

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

John DeFazio - President; Nicholas Futules - Vice President; Tom Baker, Samuel DeMarco, III, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, Ed Kress, Bob Macey, Chuck Martoni, Sue Means, John Palmiere, Denise Ranalli-Russell and DeWitt Walton - Members

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I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Silent Prayer or Reflection

IV. Roll Call

Council Members Present: 15 - DeMarco , DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell, Kirk, Walton, Klein and Baker

Council Members Absent: 0

Presentation by the Government Review Commission

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[9368-16](#) Proclamation congratulating the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh 6th Annual Celebrate Coalitions Awardees and thanking outgoing President Alyssa DiLoreto and Vice-President Justin Matase of the Young Professional Outreach Board and Chairman of the BIG Recruitment Board, Doug Foster for their dedicated service to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker

Presented

[9369-16](#) Proclamation recognizing RideACTA's (Airport Corridor Transportation Association) record breaking service to the Airport Corridor in 2015.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker, Council Member Finnerty and Council Member DeMarco

Presented

[9370-16](#) Certificate of Recognition awarded to the Allegheny County Department of Facilities Management for helping Allegheny County earn the Top Performer (Large Municipal Government) and Top Waste Reducer Awards in the 2014-2015 Green Workplace Challenge.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Futules, Council Member Kress, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Means and Council Member Palmiere

Presented

[9371-16](#) Certificate of Recognition congratulating the Allegheny County Department of Public Works for earning the Outstanding Highway Engineering Award by the American Society of Highway Engineers.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Macey, Council Member DeFazio, Council

Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Futules, Council Member Kress, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Means, Council Member Palmiere and Council Member DeMarco

Presented

[9372-16](#)

Certificate of Recognition awarded to the Allegheny County Office of the Medical Examiner, Forensic Science Laboratory Division, Toxicology Section, for earning recertification from the Pennsylvania Department of Health in October 2015.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Futules, Council Member Kress, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Means, Council Member Palmiere and Council Member DeMarco

Presented

[9373-16](#)

Certificate of Recognition congratulating Mary Esther Van Shura for earning the 2015 Charles W. Pruitt Jr. Award of Excellence by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Partnership for Aging.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Futules, Council Member Kress, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Means, Council Member Palmiere and Council Member DeMarco

Presented

[9374-16](#)

Certificate of Recognition honoring Mr. and Mrs. Marcell and Charlene Rowland for being named a 2015 Angel in Adoption by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Futules, Council Member Kress, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Means and Council Member Palmiere

Proclamation held

Held

[9375-16](#)

Certificates of Achievement awarded to Ms. Tori Ligus, Ms. Hannah Sciulli and Ms. Katie Snyder of Girl Scout Troop 50146 for earning Silver Awards.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker and Council Member Kirk

Read

[9376-16](#)

Certificates of Achievement awarded to Mr. Samuel Miller, Jr., Mr. Peter Poplos, Mr. Brandon Ferruzza, and Mr. Jarrett Parker of Boy Scout Troop 248 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty and Council Member Baker

Read

[9377-16](#)

Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Noah Heinrich of Boy Scout Troop 248 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty

Read

[9378-16](#) Proclamation thanking the Honorable Nino Petrocelli, Sr. for his 30 years of dedicated service to Bridgeville Borough.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty and Council Member Means

Read

[9379-16](#) Proclamation thanking the Honorable John Ciangiarulo, Jr. for his 24 years of dedicated service to the McKees Rocks Borough.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty

Read

[9380-16](#) Certificate of Recognition congratulating Mr. Joseph Rogowski upon the occasion of his 102nd birthday.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty

Read

[9381-16](#) Proclamation congratulating the Honorable Kevin Larkin for his dedicated service to Verona Borough.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules

Read

[9382-16](#) Proclamation thanking the Honorable Bart E. Bodkin for his dedicated service to O'Hara Township.

