

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Agenda Synopsis**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2009**

**5:00 PM**

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

## **County Council**

*Rich Fitzgerald, President; Chuck Martoni, Vice-President; Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, Chuck McCullough, Jan Rea, and William Russell Robinson - Members*

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**I. Call To Order**

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

**II. Pledge of Allegiance****III. Silent Prayer or Reflection****IV. Roll Call**

**Roll Call:** Present: Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Absent: Council Member Gastgeb

**V. Proclamations/Certificates**

**4823-09** Certificates of Achievement honoring the North Catholic High School Boys' Basketball Team for winning the WPIAL Class AA Championship.

**Presented**

**4824-09** Certificates of Achievement honoring the North Catholic High School Girls' Basketball Team for winning the WPIAL Class A Championship.

**Presented**

**4825-09** Certificates of Achievement honoring CCAC South's Baseball Team for winning the WPCC and PCAA Championships.

**Presented**

**4826-09** Certificate of Recognition honoring the graduates of the Message Carriers of Pennsylvania Inside/Outside Program.

**Presented**

**4827-09** Certificate of Achievement honoring Michael Spak for reaching the Eagle Scout ranking.

**Presented**

**4828-09** Certificates of Achievement honoring the Hampton High School Boys' Basketball Team for winning the WPIAL Class AAA Championship.

**Presented**

**4829-09** Certificates of Achievement recognizing Daniel Capp, William Morrill and Joseph Vaerewyck of Troop 646 for reaching the Eagle Scout ranking.

**Read**

- [4830-09](#) Certificate of Recognition honoring George Carvlin and Brandon Bonwell from Troop 23 for reaching the Eagle Scout ranking.  
**Read**
- [4831-09](#) Certificate of Recognition honoring George Carvlin and Brandon Bonwell from Troop 23 for reaching the Eagle Scout ranking.  
**Read**
- [4832-09](#) Proclamation commemorating the career of Bob Yeager of Glassport for his years of dedication to the community.  
**Read**
- [4833-09](#) Proclamation recognizing the Mayor of the City of Duquesne, the Honorable Phillip T. Krivacek, for receiving the 2008-2009 Joseph A. James Memorial Excellence in Local Government Achievement Award.  
**Read**
- [4834-09](#) Certificate of Recognition celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Switalski.  
**Read**
- [4835-09](#) Certificate of Recognition celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Urbanek.  
**Read**
- [4836-09](#) Proclamation honoring the one year anniversary of the Harrison Hills Environmental Learning Center in Natrona Heights.  
**Read**
- [4837-09](#) Proclamation celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Blawnox Athletic Association.  
**Read**
- [4838-09](#) Certificate of Recognition honoring Henry Walther for reaching the Eagle Scout ranking.  
**Read**
- [4839-09](#) Certificate of Recognition honoring Lawrence Lennon for being named the 2008 Engineer of the Year by the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania.  
**Read**

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

## VII. Approval of Minutes

### 4818-09

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on April 7, 2009.

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

## VIII. Unfinished Business

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

#### 4691-09

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Lorina W. Wise to serve as a member of the following Authorities: Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority, Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, Allegheny Higher Education Building Authority and the Residential Finance Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

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

#### 4693-09

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Dr. Walter Goldberg to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

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

#### 4705-09

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of John W. Inks, Jr. to serve as a member of the Plumbing Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

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

### **Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading**

#### 4811-09

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009 (Submission #06-09).

**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 Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Absent: 1 - Council Member Gastgeb

### **Committee on Public Safety - Second Reading**

#### 4751-09

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the disposition of a county-owned vehicle to the Spring Garden Fire Company, Reserve Township Station 240, for use in providing emergency services.

**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 Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Absent: 1 - Council Member Gastgeb

**4745-09**

A Resolution authorizing the Allegheny County Police Training Academy to apply for and to accept a grant from the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) and agreeing to adhere to all rules, regulations and training standards established by MPOETC.

**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 Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Absent: 1 - Council Member Gastgeb

## **IX. Liaison Reports**

**X. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions****4820-09**

An Ordinance amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 1, entitled "Administrative Code," Article 203, entitled "County Authorities," through the creation of a new Section 5-203.10 governing lobbying activities by the County's authorities.

*Second Reading Waived*

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

**Votes:** Yes: 3 - Council Member Drozd, Council Member McCullough and Council Member Rea  
Noes: 11 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Absent: 1 - Council Member Gastgeb

**4821-09**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the County to lease certain real estate located in White Oak Park to the United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (the "FAA").

**Referred to the Committee on Parks**

**4840-09**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 5, Administrative Code, Article 210, entitled, "Assessment Standards and Practices", by adding a new subsection §5-210.04A, entitled "Revision and Equalization of Base Year Market Values; Periodic Countywide Reassessments", providing for a methodology to equalize base year values on a triennial basis and to establish a time frame for countywide reassessments.

**Referred to the Committee on Government Reform**

**XI. New Business - Motions****4822-09**

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County amending the Rules of Council for Allegheny County Council to clarify the Rules pertaining to decorum in Council's meetings.

**Referred to the Executive Committee**

**XII. Public Comment on General Items****XIII. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM*