

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

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

Council Members 14 - Baker, Daly Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Russell Robinson

Present:
Council Members 1 - Rea
Phone:

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[8065-14](#) Proclamation recognizing and thanking South Fayette Township and Mr. Deron Gabriel, commission president for South Fayette Township, for their efforts to protect local zoning authority in Allegheny County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sponsors: Council Member Daly Danko, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Macey and Council Member Palmiere
Presented

[8066-14](#) Proclamation honoring Marc Cherna for receiving the Casey Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Child Welfare Leadership.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Baker, Council Member Daly Danko, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Heidelbaugh, Council Member Kress, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Means, Council Member Rea and Council Member Russell Robinson
Presented

[8067-14](#) Proclamation honoring in memoriam Malvin Russell Goode for bridging racial divides in journalism and broadcasting.

Sponsors: Council Member Russell Robinson, Council Member Daly Danko, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Heidelbaugh, Council Member Macey, Council Member Means and Council Member Palmiere
Presented

[8068-14](#) Certificates of Recognition awarded to the 2014 Allegheny County Police Bureau retirees and thanking them for their many years of service to Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Kress and Council Member Macey
Read

[8070-14](#) Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Jeremy W. Carter of Boy

Scout Troop 248 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty
Read

[8071-14](#) Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. William R. Supan of Boy Scout Troop 248 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty
Read

[8072-14](#) Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Nicholas K. Venturini of Boy Scout Troop 248 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty
Read

[8073-14](#) Proclamation congratulating Pittsburgh Conroy School for earning a 2013-2014 Students and Teachers Achieving Results (STAR) award.

Sponsors: Council Member Green Hawkins
Read

[8074-14](#) Proclamation congratulating Pittsburgh Whittier K-5 School for earning a 2013-2014 Students and Teachers Achieving Results (STAR) award.

Sponsors: Council Member Green Hawkins
Read

[8075-14](#) Proclamation thanking The Honorable Nick Vay for his many years of dedicated service to the Borough of Lincoln.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey
Read

[8076-14](#) Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and Dolores Vidil upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey
Read

[8077-14](#) Proclamation honoring in memoriam Ralph McPherran Kiner, a WW II veteran, Hall of Fame Pittsburgh Pirates player and broadcasting icon.

Sponsors: Council Member Means, Council Member Baker, Council Member Daly Danko, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Heidelbaugh, Council Member Kress, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Rea and Council Member Russell Robinson
Read

[8078-14](#) Proclamation congratulating St. Anne Church upon the occasion of its 125th anniversary and St. Anne School upon the occasion of its 120th anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere
Read

[8079-14](#) Proclamation honoring in memoriam Wendell Freeland, a Tuskegee airman of WWII, respected lawyer, and pioneering civil rights leader.

Sponsors: Council Member Russell Robinson, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Daly Danko, Council Member Baker, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Heidelbaugh, Council Member Kress, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Means, Council Member Palmiere and Council Member Rea
Read

[8080-14](#) Proclamation welcoming the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Inc. to Allegheny County for their 44th annual conference from February 26 to March 1, 2014.

Sponsors: Council Member Russell Robinson and Council Member Green Hawkins
Read

[8081-14](#) Certificates of Recognition awarded to the University of Pittsburgh 2014 K. Leroy Irvis Black History Month Celebration of the Arts honorees, Nathan Davis, Toi Derricotte and Vernell A. Lillie.

Sponsors: Council Member Russell Robinson
Read

[8082-14](#) Proclamation honoring in memoriam Delphina Bray Briscoe for her many years of service to the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Sponsors: Council Member Russell Robinson
Read

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

[8083-14](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on January 2nd, 2014.
Passed

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

[8051-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Timothy M. Hazel to serve as a member of the Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board, for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.

Sponsors: Chief Executive
Referred

[8052-14](#) Approving the appointment of Dr. Rhonda Harrison to serve as a member of the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee, for a

term to expire on December 31, 2016.

Sponsors: Chief Executive
Referred

[8053-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Dorothy Antonelli to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Sponsors: Chief Executive
Referred

[8054-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Chester Babst, Esq. to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Sponsors: Chief Executive
Referred

[8055-14](#) 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, 2014.

Sponsors: Chief Executive
Referred

[8056-14](#) Approving the reappointment of David Cannon to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Sponsors: Chief Executive
Referred

[8057-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Jeanne Clark to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Sponsors: Chief Executive
Referred

[8058-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Dr. Michael Finewood to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Sponsors: Chief Executive
Referred

[8059-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Steven Hvozdoch to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[8060-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Mark Jeffrey to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[8061-14](#) Approving the reappointment of David P. Mazzocco to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[8062-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Robert Orchowski to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[8063-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Joe Osborne, Esq. to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred

[8064-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Councilman John Palmiere to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Referred**IX. Unfinished Business**

[8084-14](#) Communication from the Chief Executive vetoing County Council Bill No. 7958-14.

