

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, March 10, 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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I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Silent Prayer or Reflection

IV. Roll Call

Council Members Present: 15 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson
Council Members Absent: 0

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[8813-15](#) Certificates of Recognition honoring the 2015 Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the Irish Society for Education & Charity, Mr. Marty Madigan, 2015 Grand Marshal, Mr. J.J. Gallagher, 2015 AOH Hibernian of the Year, Ms. Hannah O'Donoghue, 2015 Miss Smiling Irish Eyes of Pittsburgh, Ms. Hannah O'Toole and Ms. Kelsey Reiser, 2015 Miss Smiling Irish Eyes of Pittsburgh Court Maidens.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Baker, Council Member Danko, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, 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, Council Member Rea and Council Member Robinson

[8814-15](#) Proclamation celebrating women of character, courage, and commitment and declaring March 2015 to be "Women's History Month" in Allegheny County.

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

[8815-15](#) Proclamation congratulating Upper St. Clair High School students, Gaurav Bhushan, Michael Nastac, Yein Park, Akshay Prasad, Nymisha Rameswarapu, Vidhi Shah, and team advisor Ms. Pat Palazzolo, for winning the Verizon Innovative App Challenge and for being named "2015 Best in the Nation."

Sponsors: Council Member Means

[8816-15](#) Proclamation honoring Sergeant Michael Hayes and the North Fayette Township Police Department for earning nationwide honors as "Top Law Enforcement Instructor of 2014" and "Top Law Enforcement Agency of

2014" by the Refuse To Be A Victim® Program.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker

[8817-15](#) Proclamation congratulating Mr. Gary J. Klingman upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of dedicated service as Manager to the Township of Findlay.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker and Council Member Finnerty

[8818-15](#) Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Becky Coger for her more than four decades of service tending to community gardens in Pittsburgh's North Side.

Sponsors: Council Member Green Hawkins and Council Member Means

[8819-15](#) Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. Peter Catanese upon the occasion of his 90th birthday.

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

[8820-15](#) Certificate of Recognition congratulating the White Oak Borough Recreation Board upon the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

[8821-15](#) Proclamation honoring in memoriam Mr. Darrell Hess, former chairman of the board for the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame and well-known figure in the Steel Valley sports community.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

[8822-15](#) Proclamation congratulating Ms. Swin Cash for earning the Chuck Cooper Foundation Career, Leadership, Diversity and Community Service Award.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

[8823-15](#) Certificate of Achievement awarded to Ms. Mya Morgan, a 7-year-old from Liberty Borough, for earning Green Status on the U.S. Kids Golf Tour.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

[8824-15](#) Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Patrick Tyler Ruffing of Boy Scout Troop 57 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

[8825-15](#) Certificate of Recognition awarded to the Rotary Club of Bethel-St. Clair

upon the occasion of its 56th Annual Pancake Festival.

Sponsors: Council Member Means

[8826-15](#) Proclamation honoring Officer Thomas Rigatti of the Bethel Park Police Department for his 27 years of community service, including his outstanding work for the late Joey Fabus and the Fabus family in 2014.

Sponsors: Council Member Means

[8827-15](#) Proclamation honoring in memoriam Ms. Judith Shelton Brown, a champion of freedom and liberty and affectionately known as the “hat lady.”

Sponsors: Council Member Means

[8828-15](#) Proclamation honoring in memoriam Ms. Evelyn D. Richardson for her lifetime of service and achievements in politics and civil rights.

Sponsors: Council Member Robinson, Council Member Baker, 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 Rea

[8829-15](#) Proclamation honoring in memoriam The Honorable Marty B. O’Malley, beloved Forest Hills Borough Mayor.

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

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

[8806-15](#) Approving the reappointment of Jim Block to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization (North Park), for a term to expire on March 10, 2017.

Sponsors: Council Member Rea

Passed

[8809-15](#) Approving the reappointment of Kathy Matta to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization (White Oak Park), for a term to expire on March 10, 2017.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

Passed

[8830-15](#) Approving the reappointment of Robert Macey to serve as a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[8831-15](#) Approving the appointment of Paul Barkowitz to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[8832-15](#) Approving the appointment of Jaimie Kopicko to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[8833-15](#) Approving the reappointment of Alice Paylor-Dais 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

Referred

[8834-15](#) Approving the appointment of Reverend Dr. Darryl Canady 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

Referred

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Government Reform - Second Reading

[7976-14](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 207, entitled "New Board of Property Appeals Assessment and Review," §5-207.06, entitled "Rules and regulations for appeals," in order to establish a mechanism for electronic and/or regular mail filing of appeals.

Sponsors: Council Member Kress and Council Member Macey

Passed

Council Members Yes: 15 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson

Council Members Absent: 0

Enactment No: 10-15-OR

Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading

[8775-15](#)

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 a specific geographic area 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

Passed

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

Council Members No: 2 - Heidelbaugh and Means

Council Members Absent: 0

Enactment No: 7-15-RE

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[8835-15](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2015 (Submission #03-15).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred by Chair

Enactment No: 8-15-RE

[8836-15](#)

Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the 2015 Capital Budget previously adopted pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth

appropriations to pay the expenses for capital expenditures during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

Sponsors: Council Member Robinson

Referred by Chair

8837-15

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny approving a project for the benefit of Point Park University to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt and/or taxable revenue obligations to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$12,000,000, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the obligations, 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 by Chair

Enactment No: 9-15-RE

XII. New Business - Motions

8840-15

Motion authorizing the Council of Allegheny County to conduct a public hearing, pursuant to Article II.G. of the Rules of Allegheny County Council on March 31, 2015, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Allegheny County Courthouse Gold Room, located at 436 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, PA.

Sponsors: Council Member Robinson

Passed

Council Members Yes: 14 - Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Finnerty, Kress, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Not present: 1 - Macey

XIII. Notification of Contracts

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

Four speakers attended. For additional information please contact the Chief Clerk at 412-350-6490.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.