

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN

FOR POTATO GARDEN RUN PROJECT

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BEFORE:

Thomas Baker	-	District 1 (Via Telephone)
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
Amanda Green Hawkins	-	District 13

Allegheny County Courthouse  
Fourth Floor, Gold Room  
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IN ATTENDANCE:

Joseph Catanese - Director, Constituent Services  
Walter Szymanski - Budget Director

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Good afternoon, everyone. This will be the public hearing on Bill Number 7980-14.

MR. CATANESE: Authorizing the Allegheny County Council to conduct a public hearing pursuant to the Tax Increment Financing Act of July 11th, 1990, P.L. 465, Number 113, to afford interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Potato Garden Run Project, in Findlay Township, Allegheny County. Pursuant to Council's rules, the Council President shall appoint a presiding officer for the hearing.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you. And let the record reflect that Council member Means and Councilman Finnerty are also here with me. And I've asked the Department of Economic Development and Housing to present the plan for the TIF, please.

MS. SCHULTZ: Thank you. My name is Heather Schultz. I'm here with Davina Ott (phonetic) and Maurice Strul from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County. First, I just wanted to say that I submitted to Walt the resolution from both Findlay Township and one from West Allegheny School Board, approving the amendment to the Potato Garden Run TIF on December 5th for the township and December 4th for the school board.

The map above shows the TIF district boundary for the current Potato Garden Run TIF. What we are proposing to do is to amend this boundary to include only those three parcels within the shaded area on the map in the center.

MR. FINNERTY: What road is that, the main road that runs through there?

MS. SCHULTZ: That's the Findlay connector.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Thank you.

MS. SCHULTZ: Uh-huh. All three of these parcels in the center that are shaded and will remain in the amended Potato Garden Run TIF are developed and they currently contribute to the Potato Garden Run TIF. They include Oaknight (phonetic) Appliance Stores Cooperative and All That Steel (phonetic). Together the tax increment dedicated to the TIF debt from these three developments more than exceed the necessary amount needed to pay off the Potato Garden Run TIF debt. And as this is a public hearing, only three amendments --- that is all I have --- so if there are any questions.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you very much.

MS. SCHULTZ: Sure.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: And at this time we will allow comments by members of the general public. Any comments, questions, concerns? Seeing none, we will --- oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: I think it's a very good project. I'm in favor of it.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you. Anything further? Oh, I hear a phone ringing. Someone is calling in.

MR. FINNERTY: Too late; we're over.

MR. CATANESE: Is someone on the phone?

MR. BAKER: Hi, Walt.

MR. CATANESE: No, this is Joe. Is this Councilman Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yeah. Hi, how are you?

MR. CATANESE: Very good.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Good afternoon, Councilman Baker. We are about to adjourn this hearing. You'll be in time for the next one, 7981-14. That will take place at 3:30, and you're definitely welcome to participate in that one, as well. All right?

MR. BAKER: All right.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Seeing no additional questions or comments --- do you have any questions or comments, Councilman Baker, on 7980-14, which is the TIF Plan --- Proposed TIF Plan for the Potato Garden Run Project, Findlay Township? Is he there?

MR. CATANESE: Councilman Baker, are you still present?

MR. BAKER: Yeah, I'm still here.

MR. CATANESE: Chair Green Hawkins asked if you had any questions in regard to 7980-14, the Potato Garden Run Project in Findlay Township.

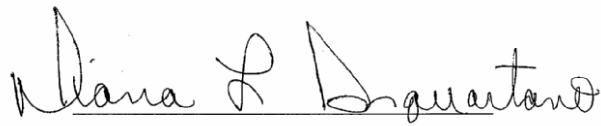
MR. BAKER: I do not.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: With that, we will adjourn the hearing. Thank you.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 3:07 P.M.

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