

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Agenda Synopsis**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2007**

**5:00 PM**

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

## **County Council**

*Rich Fitzgerald, President; Chuck Martoni, Vice-President; Jim Burn, Susan Caldwell, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Dave Fawcett, Mike Finnerty, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb, William E. Lestitian, Bob Macey, Jan Rea, and William Russell Robinson - Members*

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

**Roll Call:** Present: Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Absent: Council Member Martoni

**V. Proclamations/Certificates**

**3051-07** Proclamation recognizing and thanking Ms. Michele Capaccio, a West Mifflin Area High School teacher, for creating the “Titans for Troops” program.

**Presented**

**3052-07** Proclamation celebrating the 20th Anniversary of The Priory Hotel, a historic landmark on Pittsburgh's North Shore.

**Presented**

**3053-07** Proclamation celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the founding of Freedom House Ambulance Service, Pittsburgh's African-American ambulance service, and the nation's first paramedics.

**Presented**

**3054-07** Certificates of Achievement awarded to Mr. Joseph Sacco for his 55 years of service, and Mr. Robert Chisnell and Mr. Frank Petrell for their 50 years of service to the Ingram Volunteer Fire Department.

**Presented**

**3055-07** Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Brian J. Hall upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's most distinguished honor.

**Presented**

**3056-07** Proclamation celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**Read**

**3057-07** Proclamation honoring Mr. Robert Butelli, Chief of Police for Brentwood Borough, for being named “Man of the Year” by the Brentwood Veterans of

Foreign Wars, Post #1810.

**Read**

**3058-07**

Certificates of Achievement awarded to Mr. Rich Lattanzi for being named “Citizen of the Year” and to Dr. Eugene Cutuly and former District Judge Sarge Fiore for earning the “Lifelong Achievement Award” from the Clairton Chamber of Commerce.

**Read**

**3059-07**

Proclamation celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Pleasant Hills Volunteer Fire Company.

**Read**

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

## **VII. Approval of Minutes**

**3064-07**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of Council held on January 2 and January 23, 2006.

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

## **VIII. Presentation of Appointments**

**3048-07**

Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Andrew P. Russell for appointment to the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Directors for a term to expire on December 31, 2012.

**Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review**

**3049-07**

Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Elayne Arrington for appointment to the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Directors for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

**Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review**

**3050-07**

Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Dr. Edith Laura Shapira for reappointment to the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

**Referred to the Committee on Appointment Review**

## **IX. Unfinished Business**

**Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading****2993-07**

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Mary Pat Soltis to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Airport Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2011.

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

**2996-07**

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Richard Taylor to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Port Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2011.

**A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yes: 12 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Noes: 2 - Council Member DeFazio and Council Member Drozd  
Absent: 1 - Council Member Martoni

**2997-07**

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Joan Ellenbogen to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Port Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2011.

**A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Yes: 13 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Noes: 1 - Council Member DeFazio  
Absent: 1 - Council Member Martoni

**2998-07**

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Judith S. Black, M.D., to serve as a Member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire December 31, 2009.

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

**2999-07**

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Bobbi Britton Tucker to serve as a Member of the Personnel Board for a term to expire December 31, 2009.

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

**3000-07**

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Scott Malley to serve as a Member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Directors for a term to expire December 3, 2011.

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

**3026-07**

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Ann Ostergaard to serve as a Member of the Improvements in Municipalities for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

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

**3027-07**

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Rev. Maurice Doss to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

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

**3028-07**

Appointment - Approving the appointment of M. Gayle Moss to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

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

**3031-07**

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Steven B. Silverman to serve as a Member of the Personnel Board for a term to expire December 31, 2009.

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

**3032-07**

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Deborah D. Booker to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Housing Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2011.

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

**Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading**

**2989-07**

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to convey a 0.361 acre area of excess right-of-way on Bethel Church Road (County No. 5028-01) at its intersection with Library Road (SR 88) in the Municipality of Bethel Park to Paradise Development Group, Inc., a private developer of property.

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

**Votes:** Yes: 13 - Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Absent: 2 - Council Member Burn and Council Member Martoni

**3021-07**

A Resolution approving a Project for the benefit of West Penn Allegheny Health System, Inc. and certain members of an obligated group, including Allegheny General Hospital, Allegheny Medical Practice Network, Allegheny Specialty Practice Network, Allegheny-Singer Research Institute, Canonsburg General Hospital, Alle-Kiski Medical Center, The Western Pennsylvania Hospital, The Western Pennsylvania Hospital Foundation, and West Penn Corporate Medical Services, Inc. (collectively, the "Obligated Group"), to be financed by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority by the issuance of one or more series, from time to time, of the Authority's Health Facilities Revenue Bonds (West Penn Allegheny Health System), Series 2007 (or similar designation) (collectively, the "West Penn Bonds") to be issued in the

approximate amounts described below, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the West Penn Bonds and determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

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

**Votes:** Yes: 13 - Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Absent: 2 - Council Member Burn and Council Member Martoni

## **X. Liaison Reports**

*Ms. Rea said that she wanted a representative from the Sports and Exhibition Authority to appear before Council to discuss issues surrounding the conditions at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.*

## **XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**

### **3043-07**

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to convey in fee a 0.15 acre area of required right-of-way, 0.01 acre area of drainage easement and 0.47 acre area of temporary construction easement on county-owned Montour Trail property at its intersection with Brownsville Road Extension (SR 3013) in the Township of South Park to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through its Department of Transportation.

**Referred to the Committee on Public Works**

### **3060-07**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, entitled "AdministrativeCode," Article 813, entitled "County Depositories," to alter the composition of the Depository Board.

**Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform**

### **3044-07**

A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny adopting and authorizing financing of a project by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority on behalf of UPMC as desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of the people in Allegheny County.

**Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing**

### **3045-07**

Resolution authorizing pursuit of a Tax Increment Financing plan in Findlay Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

**Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing**

### **3046-07**

A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny adopting and authorizing

financing of a project by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority (the "Authority") on behalf of The Center for Emergency Medicine of Western Pennsylvania ("CEM") as desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of the people in Allegheny County.

**Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing**

**3047-07**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2007 (Submission #03-07).

**Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance**

**3061-07**

A Resolution of the Allegheny County Council urging the placement of a new coal gasification plant in the Mon Valley of Allegheny County.

**Referred to the Committee on Public Works**

**3062-07**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, changing the official name of the South Tenth Street Bridge, within the City of Pittsburgh, to the Philip Murray Bridge.

**Referred to the Committee on Public Works**

**3066-07**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to amend Article XXXI-B of the Second Class County Code, pertaining to the Allegheny Regional Asset District, to render the Allegheny County senior citizen property tax relief program consistent with the Commonwealth's program.

**Referred to the Special Committee on Property Assessments**

## **XII. New Business - Motions**

**3063-07**

Motion Expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to amend the Second Class County Port Authority Act to explicitly allow for the privatization of certain service areas or routes not currently served by the Port Authority of Allegheny County.

**Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform**

## **XIII. Notification of Contracts**

**3065-07**

Communication from County Manager Jim Flynn submitting a summary of Executive Actions relating to Contracts for the months of December, 2006 and January 2007.

**A motion was made that this matter be Received and Filed. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **XIV. Public Comment on General Items**

**XV. Adjournment**