

# Allegheny County Council

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## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 26, 2009**

**5:00 PM**

**Conference Room 1**

## **Committee on Public Safety**

***Jim Burn, Chair; John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, Vince Gastgeb,  
Chuck Martoni, and Bill Robinson - Members***

**I. Call to Order**

**Summary:** *The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM*

**Invited Guests:**

**William Mullen, County Sheriff or Designee**

**Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee**

**Summary:** *Invited guests in attendance: Mr. Flynn and Chief Deputy Joseph Rizzo for Sheriff Mullen*

*Council staff in attendance: John Mascio, Jennifer Liptak, and Jared Barker*

**II. Roll Call**

***Roll Call:*** Present: Matt Drozd, Jim Burn, and Rich Fitzgerald

Absent: John DeFazio, Jim Ellenbogen, Vince Gastgeb, Chuck Martoni, and William Robinson

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**4658-09** Motion to approve the Minutes of September 24, 2008 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

**Action:** **A motion was made by Drozd, seconded by Chair Burn, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

**IV. Agenda Items****Ordinances**

**4174-08** An Ordinance amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, entitled "County Government Operations," through the creation of a new Chapter 280, entitled "Group Home Registration Program," in order to provide a uniform mechanism for establishing compliance of group home service providers with applicable local ordinances.

**Sponsors:** Jim Burn, Chuck Martoni, Rich Fitzgerald, Bob Macey and Matt Drozd

**Summary:** *The Chair said that recent meetings with groups and individuals concerned about group homes was very productive. He said that he has prepared proposed amendments which address those concerns and intended to introduce them at this meeting but there were not enough committee members present to pass an amendment. He said that his desire is to move the bill to the full Council and introduce the amendments on the floor at the March 3, 2008 Regular meeting, and would request to refer the bill back to committee as amended. Mr. Drozd was in favor of this.*

**Action:** **A motion was made by Drozd, seconded by Chair Burn, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**4425-08** An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of donations of personal property by the Allegheny County Police.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Mr. Flynn provided the committee with a summary of the bill. He said that the bill would authorize the Allegheny County Police Department to accept the donation of two (2) horses.*

*He said that Lisa Drosz is donating a 13 year-old Thoroughbred, while Jesse Rogers is donating a 6 year-old Tennessee Walker mare. A veterinarian has examined both horses and has found each to be in excellent health.*

**Action:** **A motion was made by Drozd, seconded by Chair Burn, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**4629-09** An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office to accept a donation of personal property by the Pittsburgh campus of the International Academy of Design and Technology.

**Sponsors:** Sheriff

**Summary:**

*Chief Deputy Rizzo provided the committee with a summary of the bill. He said that the bill would authorize the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office to accept the donation of office furniture from the International Academy of Design and Technology's Pittsburgh campus.*

*He explained that the Pittsburgh campus of the International Academy of Design and Technology (IADT) permanently closed on December 31, 2008. As such, IADT wishes to donate office furniture, for which it no longer has any use, to the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office.*

**Action:** **A motion was made by Drozd, seconded by Chair Burn, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

## V. Adjournment

**Summary:** *The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM*