

# Allegheny County Council

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## Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

## County Council

*Patrick Catena - President; Jack Betkowski, David Bonaroti, Samuel DeMarco, III, Suzanne Filiaggi, Nick Futules, Daniel Grzybek, Bethany Hallam, Paul Klein, Bob Macey, Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis, John Palmiere, Robert Palmosina, Anita Prizio, and DeWitt Walton - Members*

**I. Call To Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Silent Prayer or Reflection**

**IV. Roll Call**

- Council Members** 12 - Bonaroti, Catena, DeMarco , Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey,  
**Present:** Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina and Walton
- Council Members** 1 - Prizio  
**Absent:**
- Council Members** 2 - Betkowski and Grzybek  
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**V. Proclamations/Certificates**

[12903-24](#)

A proclamation recognizing KDKA-TV's 75th Anniversary and their commitment to excellence in news, local programming and community service.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Palmiere and All Members of Council

**This proclamation was presented.**

[12904-24](#)

A proclamation congratulating Gerald and Carol Zeman on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Palmiere

**This proclamation was read into the record.**

[12905-24](#)

A proclamation welcoming Shen Yun Performing Arts to Allegheny County and Pittsburgh's Benedum Center for the Performing Arts on January 27-28, 2024.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Macey

**This proclamation was read into the record.**

[12906-24](#)

A proclamation recognizing and congratulating Hunter Fitzpatrick Maher on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Grzybek

**This proclamation was read into the record.**

[12907-24](#)

A proclamation recognizing and congratulating Edward Mackenzie Vicente Conn on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Palmiere

This proclamation was read into the record.

## VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

## VII. Approval of Minutes

[12913-24](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023 regular meeting of Council.

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

[12914-24](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 regular meeting of Council.

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

## VIII. Presentation of Appointments

*Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis moved to amend the agenda to include the nomination of Rosalyn Guy-McCorkle to the position of County Solicitor, Mr. Walton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously via voice vote. This appointment was assigned Bill No. 12928-24, and appears below.*

[12902-24](#) Approving the appointment of Barbara Griffin to the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term effective through December 31, 2026.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**This matter was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.**

[12908-24](#) Approving the appointment of Muhammad Ali Nasir (MAN-E) to the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term effective through December 31, 2026.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**This matter was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.**

[12909-24](#) Approving the appointment of Rob Perkins to the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term effective through December 31, 2026.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**This matter was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.**

[12910-24](#) Approving the re-appointment of Mark Foerster to the Allegheny County Housing Authority for a term effective through December 31, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**This matter was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.**

[12911-24](#) Approving the re-appointment of Mandy Steele to the Allegheny County Housing Authority for a term effective through December 31, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**This matter was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.**

[12912-24](#) Approving the appointment of Kyle Chintalapalli to the Redevelopment Authority for Allegheny County for a term effective through December 31, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**This matter was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.**

[12928-24](#) Approving the appointment of Rosalyn Guy-McCorkle as Solicitor of Allegheny County.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**This matter was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.**

## IX. Unfinished Business

## X. Liaison Reports

## XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[12915-24](#) An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Article 209 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, entitled "Office of Property Assessments," §5-209.05, entitled "Chief Assessment Officer, duties and responsibilities," in order to establish a mechanism for ensuring continuity in the Chief Assessment Officer position.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Catena

**This bill was referred to the Committee on Assessment Practices.**

[12916-24](#) An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 475, entitled "Taxation," by the creation of a new Article XII entitled "Volunteer Service Tax Credit Program" in order to establish a uniform program of Allegheny County real property tax incentives for certain volunteer service providers.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Catena and Council Member Grzybek

**This bill was referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance.**

[12917-24](#) An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 207, entitled "New Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review," §5-207.03, entitled "Qualifications of Board Members, appointment; terms: organization of Appeals Board, and §5-207.04, entitled "Compliance with County Procedures," in order to establish uniform training requirements for members of the Board and any hearing officers retained by the Board.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Filiaggi, Council Member Catena and Council Member Macey

**This bill was referred to the Committee on Assessment Practices.**

[12918-24](#) An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 207, entitled “New Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review,” §5-207.06, entitled “Rules and regulations for appeals,” in order to establish a uniform, expeditious process for rendering decisions regarding real property assessment appeals.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Filiaggi, Council Member Catena and Council Member Macey

**This bill was referred to the Committee on Assessment Practices.**

**XII. New Business - Motions**

[12919-24](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County amending the Rules of Council, Article VII, entitled “Solicitor Contract Term,” in order to provide for periodic requests and review of proposals for the position of County Council Solicitor.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Filiaggi

**This bill was referred to the Executive Committee.**

[12920-24](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County approving a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for Council staff members.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Palmiere

**A motion was made by Palmiere, seconded by Naccarati-Chapkis, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 12 - Bonaroti, Catena, DeMarco , Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Absent:** 1 - Prizio

**Council Members Not present:** 1 - Betkowski

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 1 - Grzybek

[12921-24](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County approving updated leave policies for Council staff members.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Palmiere

**A motion was made by Palmiere, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 12 - Bonaroti, Catena, DeMarco , Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members** 1 - Prizio  
**Absent:**

**Council Members Not present:** 1 - Betkowski

**Council Members Yes** 1 - Grzybek  
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[12922-24](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing payment of invoices for extraordinary professional services rendered as a result of litigation involving Allegheny County Council as a party.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Catena

**A motion was made by Palmiere, seconded by Naccarati-Chapkis, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Bonaroti, Catena, DeMarco , Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere and Palmosina

**Council Members No:** 1 - Walton

**Council Members** 1 - Prizio  
**Absent:**

**Council Members Not present:** 1 - Betkowski

**Council Members Yes** 1 - Grzybek  
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[12923-24](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing retention of the services of the law firm of Frank, Gale, Bails & Pocrass, PC, to provide legal advice, representation and consultation to County Council.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Palmiere

**A motion was made by Palmiere, seconded by Naccarati-Chapkis, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Bonaroti, Catena, DeMarco , Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere and Palmosina

**Council Members No:** 1 - Walton

**Council Members** 1 - Prizio  
**Absent:**

**Council Members Not present:** 1 - Betkowski

**Council Members Yes** 1 - Grzybek  
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[12924-24](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing continuation of the services of Dreamscape Video Productions to provide Council meeting video streaming and recording and other videography services to County Council through January 31,

2026.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Palmiere

**A motion was made by Palmiere, seconded by Naccarati-Chapkis, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 12 - Bonaroti, Catena, DeMarco , Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Absent:** 1 - Prizio

**Council Members Not present:** 1 - Betkowski

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 1 - Grzybek

[12925-24](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County urging the Chief Executive and Department of Human Services, in cooperation with the City of Pittsburgh and the nonprofit, unhoused persons, medical, business, and other communities, to explore how aspects of the model for delivery of services to unhoused persons in Houston, TX might be successfully carried over to Allegheny County.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Catena

**This bill was referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness**

[12926-24](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County opposing the Sale of U.S. Steel to Nippon.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Walton, Council Member Prizio, Council Member Futules and Council Member Palmiere

**A motion was made by Walton that this matter be Passed. Prior to that motion receiving a second, a motion was made by Futules, seconded by Hallam, that this matter be Held. The motion to hold carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Bonaroti, Catena, DeMarco , Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere and Palmosina

**Council Members No:** 1 - Walton

**Council Members Absent:** 1 - Prizio

**Council Members Not present:** 1 - Betkowski

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 1 - Grzybek

**XIII. Notification of Contracts**

[12927-24](#)

Communication summarizing approved Executive actions for December, 2022.

**A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Palmiere, that this matter be**

Received and Filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**XIV. Public Comment on General Items**

**XV. Adjournment**