

# Allegheny County Council

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## Agenda Synopsis

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

**Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room**

## **County Council**

***Patrick Catena - President; Olivia Bennett, Jack Betkowski, Samuel DeMarco, III, Tom Duerr, Suzanne Filiaggi, Nick Futules, 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 Present:** 12 - Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Walton and Catena
- Council Members Absent:** 1 - Prizio
- Council Members Phone:** 2 - Bennett and Hallam

**V. Chief Executive's Quarterly Address**

**VI. Proclamations/Certificates**

[12883-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing and honoring County Executive, Rich Fitzgerald for his contributions and successes to Allegheny County.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Catena, Council Member DeMarco , Council Member Betkowski, Council Member Filiaggi, Council Member Prizio, Council Member Duerr, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Futules, Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, Council Member Macey, Council Member Walton, Council Member Klein and Council Member Palmosina

**This proclamation was presented.**

[12884-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing and honoring Treasurer, John K. Weinstein for his contributions and successes to Allegheny County.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Catena, Council Member Hallam, Council Member DeMarco , Council Member Betkowski, Council Member Filiaggi, Council Member Prizio, Council Member Duerr, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Futules, Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, Council Member Macey, Council Member Klein, Council Member Palmosina, Council Member Bennett and Council Member Walton

**This proclamation was held.**

[12890-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing the 35th Anniversary of The Center for Urban Biblical Ministry.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Klein and Council Member Walton

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

**VII. Public Comment On Agenda Items**

### VIII. Approval of Minutes

[12885-23](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 regular meeting of Council.

**A motion was made by Council Member Macey, seconded by Vice-President of Council Palmiere, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[12886-23](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2023 regular meeting of Council.

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

[12887-23](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2023 regular meeting of Council.

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

### IX. Presentation of Appointments

[12882-23](#) Approving the appointment of Susan Thornton Lara to the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review for a term to commence on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2026.

**Sponsors:** Council Member DeMarco and Council Member Catena

*Mr. DeMarco moved to waive Article IV, Section A.7. of the Rules of Council to allow a final vote on this appointment, Mr. Macey seconded, and the motion passed with Ms. Bennett and Ms. Hallam voting against, Ms. Prizio not present, and all other members present and voting in favor.*

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

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

**Council Members No:** 1 - Hallam

**Council Members Absent:** 1 - Prizio

**Council Members No Phone:** 1 - Bennett

### X. Unfinished Business

#### Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading

[12868-23](#) An Ordinance approving the sale of the County’s interest in a three-taxing bodies parcel of property located at Glenn Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15137 and identified as Block and Lot 0232-J-00155, for the sale price of \$400.00 to Mr. Neil Straub.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Betkowski, seconded by Council Member Duerr, that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Council Members Absent:** 1 - Prizio

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 2 - Bennett and Hallam

**Committee on Government Reform - Second Reading**

12480-22

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, §5-1009.08, entitled “Paid County Holidays,” in order to designate the second Monday in October as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day,” rather than “Columbus Day.”

**Sponsors:** Council Member Bennett and Council Member Prizio

**A motion was made by Council Member Hallam, seconded by Council Member Bennett, that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Council Members No:** 12 - Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Walton and Catena

**Council Members Absent:** 1 - Prizio

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 2 - Bennett and Hallam

12534-22

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 301, entitled “County Council,” §5-301.03, entitled “County Council districts,” in order to provide a uniform process for the reapportionment of Council districts within Allegheny County.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Duerr and Council Member Filiaggi

*Mr. Duerr moved to waive Article II, Section N.1.ii. of the Rules of Council in order to offer amendment Duerr 1, Ms. Filiaggi seconded, and the motion passed with Ms. Bennett voting against, Ms. Prizio not present, and all other members present and voting in favor.*

*Mr. Duerr moved to adopt amendment Duerr 1, Ms. Filiaggi seconded, and the motion passed with Mr. Walton abstaining, Ms. Prizio not present, and all other members present and voting in favor.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Hallam, seconded by Council Member Duerr, that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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

**Council Members Yes** 2 - Bennett and Hallam  
**Phone:**

[12812-23](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the provisions of Article 1013 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, entitled "Political Activity; Accountability, Conduct And Ethics Code," in order to establish a mechanism for review and investigation of campaign finance reports filed by candidates for County elected offices by the Allegheny County Ethics (ACE) Commission.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Duerr

**A motion was made by Council Member Duerr, seconded by Council Member Klein, that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 7 - DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Klein, Macey and Walton

**Council Members No:** 5 - Betkowski, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina and Catena

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

**Council Members No** 2 - Bennett and Hallam  
**Phone:**

**Committee on Health & Human Services - Second Reading**

[12741-23](#)

An Ordinance amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 5, entitled "Health and Sanitation," through the creation of a new Chapter 560, entitled "Right of Choice."

**Sponsors:** Council Member Duerr

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

**Council Members Yes:** 8 - Betkowski, Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Klein, Naccarati-Chapkis, Walton and Catena

**Council Members No:** 4 - DeMarco , Macey, Palmiere and Palmosina

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

**Council Members Yes** 2 - Bennett and Hallam  
**Phone:**

**XI. Liaison Reports**

**XII. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**

[12888-23](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, repealing the existing provisions of Article 1013 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, entitled “Political Activity; Accountability, Conduct And Ethics Code,” and replacing it with an updated Article 1013 governing the same subject matter and entitled “Ethics Code.”

**Sponsors:** Council Member Duerr

**This bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.**

**XIII. New Business - Motions**

**XIV. Notification of Contracts**

[12889-23](#)

Communication summarizing approved Executive actions for the month of November, 2023.

**A motion was made by Council Member Macey, seconded by Council Member Duerr, that this matter be Received and Filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**XV. Public Comment on General Items**

**XVI. Adjournment**