

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

5:00 PM

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 Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: Council Member Fawcett

V. Proclamations/Certificates

3096-07 Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. Ron Pint for his volunteer work with Allegheny County's Home Delivered Meals Program and to all the drivers that volunteer for the Plum Senior Center.

Withdrawn

3099-07 Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. Joe Catanese for serving as Field Judge in the 2006 PIAA Class AAA Championship Football Game.

Presented

3101-07 Certificate of Achievement awarded to the North Allegheny High School Girls' Gymnastics Team for earning 1st Place in the 2007 WPIAL Girls' Gymnastics Championship.

Read

3102-07 Certificate of Achievement awarded to St. Gabriel Girls' Basketball Team for winning the 2007 Pittsburgh Diocesan Championship.

Read

3103-07 Proclamation awarded to Jefferson United Presbyterian Church upon the momentous occasion of their 150th Anniversary.

Read

3104-07 Proclamation recognizing Ms. Alexa Coughenour, a Thomas Jefferson High School sophomore, for her selfless volunteer work with the Jubilee Soup Kitchen.

Read

3105-07 Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Russell Faust for earning the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's most distinguished honor.

Read

- 3106-07** Certificate of Achievement awarded to Phil Sorrentino, a South Allegheny Middle/Senior High School senior, for earning the PIAA Class AA Individual Wrestling Championship and to James Fleming, a West Mifflin Area High School senior, for earning the WPIAL Class AAA Individual Wrestling Championship two consecutive years in a row.

Read

- 3107-07** Proclamation honoring the Twin Rivers Council of Governments upon their 30th Anniversary.

Read

- 3108-07** Proclamation recognizing and congratulating Mr. Tim Moran upon his retirement from the IBEW Local 29 as a Business Manager.

Read

- 3109-07** Proclamation recognizing March 8, 2007 as "World Kidney Day" in Allegheny County and commending the National Kidney Foundation of the Alleghenies for their work towards raising awareness of chronic kidney disease.

Read**VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items****VII. Approval of Minutes**

- 3093-07** Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 20, 2007.

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

VIII. Unfinished Business**Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading**

- 3029-07** Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Donald F. Smith, Jr. to serve as a Member of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for a term to expire on May 23, 2011.

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

- 3030-07** Appointment - Approving the reappointment of David Y. Miller to serve as a Member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2009.

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

3048-07 Appointment - Approving the appointment of Andrew P. Russell to serve as a Member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Directors for a term to expire December 31, 2012.

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

3049-07 Appointment - Approving the appointment of Elayne Arrington to serve as a Member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Directors for a term to expire December 31, 2011.

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

3050-07 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Dr. Edith Laura Shapira to serve as a Member of the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County for a term to expire December 31, 2009.

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 DeFazio, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Noes: 1 - Council Member Drozd
Absent: 1 - Council Member Fawcett

Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading

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.

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

Votes: Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Fawcett

3045-07 Resolution authorizing pursuit of a Tax Increment Financing plan in Findlay Township, 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: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Fawcett

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.

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

Votes: Yes: 14 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Absent: 1 - Council Member Fawcett

IX. Liaison Reports

X. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

3090-07

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of a donation of personal property from the Dayle Kendall.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

3091-07

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the use of County Land by the North Hills Council of Governments for the purpose of using a parcel of property in North Park as a Leaf Composting Area.

Referred to the Committee on Parks

3094-07

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, entitled "County Government Operations," Chapter 210, entitled "Authorities," by the creation of a new Article VI, governing the dissolution of existing County authorities.

Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform

3095-07

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Division 1 of the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Article 1013, §5-1013.09, entitled "Standards of Conduct," to include language that prohibits individuals who practice law on behalf of the County in County offices which receive federal funding from seeking independently elected office in a partisan election without first resigning his or her position.

Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform

3097-07

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, by the creation of a new Division 9, entitled "Housing," as well as a new Chapter 905, entitled "Fair Housing," to provide for nondiscriminatory housing practices

within the County.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

3092-07

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2007 (Submission #05-07).

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

3098-07

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to enact procedures for dissolving authorities created in whole or in part by Allegheny County pursuant to the terms of statutes other than the Municipality Authorities Act, 53 P.S. §5601 et. seq.

Referred to the Special Committee on Government Reform

XI. New Business - Motions

3100-07

Motion Expressing the Sense of Allegheny County Council commending and supporting the City of Pittsburgh for introducing Bill No. 2007-1112 that would establish a program for identifying and registering vacant properties; determine the responsibilities of owners of such buildings and to speed the rehabilitation of vacant buildings and encouraging every municipality within Allegheny County to adopt a similar program.

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

Votes: Yes: 11 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Abstentions: 3 - Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Finnerty and Council Member Lestitian
Absent: 1 - Council Member Fawcett

XII. Notification of Contracts

XIII. Public Comment on General Items

XIV. Adjournment