Sponsors: Council Member Kress

Read

[9383-16](#) Certificate of Recognition thanking Reserve Township Police Chief Frederick G. Boory, Jr. for his dedicated service upon the occasion of his retirement.

Sponsors: Council Member Kress

Read

[9384-16](#) Proclamation thanking Mr. Cliff Flegal for his 50 years as the master of ceremonies for the City of McKeesport's Pearl Harbor commemoration.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

Read

[9385-16](#) Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. William and Karen Badstibner upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

Read

[9386-16](#) Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Suzanne Foster upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

Read

[9387-16](#) Proclamation honoring the memory of the late Jane Grey Swisshelm upon the occasion of her 200th birthday.

Sponsors: Council Member Martoni

Read

[9388-16](#) Certificate of Recognition congratulating Mr. George Kohler upon the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

Read

[9389-16](#) Certificates of Achievement awarded to the St. Gabriel boys' varsity cross country team for winning the 2015 Pittsburgh Diocesan boys' varsity cross country team championship.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

Read

[9390-16](#) Proclamation recognizing the 18th Annual Summit Against Racism and declaring Saturday, January 23, 2016 to be "Black and White Reunion Day" in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Walton

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

None

VII. Approval of Minutes

[9351-16](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2015 regular meeting of Council.

Passed

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

[9332-16](#) Approving the reappointment of Allison Burgan to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization (Hartwood Acres Park), for a term to expire on January 19, 2018.

Sponsors: Council Member Kress

Passed

Council Members Yes: 15 - DeMarco , DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell, Kirk, Walton, Klein and Baker

Council Members Absent: 0

[9333-16](#) Approving the reappointment of Joe Downing to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization (Hartwood Acres Park), for a term to expire on January 19, 2018.

Sponsors: Council Member Kress

Passed

Council Members Yes: 15 - DeMarco , DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell, Kirk, Walton, Klein and Baker

Council Members Absent: 0

[9349-16](#) Approving the reappointment of Tonya B. Johnson to serve as a member of the Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2020.

Sponsors: Council Member DeFazio

Referred

[9350-16](#) Approving the appointment of DeWitt Walton to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Vacant Property Review Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Sponsors: Council Member DeFazio

Referred

[9353-16](#) Approving the reappointment of Robert J. Lewis to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Airport Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2020.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9354-16](#) Approving the reappointment of Derek Uber to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Housing Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2020.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9355-16](#) Approving the reappointment of M. Gayle Moss to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term to expire on

December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9356-16](#)

Approving the reappointment of Doris Carson Williams to serve as a member of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for a term to expire on May 23, 2020.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9357-16](#)

Approving the appointment of Ayanna Lee-Davis, Esq. to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on April 24, 2021.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9358-16](#)

Approving the reappointment of William Cagney to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9359-16](#)

Approving the reappointment of Mary Ann Eisenreich to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9360-16](#)

Approving the reappointment of Kevin Kinross, Esq. to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9361-16](#)

Approving the reappointment of Frederick Thieman, Esq. to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9362-16](#)

Approving the reappointment of Thomas Donatelli to serve as a member of the Port Authority of Allegheny County for a term to expire on September 17, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9363-16](#) Approving the reappointment of John L. Tague to serve as a member of the Port Authority of Allegheny County for a term to expire on September 17, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9364-16](#) Approving the reappointment of Jackie Dixon to serve as a member of the Allegheny Regional Asset District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9365-16](#) Approving the reappointment of Daniel Griffin to serve as a member of the Allegheny Regional Asset District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9366-16](#) Approving the reappointment of Dusty Kirk, Esq. to serve as a member of the Allegheny Regional Asset District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9367-16](#) Approving the reappointment of Anthony J. Ross to serve as a member of the Allegheny Regional Asset District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

IX. Unfinished Business

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[9391-16](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the continued use of the house on Chipmunk Drive in the County's Harrison Hills Park as an Environmental Learning Center by the Friends of Harrison Hills Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9392-16](#) An Ordinance authorizing the Department of Public Works to take certain actions on behalf of County Council with respect to the issuance of highway occupancy permits, the grant of certain licenses, rights of entry and easements, and the amicable acquisition of certain real estate affecting County public work projects and other matters for calendar years 2016 and 2017.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9393-16](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the use of real property in the County's South Park by the United States Table Tennis Association, d/b/a USA Table Tennis and the South Park Table Tennis Club.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9394-16](#) An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation certain right-of-way and easement areas from two parcels required to realign Thoms Run Road, also known as Thoms Run - Oakdale Road, in Collier Township (6306-0201), and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9395-16](#) A Resolution approving a Project for the benefit of Rebecca Residence (the "Borrower") and its affiliates: Concordia of Monroeville, Concordia Lutheran Health and Human Care, Concordia Lutheran Ministries Foundation, Concordia of Ohio, and Concordia Lutheran Ministries of Pittsburgh to be financed by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt bonds, to be issued in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount not expected to exceed \$45,000,000, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (the "County"), shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Bonds (hereinafter defined), and determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9396-16](#) A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act

("LERTA"), Pa. Stat. Ann. tit. 72, § 4722 et seq. (1995), as amended, providing for: a program of temporary exemption from increases in Allegheny County Real Property Taxes, for specified time periods, resulting from improvements made by an owner of property located within Ward 8, the East Liberty neighborhood within the City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, previously determined to be a deteriorated area; establishing a schedule for exempting increases in Allegheny County property taxes resulting from such improvements; and prescribing the requirements and procedures by which an owner of property located within the deteriorated area can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[9397-16](#)

A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act ("LERTA"), Pa. Stat. Ann. tit. 72, § 4722 et seq. (1995), as amended, providing for: a program of temporary exemption from increases in Allegheny County Real Property Taxes, for specified time periods, resulting from improvements made by an owner of property located within Ward 2, the Strip District neighborhood within the City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, previously determined to be a deteriorated area; establishing a schedule for exempting increases in Allegheny County property taxes resulting from such improvements; and prescribing the requirements and procedures by which an owner of property located within the deteriorated area can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

Executive Session

An Executive Session was called by the President. All members convened from 6:04-6:20PM.

Council reconvened and Vice President Futules made a motion that the body ratify each of the following actions of Council proposed in Executive Session:

- 1) Appoint Joe Catanese as Chief of Staff for Council; Motion passed 14-1 with Sue Means voting "no".*
- 2) Grant Joe Catanese a cost of living adjustment to his current salary; Motion passed unanimously.*
- 3) Grant Jared Barker a cost of living adjustment to his current salary; Motion passed 14-1 with Sue Means voting "no".*

[9399-16](#)

Motion to add ordinance to the agenda amending the Administrative Code,

Article 305, Council Support, to clarify the organization of the Office of County Council
Passed

Council Members Yes: 14 - DeMarco , DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell, Kirk, Walton, Klein and Baker

Council Members No: 1 - Means

Council Members Absent: 0

[9400-16](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 1, entitled "Administrative Code," Article 305, entitled "Council Support," to clarify the organization of the Office of Allegheny County Council.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules
Referred

XII. New Business - Motions

[9398-16](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County censuring Council Member Sue Means for conduct, specifically the introduction of a motion to approve the minutes of various committee meetings by the full Council at the December 15, 2015 regular meeting, contrary to the Rules of Council and past practice, and which directly lead to a breach of confidentiality regarding the unapproved minutes by Council staff.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty
Passed

Council Members Yes: 9 - DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Walton and Klein

Council Members No: 4 - DeMarco , Means, Kirk and Baker

Council Members Abstain: 2 - Kress and Ranalli-Russell

Council Members Absent: 0

XIII. Notification of Contracts

[9352-16](#) Communication summarizing approved Executive Actions from December 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.
Received and Filed

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

Jim Barr on Jacks Run Road and Bellevue Road, Ross Township road condition and pedestrian safety

XV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM