

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Thursday, January 28, 2010

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Government Reform

*Rich Fitzgerald, Chair; Jim Burn, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Nick
Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green Hawkins, Bob Macey, and Chuck
McCullough - Members*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee
Jeaneen Zappa, Sustainability Manager
Stephen Glassman, Chairman, PA Human Relations Commission
Human Relations Commission Members

Invited Guests Present:

Jeaneen Zappa, Allegheny County Sustainability Manager
Members of the Human Relations Commission including: Mr. McGough, Judge Baldwin, Mr. Nowak, Ms. Mayes, and Mr. Broadus. Mr. Glassman was present via telephone.

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Barker, Ms. Liptak

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Rich Fitzgerald, Michael Finnerty, Amanda Green Hawkins, and John DeFazio
Absent: Jim Burn, Jim Ellenbogen, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Bob Macey, and Charles McCullough

III. Agenda Items**Resolution****5349-10**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, recognizing the urgency of stabilizing the climate as well as the role that Allegheny County can play in such an endeavor.

The Chair read the title of the bill, and called Ms. Zappa to the table to discuss the bill and County sustainability initiatives.

The Chair discussed S.1733 in general terms, and provided Ms. Green Hawkins with an opportunity to comment on the bill.

Ms. Green Hawkins described her intent in raising the issue.

The Chair requested a copy of an RFP issued for sustainability coordination/consolidation consulting from Ms. Zappa.

Ms. Zappa discussed a recent meeting with representatives from the County authorities, and noted that there is sometimes a balance between environmental concerns and development.

Discussion Topic:**Allegheny County Human Relations Commission**

The Chair asked the Commission Members to introduce themselves, and gave an overview of his intent in discussing the Commission.

Ms. Green Hawkins expressed her thanks for the service of the Commission Members, and for Mr. Glassman's offer to provide some training for the Commission Members.

Mr. Glassman discussed the issues of selecting a Chair for the Commission, budget, evolution and growth of the Commission, and organizational matters.

Mr. McGough, Ms. Baldwin and Mr. Broadus expressed a desire for the Chief Executive to select at least an interim Chair until by-laws are adopted.

Ms. Baldwin expressed a desire for the Commission to provide a recommendation for who the first Chair could/should be.

Mr. Glassman raised the issue of structuring the Commission for community outreach, fact finding, investigation, and adjudication purposes, as well as budgeting, and a discussion of these issues followed.

The Chair asked for a recommendation from the Commission regarding a Chair within the next 2-3 weeks.

Mr. Glassman offered to meet with the Commission Members on February 1, as he will be in town for other purposes on that day.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.