

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Agenda Synopsis**

**Tuesday, July 8, 2008**

**5:00 PM**

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

## **County Council**

*Rich Fitzgerald, President; Chuck Martoni, Vice-President; Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, Chuck McCullough, 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 Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald  
Phone: Council Member Gastgeb

**V. Proclamations/Certificates**

**4187-08** Proclamation commending Stephanie Mosco for her extensive efforts to raise money for ALS research.

**Presented**

**4188-08** Proclamation congratulating Charles Rompala for being named a “Superstar of Transit” by the Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association.

**Presented**

**4189-08** Proclamation recognizing Jackie Betz, Erin Drischler, and Megan Neuf, graduates of Shaler Area High School, for earning the national Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Award for public service.

**Presented**

**4190-08** Proclamation honoring the Upper St. Clair Class of 1973 and declaring July 26, 2008 “Upper St. Clair High School Class of '73 Day” in Allegheny County.

**Read**

**4191-08** Proclamation celebrating the 50th anniversary of Lincoln Borough.

**Read**

**4192-08** Certificate of Recognition celebrating the 100th birthday of Marge Hanley.

**Read**

**4193-08** Proclamation celebrating the Lawrenceville Historical Society's annual Stephen Foster Music and Heritage Festival.

**Read**

- [4194-08](#) Proclamation celebrating Community Day in Brighton Heights.  
**Read**
- [4195-08](#) Proclamation honoring Fallen Marine Memorial Run founders Joe Wadlow and Jerry Vanasdale.  
**Read**
- [4196-08](#) Certificates of Recognition honoring Dorothy Killian and Ellen Friedman for their years of service to the Aspinwall Police Department.  
**Read**
- [4197-08](#) Proclamation celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Port Vue Volunteer Fire Department.  
**Read**
- [4198-08](#) Proclamation celebrating the Millvale High School Grand Reunion.  
**Read**
- [4199-08](#) Proclamation celebrating the Community Empowerment Association's Black Family Reunion Festival.  
**Read**
- [4200-08](#) Proclamation celebrating the 133rd anniversary of Ebenezer Baptist Church.  
**Read**

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

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

### **Committee on Parks - Second Reading**

- [3994-08](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance No. 07-06, the existing schedule of facility and recreational rates and fees for the use of County recreational and park facilities.

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

**Votes:** Yes: 15 - Council Member Burn, Council Member Cleary, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Green, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Rea, Council Member Robinson and President Fitzgerald

## **VIII. Liaison Reports**

**IX. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**

**4201-08** An Ordinance amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, entitled "County Government Operations," Chapter 215, entitled "Boards, Commissions and Committees," through the creation of a new Article V, entitled "Human Relations Commission," in order to establish a Countywide nondiscrimination requirement in housing, employment, and other contexts, as well as to establish a formalized means of resolving disputes based on allegations of such discrimination.

**Referred to the Committee on Government Reform**

**4202-08** An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing that a referendum question regarding amendment of Article IV, Section 2.m. of the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County to provide for elimination of the Port Authority of Allegheny County be placed on the November 4, 2008 General Election ballot.

**Referred to the Committee on Government Reform**

**4203-08** An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing that a referendum question regarding tax limitations found in Article II of the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County, entitled "Tax Limitations," be placed on the November 4, 2008 General Election ballot.

*Withdrawn at the request of the sponsor*

**Withdrawn**

**4186-08** A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2008 (Submission #10-08).

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

**4204-08** A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, expressing support for the continuation of feasibility studies of a commuter rail line between Pittsburgh and the Alle-Kiski valley, with the ultimate aim of opening commuter service with all deliberate speed.

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

**4205-08** A Resolution of the County of Allegheny requesting that the Governor and General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania re-enact a mandatory helmet law which would require motorcyclists to wear helmets in Pennsylvania.

**Referred to the Committee on Public Safety**

**X. New Business - Motions**

**4206-08** Motion Expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County urging the

Allegheny County Board of Elections to conduct a random sample audit of software currently loaded onto the County's electronic voting machines in order to ensure that such software meets applicable federal and state requirements, and requesting that the Board meet within thirty days to formulate such a software audit plan.

*This Motion was made from the floor, it was not on the original agenda*

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

**XI. Public Comment on General Items**

**XII. Adjournment**