

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

*Patrick Catena - President; Bob Macey - Vice President; Tom Baker, Olivia Bennett,
Samuel DeMarco, III, Tom Duerr, Nick Futules, Bethany Hallam, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein,
John Palmiere, Robert Palmosina, Anita Prizio, DeWitt Walton and Paul Zavarella -
Members*

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

Council Members Present: 7 - Baker, Catena, DeMarco , Futules, Macey, Prizio and Walton

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Phone: 7 - Bennett, Duerr, Hallam, Klein, Palmiere, Palmosina and Zavarella

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[11827-21](#) Proclamation declaring April 30, 2021 to be **National Therapy Animal Day** in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Catena, Council Member Duerr and Council Member Prizio

[11828-21](#) Proclamation declaring Monday, April 12, 2021 to be “**412Thrive Day**” in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker

[11829-21](#) Proclamation declaring Sunday, April 11, 2021 to be “**Caileigh Lynn McDowell Day**” in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker

[11830-21](#) Proclamation commending **Local Government Academy** for being recognized as an Annual Governor’s Awardee for Local Government Excellence.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr, Council Member Baker, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Catena, Council Member DeMarco , Council Member Futules, Council Member Hallam, Council Member Kirk, Council Member Klein, Council Member Macey, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Palmosina, Council Member Prizio and Council Member Zavarella

[11831-21](#) Proclamation commending the **Town of McCandless** for being recognized as an Annual Governor’s Awardee for Local Government Excellence

Sponsors: Council Member Kirk

[11832-21](#) Proclamation commending the **City of Clairton** for being recognized as an Annual Governor's Awardee for Local Government Excellence.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

[11838-21](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021 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

[11823-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Dr. Mona N. Generett to the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on April 23, 2027.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11824-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Martha W. Isler to the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on April 23, 2027.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11825-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of John Palmiere to the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on April 23, 2027.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11833-21](#) Approving the appointment of Alberto Benzaquen to the MBE Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Appointment Review

[11771-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Lisa Story to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11772-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Roxanne Sewell to the MBE Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11773-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of James Overton to the MBE Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11774-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Tim Stevens to the MBE Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11775-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Kathi R. Boyle to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11776-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Anthony J. Ross to the Regional Asset District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11777-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Daniel J. Griffin to the Regional Asset District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11778-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Dusty Elias Kirk to the Regional Asset District

Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11779-21](#)

Approving the re-appointment of Jackie Dixon to the Regional Asset District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading

[11812-21](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2021 (Submission #03-21).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

Council Members Yes: 7 - Baker, Catena, DeMarco , Futules, Macey, Prizio and Walton

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes Phone: 8 - Bennett, Duerr, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Palmiere, Palmosina and Zavarella

Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading

[11811-21](#)

A Resolution approving a project for the benefit of Presbyterian SeniorCare ("**PSC**") and Longwood at Oakmont, Inc. ("**Longwood**" and, together with PSC, the "**Borrowers**") to be financed by the Authority for Improvements in Municipalities (the "**Authority**") by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt or federally taxable, as applicable, revenue bonds, in one or more series, to be designated as may be determined by the Authority, the Borrowers and the underwriter of the Bonds (hereinafter defined), in a maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$90,000,000 (the "**Bonds**"), provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (the "**County**") shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Bonds, and declaring the financing of such project as desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people in the County and in the area served by the project.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

Council Members Yes: 7 - Baker, Catena, DeMarco , Futules, Macey, Prizio and Walton

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes Phone: 8 - Bennett, Duerr, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Palmiere, Palmosina and Zavarella

Committee on Public Works - Second Reading

[11807-21](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to acquire by condemnation, certain permanent rights-of-way and easements, including but not limited to, property in fee for permanent rights-of-way, slope easements, channel easements, utility easements, drainage easements and temporary construction easements from **thirty-three (33)** parcels required to reconstruct and widen Campbell’s Run Road (Route 6072) between McMichael Road and Keiner’s Lane in Colliers Township and Robinson Township and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including but not limited to, the Eminent Domain Code.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

