

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

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

V. Filling of Council Vacancy/Oath of Office

[6142-11](#) Motion to approve the appointment of John F. Palmiere to serve as a Member of Allegheny County Council to fill the vacancy that exists in Council District 6.
A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Proclamations/Certificates

[6122-11](#) Proclamations honoring the Borough of Swissvale Police Department, Allegheny County Police Department and the county's 9-1-1 Division of Emergency Services for working collaboratively to manage a November 15, 2010 investigation in Swissvale.

Presented

[6123-11](#) Proclamation honoring the 13th Annual Summit Against Racism hosted by the Black and White Reunion.

Presented

[6124-11](#) Proclamation honoring Robert Mill for his lifetime of contribution to CCAC and for his dedication to our region's labor community.

Presented

[6125-11](#) Proclamation honoring Jesse Fife, Jr. for his lifetime of service to our county, to CCAC and to the Manchester Bidwell Corporation, and for his efforts to improve the social services offered in our region and country.

Presented

[6126-11](#) Certificate of Achievement honoring Joseph Henkels of Boy Scout Troop 225 for earning his Eagle Scout.

Read

[6127-11](#) Proclamation honoring Barbara Bolas of the Upper St. Clair School Board for receiving recognition from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association for her services as an educational administrator.

Read

[6128-11](#) Certificates of Achievement honoring the Clairton High School Football team for winning the Class A WPIAL and PIAA championships.

Read

[6129-11](#) Proclamation honoring former Allegheny County Jail Warden Ramon Rustin for his service to Allegheny County.

Read

[6130-11](#) Proclamation commemorating the service of the late Tom Foerster for his dedicated work to CCAC and Allegheny County.

Read

[6131-11](#) Proclamation honoring Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC for celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Read

VII. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VIII. Approval of Minutes

[6132-11](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2010 and January 4, 2011 Regular Meetings of Council.

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

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading

[6028-10](#) Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Richard L. Shaw to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Airport Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

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

[6034-10](#) Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Martha Isler to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Community College Board for a term to expire on April 23, 2015.

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

6037-10

Appointment - Approving the appointment of James Sacco to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Community College Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.

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

6040-10

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of David Y. Miller to serve as a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2012.

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

6073-10

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Tim Stevens to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

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

6075-10

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Abass B. Kamara to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

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

6077-10

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Ronald S. Graziano to serve as a member of the Plumbing Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2012.

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

6078-10

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Regis R. Claus to serve as a member of the Plumbing Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

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

6079-10

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Charles L. Desmone to serve as a member of the Plumbing Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

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

6081-10

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Anthony H. Costa to serve as a member of the Plumbing Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

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

6083-10

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Jerome W. Valenti to serve as a member of the Plumbing Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31,

2013.

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

6084-10

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Robert W. Orchowski to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on 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 DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Russell Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Abstentions: 1 - Council Member McCullough
Absent: 1 - Council Member Rea
Not present: 1 - Council Member Gastgeb

6086-10

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Daniel K. Bricmont, Esq. to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

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

6088-10

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Chester R. Babst, III to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on 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 DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Russell Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Noes: 1 - Council Member McCullough
Absent: 1 - Council Member Rea
Not present: 1 - Council Member Gastgeb

6091-10

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Michael E. Hohman to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

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

6092-10

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Mark Nowak to serve as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

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

Votes: Yes: 12 - Council Member Burn, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Russell Robinson and President Fitzgerald
Abstentions: 1 - Council Member McCullough
Absent: 1 - Council Member Rea
Not present: 1 - Council Member Gastgeb

6093-10 Appointment - Approving the appointment of Kevin P. Kinross to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Community College Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

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

6094-10 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Mark Jones to serve as a member to the following Authorities: Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority, Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, Allegheny County Higher Education and Building Authority and the Residential Finance Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2012.

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

6095-10 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Lorina W. Wise to serve as a member to the following Authorities: Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority, Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, Allegheny County Higher Education and Building Authority and the Residential Finance Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

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

Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading

6104-10 A Resolution approving a project for the benefit of Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit (the "University"), to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt bonds, to be issued in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$118,000,000, as stated below, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Bonds (hereinafter defined), 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: 12 - Council Member Burn, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Russell Robinson and President Fitzgerald

Abstentions: 1 - Council Member Ellenbogen

Absent: 1 - Council Member Rea

Not present: 1 - Council Member Gastgeb

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

6133-11 An Ordinance amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 1,

entitled "Administrative Code," Article 808.A, in order to reduce the rate of County taxation on the sale at retail of liquor and malt and brewed beverages within the County to five percent (5%).

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

6134-11

An Ordinance amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 1, entitled "Administrative Code," Article 808.B, "Rental Vehicle Taxation," in order to reduce the rate of County taxation on the rental of motor vehicles within Allegheny County.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

6135-11

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of its: (1) General Obligation Bonds, Series C-65, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$125,000,000 ("C-65 Bonds") and (2) its General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series C-66 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed of \$14,600,000 (the "Series C-66 Bonds," and collectively with the C-65 Bonds, the "Bonds").

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

6136-11

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly and Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to enact a statewide property tax reassessment moratorium with all due speed and, in the process, to safeguard the economic stability and prosperity of the residents of the Commonwealth by providing the predictability and equity that exist with regard to property ownership in every other state.

Referred to the Committee on Government Reform

6137-11

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing a County Councilmanic Inquiry and Investigation of certain aspects of the operations of the Port Authority of Allegheny County in accordance with the provisions of Article 309 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County.

A motion was made by Council Member Burn that this matter be 2nd Reading waived & Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 13 - Council Member Burn, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member McCullough, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Russell Robinson and President Fitzgerald

Absent: 1 - Council Member Rea

Not present: 1 - Council Member Gastgeb

6138-11

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the creation of a commission to study the Port Authority of Allegheny County ("Port Authority") for the purpose of evaluating the potential for incorporation into the operations of Allegheny County or privatization.

Referred to the Committee on Government Reform

6139-11 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2011 (Submission #1-11).

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

XII. New Business - Motions

XIII. Notification of Contracts

6140-11 Communication from County Manager Jim Flynn submitting Executive Actions related to contracts for the month of December 2010.

Received and Filed

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment