

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

John DeFazio - President; Nicholas Futules - Vice President; Tom Baker, Samuel DeMarco, III, Jim Ellenbogen, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, Ed Kress, Bob Macey, Chuck Martoni, Sue Means, John Palmiere, Dimitrios Pantzoulas, Denise Ranalli-Russell and DeWitt Walton - Members

I. Call To Order**II. Pledge of Allegiance****III. Silent Prayer or Reflection****IV. Roll Call****V. Quarterly Address by the Chief Executive****VI. Proclamations/Certificates**[10426-17](#)

Proclamation congratulating Mr. Jack Shea upon the occasion of his retirement.

Sponsors:

Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Kress, Council Member Futules, Council Member Klein, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Ranalli-Russell, Council Member Walton and Council Member DeMarco

To be presented.

[10427-17](#)

Proclamation thanking Jimmy Cvetic for his hard work and dedication to serving others through his work as a police officer, poet and boxing instructor.

Sponsors:

Council Member Kress

To be presented.

[10428-17](#)

Certificates of Recognition awarded to ACHIEVA's Annual Awards of Excellence honorees.

Sponsors:

Council Member Baker

To be presented.

[10429-17](#)

Proclamation applauding the efforts of Warden DeMore and Dr. Brophy in the creation of The Opiate Reform Initiative.

Sponsors:

Council Member Kress

To be presented.

[10430-17](#)

Proclamation recognizing Chef Richard DeShantz for his hard work and entrepreneurial skills that helped grow the culinary business in the Pittsburgh region.

Sponsors:

Council Member Pantzoulas

To be presented.

[10431-17](#)

Proclamation recognizing and thanking Stage 62 for enhancing the cultural life in Allegheny County.

Sponsors:

Council Member Pantzoulas

To be presented.

[10432-17](#) Proclamation recognizing Just Ducky Tours and Molly's Trolley for giving local residents and tourists a truly unique experience for viewing historic buildings and landmarks.

Sponsors: Council Member Pantzoulas
To be presented.

[10433-17](#) Proclamation recognizing Attorney David Shrager for his years practicing law in Pennsylvania since 1999.

Sponsors: Council Member Pantzoulas
To be presented.

[10434-17](#) Certificates of Achievement awarded to Meghna Behari for winning first place at the national Broadcom MASTERS science fair competition.

Sponsors: Council Member Kirk
To be read into the record.

[10435-17](#) Certificates of Recognition awarded to the local police officers honored at the 17th annual Amen Corner.

Sponsors: All Members of Council
To be read into the record.

[10436-17](#) Certificate of Achievement awarded to Troy Rowlands for being selected to represent Pine-Richland School District and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the National Association for Music Education All-National Honors Band.

Sponsors: Council Member Kirk
To be read into the record.

[10437-17](#) Certificate of Achievement awarded to Elizabeth Matthews of Girl Scout Troop 55090 for having met all the requirements to achieve the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award.

Sponsors: Council Member Kirk
To be read into the record.

[10438-17](#) Proclamation congratulating the Christ Lutheran Church upon the occasion of its 125th anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey
To be read into the record.

[10439-17](#) Proclamation welcoming Rev. Erwin McIntosh, Jr. to the Bethel AME Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sponsors: Council Member Walton
To be read into the record.

[10440-17](#) Proclamation recognizing Gerard J. Aufman, Jr. for his contributions to the Town of McCandless and to the enhancement of the wellbeing of its citizens.

Sponsors: Council Member Kirk

To be read into the record.

[10441-17](#)

Proclamation recognizing Ralph LeDonne for his contributions to the Town of McCandless and to the enhancement of the wellbeing of its citizens.

Sponsors:

Council Member Kirk

To be read into the record.

[10442-17](#)

Proclamation declaring Friday, January 5, 2018 to be "Marta Day" in Allegheny County.

Sponsors:

Council Member Baker

To be read into the record.

[10443-17](#)

Proclamation congratulating Ms. Alexandra Guy upon the occasion of her 16th birthday.

Sponsors:

Council Member Walton

To be read into the record.

[10444-17](#)

Certificate of Recognition awarded to the Honorable Robert Dzvonic for his 24 years of dedicated services to the residents of Etna, Millvale, Reserve and Shaler as Magisterial District Judge.

Sponsors:

Council Member Kress

To be read into the record.

[10445-17](#)

Certificate of Recognition awarded to Carl Magnetta, Jr. for his over 45 years of dedicated service to the Borough of Tarentum.

Sponsors:

Council Member Kress

To be read into the record.

[10446-17](#)

Proclamation recognizing and thanking Chief Alfred Ewing, Sr. for his 47 years of dedicated public service to Fawn Township and Fawn #2 Volunteer Fire Department, Station 151.

Sponsors:

Council Member Kress

To be read into the record.

[10447-17](#)

Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. Victor Son in honor and celebration of his 21 years of dedicated service to Hampton Township.

Sponsors:

Council Member Kress

To be read into the record.

[10448-17](#)

Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. Peter Russ in honor and celebration of his 15 years of dedicated service to Hampton Township.

Sponsors:

Council Member Kress

To be read into the record.

[10449-17](#)

Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. Cary Montgomery in honor and celebration of his 16 years of dedicated service to Hampton Township.

Sponsors:

Council Member Kress

To be read into the record.

[10450-17](#) Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. William Stalter in honor and celebration of his dedicated years of service to Reserve Township.

Sponsors: Council Member Kress
To be read into the record.

