

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

*Jim Burn, Barbara Daly Danko, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen ,
Mike Finnerty, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green Hawkins,
Heather Heidelbaugh, Bob Macey, Chuck Martoni, John Palmiere, Jan Rea,
and William Russell Robinson - Members*

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obtained from the Council Clerk, Office of County Council, Room 119
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I. Call To Order

5:01 PM

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

Roll Call: Present: President Burn, Council Member Daly Danko, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Macey, Vice-President Martoni, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Rea and Council Member Russell Robinson
Phone: Council Member Heidelbaugh

V. Proclamations/Certificates

- [6881-12](#) Certificate of Achievement recognizing Mr. Godwin Nyama of Brashear High School for becoming the first City League wrestler to win a PIAA state championship.
- [6902-12](#) Proclamation commending Ms. Alyssa Fine for being named the 2012 American Honey Queen and for her commitment to the American Beekeeping Federation as well as the community.
- [6903-12](#) Certificates of Recognition honoring the graduates of the Message Carriers of Pennsylvania Inside/Outside Program.
- [6904-12](#) Certificates of Recognition awarded to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities 2012 Jubilarians upon reaching milestone anniversaries.
- [6905-12](#) Proclamation naming April 28, 2012 as “Workers Memorial Day” in Allegheny County.
- [6906-12](#) Proclamation recognizing the United Steelworkers Women of Steel for establishing a memorial dedicated to the men and women who lost their lives at the Allegheny Ludlum Brackenridge Works Plant.
- [6907-12](#) Proclamation congratulating Mr. Robert O. Agbede for being honored with the 2012 Golden Torch Award for Entrepreneur of the Year by the National Society of Black Engineers.
- [6908-12](#) Certificates of Recognition honoring Allegheny County Police Detective Steve Dish, Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth and Families Caseworker, Tiffani Keirn, and Baldwin Police Detective Tony Cortazzo for earning an Above

& Beyond Award from A Child's Place at Mercy.

- [6909-12](#) Proclamation honoring Reverend Dr. J. Van Alfred Winsett of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church upon his 39th pastoral anniversary and retirement.
- [6910-12](#) Proclamation congratulating the Payne Chapel A.M.E. Church upon its 120th anniversary.
- [6911-12](#) Certificate of Recognition honoring Ms. Anna D. Krivacek upon the occasion of her 100th birthday.
- [6912-12](#) Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Marie Race upon their 60th wedding anniversary.
- [6913-12](#) Certificates of Achievement awarded to the West Allegheny High School Hockey Team for winning the 2012 PIHL Class AA Penguins Cup Championship.
- [6914-12](#) Certificates of Achievement awarded to the Quaker Valley High School Hockey Team for winning the 2012 PIHL Class A State Championship and the 2012 PIHL Penguins Cup.
- [6915-12](#) Certificates of Achievement awarded to the Deer Lakes Freshmen Hockey Team for winning the 2012 PIHL Division Championship.

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

Fourteen Public Speakers on Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

None to approve at this time.

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading

[6894-12](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2012 (Submission #12-5).

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

Votes: Yes: 13 - Council Member Daly Danko, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Macey, Vice-President Martoni, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Rea and Council Member Russell Robinson
Not present: 1 - President Burn
Yes Phone: 1 - Council Member Heidelbaugh

Committee on Government Reform - Second Reading

[6871-12](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County supporting the formulation and ratification of a Constitutional amendment to reverse Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and to restore Constitutional rights and fair elections to the people.

Vote to end debate failed , 9 yes, 5 no.

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

Votes: Yes: 10 - Council Member Daly Danko, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Macey, Vice-President Martoni, Council Member Palmiere and Council Member Russell Robinson
Noes: 3 - Council Member Drozd, Council Member Gastgeb and Council Member Rea
Not present: 1 - President Burn
No Phone: 1 - Council Member Heidelbaugh

Committee on Parks - Second Reading

[6893-12](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the use of the County's South Park BMX Track facilities.

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

Votes: Yes: 13 - Council Member Daly Danko, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Macey, Vice-President Martoni, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Rea and Council Member Russell Robinson
Not present: 1 - President Burn
Yes Phone: 1 - Council Member Heidelbaugh

X. Liaison Reports**XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**

[6916-12](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

permitting Ouroboros Productions, LLC, to use certain County-owned real property.

Motion to waive the second reading approved.

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

Votes: Yes: 13 - Council Member Daly Danko, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Futules, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Macey, Vice-President Martoni, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Rea and Council Member Russell Robinson
Not present: 1 - President Burn
Yes Phone: 1 - Council Member Heidelbaugh

6917-12

A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny authorizing the pursuit of a Tax Increment Financing Plan to pay for portions of the Castle Shannon Transit Village to be located in Castle Shannon, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

6918-12

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2012 (Submission #12-6).

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance

XII. New Business - Motions

6919-12

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County urging the General Assembly to enact, with all deliberate speed, legislation requiring the appointment of a special prosecutor through the Office of the Pennsylvania Attorney General to investigate and, if necessary, prosecute any and all charges of police criminal misconduct within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Withdrawn

6920-12

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County encouraging the boroughs, townships, and municipalities of Allegheny County to forge cooperative agreements between and among neighboring communities regarding zoning and permits for installation of outdoor advertising within visual range of the neighboring boroughs, townships, and municipalities.

Referred to the Committee on Government Reform

6921-12

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing the Council's support for the continued elimination of an asset test prerequisite to federal food assistance eligibility for Pennsylvania families and requesting that Governor Corbett suspend the effort to reinstate the use of the "asset test" in an attempt to reduce negligible evidence of fraud.

Referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services

6922-12

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, expressing its support for Pennsylvania House Bill 2137, as well as for the Allegheny County State legislators from both parties that unanimously supported a moratorium on court ordered reassessments, and further encouraging the State Senate to pass HB 2137 as currently drafted and approved by the House, and to collectively work on delivering a better, fairer and more accurate assessment process to our taxpayers.

Motion to waive the second reading passed.

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

Votes: Yes: 11 - Council Member Daly Danko, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Ellenbogen, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Green Hawkins, Council Member Macey, Vice-President Martoni, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Rea and Council Member Russell Robinson
Not present: 3 - President Burn, Council Member Finnerty and Council Member Futules
No Phone: 1 - Council Member Heidelbaugh

XIII. Notification of Contracts

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment

Adjourned 7:20 PM