Council Members Yes: 7 - Baker, Catena, DeMarco , Futules, Macey, Prizio and Walton

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes Phone: 8 - Bennett, Duerr, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Palmiere, Palmosina and Zavarella

[11808-21](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to acquire by condemnation, certain permanent rights-of-way and easements, including but not limited to, property in fee for permanent rights-of-way and temporary construction easements from three (3) parcels required to replace the superstructure of Pucketa Creek Bridge No. 5 (Inter-County) at Booker Street, Plum Borough, Allegheny County, Upper Burrell Township, Westmoreland County and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including but not limited to the Eminent Domain Code.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

Council Members Yes: 7 - Baker, Catena, DeMarco , Futules, Macey, Prizio and Walton

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes 8 - Bennett, Duerr, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Palmiere, Palmosina and Zavarella
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[11809-21](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to acquire by condemnation, certain permanent rights-of-way and easements, including but not limited to, property in fee for permanent rights-of-way and temporary construction easements from one (1) parcel required to replace Robinson Run Bridge No. 3 over the South Branch of Robinson Run located in North Fayette Township and South Fayette Township and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including but not limited to the Eminent Domain Code.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

Council Members Yes: 7 - Baker, Catena, DeMarco , Futules, Macey, Prizio and Walton

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes 8 - Bennett, Duerr, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Palmiere, Palmosina and Zavarella
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[11810-21](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to acquire by condemnation, certain permanent rights-of-way and easements, including but not limited to, property in fee for permanent rights-of-way and temporary construction easements from one (1) parcel required to facilitate the preservation of Stillhouse Run Structure No. 1 located in Hampton Township and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including but not limited to the Eminent Domain Code.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

Council Members Yes: 7 - Baker, Catena, DeMarco , Futules, Macey, Prizio and Walton

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes 8 - Bennett, Duerr, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Palmiere, Palmosina and Zavarella
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X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[11834-21](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing White Oak Animal Safe Haven, Inc. (No-Kill Animal Shelter) to use

County-owned real property on Lincoln Way in the County’s White Oak Park as an animal rescue and adoption center.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11835-21](#) A Resolution of the County Council of Allegheny County dissolving the Potato Garden Run Tax Increment Financing District and authorizing related actions.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

XII. New Business - Motions

[11836-21](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County denouncing the attempts of state and federal legislators to prohibit transgender athletes from participating in sports on the youth and collegiate level, and urging sports programs, both youth and collegiate, within the Commonwealth to adopt and support transgender inclusive policies for their teams.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam and Council Member Bennett

Mr. Walton moved to end debate on this bill, Mr. Macey seconded, and the motion failed with Ms. Bennett, Ms. Hallam, Mr. Klein, Mr. Macey, Mr. Palmiere, Mr. Palmosina, Ms. Prizio, Mr. Walton, and President Catena voting in favor, and Mr. Baker, Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Duerr, Mr. Futules, Ms. Kirk, and Mr. Zavarella voting against.

A motion was made by Hallam, seconded by Bennett, that this matter be Approved. The motion failed by the following vote:

- Council Members Yes:** 3 - Palmiere, Prizio and Walton
- Council Members No:** 3 - DeMarco , Futules and Macey
- Council Members Abstain:** 2 - Baker and Catena
- Council Members Absent:** 0
- Council Members Yes Phone:** 4 - Bennett, Duerr, Hallam and Klein
- Council Members No Phone:** 3 - Kirk, Palmosina and Zavarella

[11837-21](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing the sense of Council regarding returning to regular attendance practices for regular meetings of Allegheny County Council.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules

A motion was made by Futules, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Approved. The motion failed by the following vote:

- Council Members Yes:** 3 - Baker, DeMarco and Futules
- Council Members No:** 4 - Catena, Macey, Prizio and Walton

Council Members 0
Absent:

Council Members Yes 1 - Kirk
Phone:

Council Members No 7 - Bennett, Duerr, Hallam, Klein, Palmiere, Palmosina and Zavarella
Phone:

XIII. Notification of Contracts

[11839-21](#) Communication summarizing approved Executive actions for March, 2021.

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

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