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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

4:15 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Public Works

Bob Macey, Chair; Sam DeMarco, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, Robert Palmosina, Denise Ranalli-Russell and DeWitt Walton, Members

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:15.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager or designee(s)
Stephen Shanley, Director, Allegheny County Department of Public Works

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Mr. Evanto was present from the Department of Administrative Services.

Mr. Barker was present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 3 - Denise Ranalli-Russell, DeWitt Walton and Bob Macey

Members Absent: 4 - Sam DeMarco, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein and Robert Palmosina

Members 2 - Tom Baker and Sue Means

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

[11135-19](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting of the Committee on Public Works.

**A motion was made by Walton, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

IV. Agenda Items**Ordinances**

[11105-19](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Riddle Bomb Pictures LLC to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with filming a motion picture.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Evanto summarized its provisions, noting that the film maker in question is smaller, and wishes to use some of the old jail cells in the Family Law Center. Mr. Evanto and Mr. McKain noted that the film maker is comfortable with covering the costs of security and the Court is receptive to the idea of allowing filming, and that there is a benefit to assisting local artists to the extent practicable. Mr. McKain noted that 30-40 people will likely be employed, with about 80% being local residents.

In response to questions from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain indicated that none of the more hazardous scenes would be filmed in the Family Law Center.

A motion was made by Walton, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[11112-19](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta Inc. for the purpose of staging a craft and food vendor market on the Roberto Clemente (6th Street) Bridge on Saturday, August 3, 2019, and Sunday, August 4, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Evanto summarized its provisions, noting that the Regatta had used the Clemente Bridge three in 2016 and 2017, but not in 2018, and had elected to return for 2019 if possible.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Evanto indicated that having food trucks and vendors on the bridge is a nice way to encourage pedestrian traffic between downtown and the North Shore.

A motion was made by Walton, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[11129-19](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to the Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA for the purpose of staging its 31st Annual Pittsburgh Family Fun Run/Walk for Epilepsy, tailgate party and related activities on the Roberto Clemente (6th Street) Bridge on Saturday, July 13, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Evanto summarized its provisions, noting that this is the second year for the Epilepsy Association using the Clemente Bridge, with about 1500 participants having breakfast and lunch on the bridge, with the run/walk in between. Mr. Evanto noted that the Pirates are out of town that weekend.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. McKain noted that the only feedback that had been received by the County has been positive.

In response to a question from Mr. Walton, Mr. Evanto noted that he would request information regarding economic impact of events like this, Picklesburgh, the Regatta, etc. from VisitPittsburgh and provide it to Council through Mr. McKain.

The Chair, Mr. McKain and Mr. Evanto discussed the benefits of having events like this in the County.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain noted that the fee for the bridge permit is \$80, and when the County Police believe that security will be necessary or if custodial or electrician services will be necessary, those fees are negotiated case-by-case.

The Chair and Mr. McKain discussed the indirect budgetary benefits of allowing bridge usage for events like this.

A motion was made by Walton, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29.