

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Approved

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

5:00 PM

Conference Room I

Committee on Health & Human Services

John Palmiere, Chair; Thomas Baker, James Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Terri Klein, Ed Kress, Robert Macey, Sue Means, William Robinson

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:19.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA - County Manager or Designee
Karen Hacker, MD, MPH - Health Department Director or Designee
Jim Thompson, Deputy Director of Environmental Health
Donna Scharding, Food Safety Program Manager

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Dr. Hacker, Ms. Scharding and Mr. Thompson were present from the Health Department.

Mr. Barker and Mr. Szymanski were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 4 - Bob Macey, Sue Means, John Palmiere and Ed Kress

Members Absent: 3 - Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules and William Robinson

Members Phone: 1 - Tom Baker

Members 3 - Jan Rea, Michael Finnerty and Heather Heidelbaugh

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[8923-15](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Health and Human Services Committee meeting of Allegheny County Council held on November 5, 2014

Passed

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[8660-14](#)

An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations pursuant to Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. §12001 et seq.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, Mr. Thompson provided an overview of the proposed regulation change, noting that the regulation at issue relates to volatile organic compounds used in the process of fiberglass boat construction, and that the proposed alteration renders the County regulation consistent with the EPA regulations, even though there are no fiberglass vote manufacturers currently operating in Allegheny County.

In response to a question from Mr. Macey, Mr. Thompson noted that the regulation would not apply to body shops that use fiberglass incidentally in their work.

Affirmatively Recommended

Enactment No: 14-15-OR

[8661-14](#)

An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations pursuant to Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. §12001 et seq.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, Mr. Thompson summarized the proposed regulation change, noting that the emissions inventory statements are relevant to formulating enforcement and regulation strategies, and that the proposed changes would ease the regulatory burden on small sources of emissions, essentially by providing for a waiver of the requirement for small sources to file emissions inventory statements.

In response to a question from Ms. Heidelbaugh, Mr. Thompson discussed the process through which the proposed change was formulated.

Affirmatively Recommended

Enactment No: 15-15-OR

[8887-15](#)

An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations pursuant to Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. §12001 et seq.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, Mr. Thompson provided an overview of the proposed regulation change, noting that the only significant alterations would be to alter the number and required qualifications of Committee members to make it easier to find sufficient numbers of appropriately qualified individuals for appointment to the Committee, and to extend the terms of Air Pollution Advisory Committee members from one year to three years.

In response to a question from Ms. Heidelbaugh, Mr. Thompson discussed the attendance requirements that apply to Committee members.

Mr. Finnerty, Mr. Macey and Ms. Means expressed support for the proposal, and Mr. Thompson discussed the methodology that would be employed to reduce the Committee membership over the coming years.

Affirmatively Recommended

Enactment No: 16-15-OR

[8886-15](#)

An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations, for purposes of establishing a Food Grading System, pursuant to Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. §12001 et seq.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Dr. Hacker distributed a pair of handouts relating to restaurant grading to the Committee.

Returned Without Recommendation

Members Yes: 5 - Baker, Macey, Means, Palmiere and Kress

Members Absent: 3 - Ellenbogen, Futules and Robinson

Members 3 - Rea, Finnerty and Heidelbaugh

Non-Member:

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37.