VII. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VIII. Approval of Minutes

[10456-17](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2017 regular meeting of Council.

[10457-17](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2017 regular meeting of Council.

IX. Presentation of Appointments

[10451-17](#) Approving the appointment of Beverly S. Jordan to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization (Deer Lakes Park) for a term to expire on December 20, 2019.

Sponsors: Council Member Kress

[10452-17](#) Approving the appointment of Arjona Karpuzi to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization (Deer Lakes Park) for a term to expire on December 20, 2019.

Sponsors: Council Member Kress

[10453-17](#) Approving the appointment of Andrew M. Bechtold to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization (Deer Lakes Park) for a term to expire on December 20, 2019.

Sponsors: Council Member Kress

[10454-17](#) Approving the appointment of Joseph Catanese to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization (Deer Lakes Park) for a term to expire on December 20, 2019.

Sponsors: Council Member Kress

[10459-17](#) Approving the appointment of Edward J. Kress to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization (Deer Lakes Park) for a term to expire on January 2, 2020.

Sponsors: Council Member DeMarco

X. Unfinished Business

Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading

[10419-17](#) An Ordinance approving the sale of a parcel of property identified as 3441 Forbes Avenue 4th Ward, Pittsburgh (Oakland) PA, Block and Lot 28-F-172 known as the Allegheny County Health Department Forbes

Medical Building, for the sale price of \$1,900,000.00 to 3441 F Street, LLC.

Sponsors:

Chief Executive

This ordinance would authorize the sale described above; the property involved is no longer needed by the County, and the development project will both enable appropriate use of the site and return the property to the tax rolls.

Legislative History

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| 12/5/17 | County Council | Referred by Chair to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing |
| 12/12/17 | Committee on Economic Development & Housing | Affirmatively Recommended |

10420-17

A Resolution approving a project for the benefit of Presbyterian SeniorCare (the "Borrower") to be financed by the Authority for Improvements in Municipalities (the "Authority") by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt revenue notes, in one or more series, to be designated "Authority for Improvements in Municipalities, Revenue Notes, Series 2017 (Presbyterian SeniorCare Project)" or such other designation as may be determined by the Authority and the Borrower, in a maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,500,000 (the "Notes"), provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (the "County") shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Notes, and declaring the financing of such project as desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people in the County and in the area served by the project.

Sponsors:

Chief Executive

Presbyterian SeniorCare is an entity headquartered in Allegheny County, and this bill authorizes a bond issuance to finance the creation of a new 36 bed care facility in South Strabane Township at no cost to the County.

Legislative History

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| 12/5/17 | County Council | Referred by Chair to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing |
| 12/12/17 | Committee on Economic Development & Housing | Affirmatively Recommended |

Committee on Health & Human Services - Second Reading

10409-17

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County directing the Allegheny County Law Department to prepare research into the feasibility of filing one or more lawsuits against major drug manufacturers and/or distributors in order to recover current and future damages to the County taxpayers resulting from the detrimental effects of opioid pharmaceuticals.

Sponsors:

Council Member Kress

This motion requests that the County Law Department look into the merits of taking legal action to recover damages stemming from the ongoing opioid epidemic within Allegheny County (e.g. costs incurred by the County in reacting to the effects of opioid abuse) while working to abate the epidemic to the extent possible, as other jurisdictions have done.

Legislative History

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| 11/21/17 | County Council | Referred by Chair to the Committee on Health & Human Services |
| 12/6/17 | Committee on Health & Human Services | Returned Without Recommendation |

Committee on Parks - Second Reading[10386-17](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing South Park Boxing, Inc. to use a structure on Hundred Acres Drive in the County's South Park.

Sponsors:

Chief Executive

This bill would authorize the continuing use of a small building in South Park for boxing instruction and practice, principally involving the County's youth.

Legislative History

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| 11/8/17 | County Council | Referred by Chair to the Committee on Parks |
| 12/6/17 | Committee on Parks | Affirmatively Recommended |

[10387-17](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Western Pennsylvania Police Athletic League to use a structure on Center Road, also known as Monroeville Trestle Road, in the County's Boyce Park.

Sponsors:

Chief Executive

This bill is very similar to 10386-17 (described above), and would also authorize the continuing use of a small building for boxing instruction and practice, principally involving the County's youth. The building covered by this ordinance is located in Boyce Park.

Legislative History

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| 11/8/17 | County Council | Referred by Chair to the Committee on Parks |
| 12/6/17 | Committee on Parks | Affirmatively Recommended |

[10404-17](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing South Park Theatre, Inc. to use a structure on Brownsville Road in the County's South Park.

Sponsors:

Chief Executive

This bill would authorize another continuing use of County-owned real property in South Park, this time for the purpose of theatrical instruction and to present theatrical productions.

Legislative History

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| 11/21/17 | County Council | Referred by Chair to the Committee on Parks |
| 12/6/17 | Committee on Parks | Affirmatively Recommended |

XI. Liaison Reports

XII. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**XIII. New Business - Motions**

[10455-17](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County repealing the findings and provisions of Bill No. 9398-16, a motion through which the Council had previously censured Council Member Susan Means.

Sponsors: Council Member DeMarco , Council Member Futules, Council Member Baker, Council Member Kirk and Council Member Kress

XIV. Notification of Contracts

[10458-17](#) Communication summarizing approved executive actions from November 1 through November 30, 2017.

XV. Public Comment on General Items**XVI. Adjournment**