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Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading

[7953-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Dr. Edith Shapira to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health, for a term to expire on January 12, 2017.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 14 - Baker, Daly Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Russell Robinson

Council Members 1 - Rea

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[7954-14](#)

Approving the reappointment of Dr. Lee Harrison to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health, for a term to expire on January 12, 2017.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 14 - Baker, Daly Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Russell Robinson

Council Members 1 - Rea

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Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading

[8037-14](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2008 Capital Budget for Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 14 - Baker, Daly Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Russell Robinson

Council Members 1 - Rea

Absent:

[8038-14](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2011 Capital Budget for Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 14 - Baker, Daly Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Russell Robinson

Council Members 1 - Rea

Absent:

[8039-14](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2014 Capital Budget for Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 14 - Baker, Daly Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Russell Robinson

Council Members Not 1 - Rea

present:

[8040-14](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission #02-14).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Passed

Council Members Yes: 14 - Baker, Daly Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Russell Robinson

Council Members Not present: 1 - Rea

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[8086-14](#)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 215 of the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, entitled "Boards, Commissions and Committees," Article III, entitled "Council of Friends," §215-12, entitled "Election of Officers" in order to expand the terms of the Chair and Co-Chair served on the Council of Friends organizations for each of the nine County parks.

Sponsors: Council Member Means and Council Member Palmiere

A motion was made by Council Member Means to waive the second reading. The motion failed 8-6.

Referred by Chair

[8087-14](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances in order to decrease the amount of assessed value of each homestead and farmstead property within Allegheny County to be excluded from Allegheny County property taxation.

Sponsors: Council Member Russell Robinson

Referred by Chair

[8088-14](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation a certain 0.195 acre of required right of way area, 0.098 acre of required aerial easement and 0.035 acre of required drainage easement, of A.W. and Ester F. Levine; Allan M. and Deanne L. Hirshberg; Deanne L. Hirshberg as Custodian for Lawrence M. Hirshberg; Deanne L. Hirshberg as Custodian for Sally R. Hirshberg; Deanne L. Hirshberg as Custodian for Ellen I. Hirshberg; Lawrence Levine; Lawrence Levine as Custodian for Richard Benjamin Levine; Lawrence Levine as Custodian for Harry Edward Levine; Lawrence Levine as Custodian for Barbara Ruth Levine; Stanley Levine; Stanley Levine as Custodian for David Robert Levine; Stanley Levine as Custodian for Howard Edward Levine; Stanley Levine as Custodian for Betsy Ruth Levine and Stanley Levine as Custodian for Susan Harriet Levine, required for reconstructing Thompson Run Bridge No. 5, also known as Homeville Viaduct (TS05-0510) carrying Homeville Road

(5149-02) over Thompson Run, Grant Avenue Extension and tracks of Union Railroad Company in West Mifflin Borough, and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code.

Sponsors: Chief Executive
Referred by Chair

[8089-14](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the General Assembly and Governor to amend 16 P.S. §6171-B(A)(4)(iii) to authorize the County to revise the eligibility standards for its program establishing Senior Citizen Relief from County real property taxes in order to render such standards consistent with those contained within the Commonwealth's Senior Citizens Rebate and Assistance Act eligibility guidelines.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey
Referred by Chair

[8090-14](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission #03-14).

Sponsors: Chief Executive
Referred by Chair

[8091-14](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2014 Capital Budget for Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Russell Robinson
Referred by Chair

[8092-14](#) A resolution amending the New Home Construction/Improvement Program Resolution enacted May 23, 1996 by the Board of Commissioners of Allegheny County at Agenda No. 700-96, subsequently amended by Resolutions Nos. 22-00, 6-01, 61-02, 04-04-RE, 49-05-RE, 07-08-RE, 25-09-RE, and 30-11-RE by providing for the continuation of the Allegheny County New Home Construction and Improvement Exemption Programs.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Futules, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Macey and Council Member Palmiere

A motion was made by Council Member Finnerty to waive the second reading to accomodate the schedule of tax bills to be mailed in the immediate future. The motion to waive the second reading passed 12-2.

Passed

Council Members Yes: 12 - Baker, Daly Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Kress, Finnerty, Macey, Martoni, Means and Palmiere

Council Members No: 2 - Heidelbaugh and Russell Robinson

Council Members 1 - Rea

Absent:

XII. New Business - Motions

[8093-14](#) Expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County calling for the General Assembly to support legislation allowing for the compassionate use of marijuana for legitimate medical purposes.

Sponsors: Council Member Russell Robinson
Referred by Chair

XIII. Notification of Contracts

[8094-14](#) Summary of the approved Executive Actions for all Departments from 1-1-14 through 1-31-13 to be received and filed.

Sponsors: Chief Executive
Received and Filed

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.