

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 29, 2005**

**5:00 PM**

**Conference Room 1**

### **Committee on Public Works**

*Jay Jabbour, Chair; Joan Cleary, Vince Gastgeb, Doug Price, and Bill Robinson*

**I. Call to Order**

**Summary:** *The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM*

**Invited Guests:**

**Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee**

**Tom Donatelli, Director, Public Works**

**Summary:** *Invited Guests Present: Derek Uber for Mr. Flynn*

*Staff Present: Joe Catanese, John Mascio, Jennifer Liptak, Jared Barker, and Stephanie Buka*

*Non-Committee Council Members Present: Council Members Watt, Fawcett, and Frazier*

**II. Roll Call**

***Roll Call:*** Present: C.L. Jabbour, Joan Cleary, Vince Gastgeb, and William Robinson  
Absent: Doug Price

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**2223-05** Motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, and June 30, 2005 Public Works Committee Meetings.

**Action:** **A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Cleary, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

**IV. Agenda Items****Resolution**

**2197-05** A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, changing the name of the 9th Street Bridge within the City of Pittsburgh to the Rachel Carson Bridge.

**Sponsors:** Dave Fawcett, Eileen Watt, Brenda Frazier, Rich Fitzgerald, William Russell Robinson, C.L. Jabbour, Vince Gastgeb, Joan Cleary and John DeFazio

**Summary:** *Mr. Fawcett pointed out that the Pittsburgh area currently has bridges named after Andy Warhol and Roberto Clemente, and that it is fitting to name a third after Rachel Carson because, like Warhol and Clemente, she had a worldwide affect on people. He said that they compliment each other. He said it is an honor to give recognition to a woman that had such a world wide impact in improving the world from an environmental perspective. Mr. Fawcett continued to speak about the life of Rachel Carson.*

*Ms. Watt said that she was very excited about naming the bridge after Rachel Carson. She said that Ms. Carson is someone that Allegheny County should be proud of. She said that Ms. Carson was born in Springdale, which is one of the communities that Ms. Watt*

*represents. She said she was a pioneer and she made a statement by not backing down from her beliefs. She said that she is an example for all women.*

*Mr. Gastgeb spoke in favor of the bill.*

*Esther Barazzone, President of Chatham College, addressed the committee. She pointed out that Rachel Carson was a graduate of Chatham College. She said that she is pleased and grateful for council's comments. She said that she speaks on behalf of the many people in attendance from Chatham College. She said that Ms. Carson is a very important person and it is appropriate that the county recognize her in this way. She said that a bridge is an appropriate honor since water moved Ms. Carson profoundly. She said that this makes a statement to the rest of the country that Pittsburgh is an environmental leader.*

*Ms. Frazier that she was pleased to support this effort, and that reaching out in this manner could make people view Pittsburgh in a different perspective.*

*Ms. Cleary thanked all that attended and said she too was excited about doing this.*

**Action:**

**A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Gastgeb, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Enactment No: 53-05-RE**

**V. Adjournment**

**Summary:**

*The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM*