 2014 WPIAL Class AA Boys' Soccer Championship.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

[8789-15](#) Proclamation recognizing the Be There! School Attendance Matters Conference sponsored by the United Way of Allegheny County, the University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development and America's Promise Alliance and naming Friday, March 6, 2015 "Be There Day" in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker

[8790-15](#) Proclamation declaring Wednesday, February 18, 2015 as "Chuck Cooper Foundation Day" in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker, Chief Executive, Council Member Danko, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Heidelbaugh, Council Member Kress, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Means, Council Member Palmiere and Council Member Robinson

[8791-15](#) Proclamation congratulating the board, staff, and volunteers of The Pittsburgh Experiment on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker

[8792-15](#) Proclamation celebrating the achievements of women of color from February 15-March 15, 2015 during "Women of Color HERStory Month" created by New Voices Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Council Member Green Hawkins

[8793-15](#) Proclamation congratulating the Borough of Wilmerding upon the occasion of its 125th anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Martoni, Council Member DeFazio and Council Member Heidelbaugh

[8794-15](#) Proclamation honoring the National Association of Women in Construction and designating the week of March 1-7, 2015 as "Women in Construction Week" in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Baker, Council Member Danko, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Heidelbaugh, Council Member Kress, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Means, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Rea and Council Member Robinson

[8795-15](#) Certificate of Achievement awarded to Nicholas Ruffing of Boy Scout Troop 1640 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

[8796-15](#) Certificate of Recognition congratulating Whitehall Deputy Police Chief Richard M. Danko upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of dedicated service.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

[8797-15](#) Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Zack Reynolds of Thomas Jefferson High School in recognition of winning the 2015 Breisinger Award.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

[8798-15](#) Certificates of Recognition awarded to the 2015 Allegheny County Police retirees and thanking them for their many years of service to Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Kress, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Means, Council Member Danko, Council Member Futules, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Heidelbaugh and Council Member Robinson

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

[8799-15](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on January 20, 2015
Passed

VIII. Unfinished Business

Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading

[8687-15](#) Approving the reappointment of Avis Kotovsky to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 13 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Robinson

Council Members 1 - Rea

Absent:

Council Members 1 - Futules

Phone:

[8700-15](#) Approving the appointment of Jennifer Liptak to serve as a member of the

Allegheny County Airport Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 8 - Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni and Palmiere

Council Members No: 4 - Danko, Heidelbaugh, Means and Robinson

Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea

Council Members Not present: 1 - Green Hawkins

Council Members Phone: 1 - Futules

[8701-15](#)

Approving the reappointment of Lynn Heckman to serve as a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 12 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Robinson

Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea

Council Members Not present: 1 - Green Hawkins

Council Members Phone: 1 - Futules

[8702-15](#)

Approving the reappointment of Melvin Pollard to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 12 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Robinson

Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea

Council Members Not present: 1 - Green Hawkins

Council Members Phone: 1 - Futules

[8703-15](#)

Approving the reappointment of Stanley Gorski to serve as a member of

the Authority for the Improvements in Municipalities for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 11 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Robinson

Council Members No: 1 - Heidelbaugh

Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea

Council Members Not present: 1 - Green Hawkins

Council Members Phone: 1 - Futules

[8704-15](#)

Approving the reappointment of Stephan Broadus to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 11 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Robinson

Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea

Council Members Not present: 2 - Ellenbogen and Green Hawkins

Council Members Phone: 1 - Futules

[8705-15](#)

Approving the appointment of Nicola Henry-Taylor to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 11 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Green Hawkins, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Robinson

Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea

Council Members Not present: 2 - Ellenbogen and Heidelbaugh

Council Members Yes Phone: 1 - Futules

[8706-15](#) Approving the appointment of William Price to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 13 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Robinson

Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea

Council Members Yes Phone: 1 - Futules

[8707-15](#) Approving the appointment of Dennis Floyd Jones to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Juvenile Detention Board of Advisors for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 13 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Robinson

Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea

Council Members Yes Phone: 1 - Futules

[8708-15](#) Approving the appointment of Maria Silva to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Juvenile Detention Board of Advisors for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 13 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Robinson

Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea

Council Members Yes Phone: 1 - Futules

[8709-15](#) Approving the reappointment of John C. Brown to serve as a member of the following Authorities: Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority, Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority and the Residential Finance Authority, administered collectively through the Finance and Development Commission, for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 13 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Robinson

Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea

Council Members Yes Phone: 1 - Futules

[8710-15](#)

Approving the appointment of Mark Aloe to serve as a member of the following Authorities: Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority, Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority and the Residential Finance Authority, administered collectively through the Finance and Development Commission, for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

The motion to approve the appointment failed

Received and Filed

Council Members Yes: 6 - DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni and Palmiere

Council Members No: 7 - Baker, Danko, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Means and Robinson

Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea

Council Members Not present: 1 - Futules

[8753-15](#)

Approving the reappointment of Theresa Edwards to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 13 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Robinson

Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea

Council Members Phone: 1 - Futules

[8754-15](#)

Approving the reappointment of Valerie J. Ketter to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 11 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Green Hawkins, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere and Robinson

Council Members No: 2 - Heidelbaugh and Means

Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea

Council Members Yes Phone: 1 - Futules

Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading

[8774-15](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2015 (Submission #02-15).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 12 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means and Palmiere

Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea

Council Members Not present: 1 - Robinson

Council Members Yes Phone: 1 - Futules

Enactment No: 6-15-RE

IX. Liaison Reports

X. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[8800-15](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing CBS Films Inc. to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with filming a motion picture.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

A motion was made to waive the second reading and vote on the bill immediatly due to time constraints on filming. The motion passed by the following vote: No: Heidelbaugh; Not Present: Rea, Robinson; Yes: Baker, Danko, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules (phone), Green Hawkins, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, DeFazio

Passed

Council Members Yes: 12 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means and Palmiere

Council Members Absent: 1 - Rea

Council Members Not present: 1 - Robinson

Council Members Yes 1 - Futules
Phone:

Enactment No: 09-15-OR

XI. New Business - Motions

[8801-15](#) Motion to pull Bill No.8228-14, a Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to enact a with all deliberate speed an act authorizing the governing bodies of counties of the second class to provide by ordinance for the implementation of tax provisions to allow for a property tax freeze for qualifying senior citizens, from committee for an immediate and final vote.

Sponsors: Council Member Heidelbaugh

Defeated

Council Members Yes: 3 - Baker, Heidelbaugh and Means

Council Members No: 8 - Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Green Hawkins, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni and Palmiere

Council Members Absent: 2 - Rea and Robinson

Council Members Not present: 2 - Futules and Kress

XII. Notification of Contracts

[8802-15](#) Summary of approved Executive Actions for all Departments from 1-1-15 through 1-31-15 to be received and filed
Received and Filed

XIII. Public Comment on General Items

Six speakers presented. For additional information, contact the Chief Clerk at 412-350-6490.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.