

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

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: 14 - Baker, Bennett, Catena, DeMarco , Duerr, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Zavarella

Council Members Absent: 0

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[11357-20](#) Proclamation recognizing NIOSH-NPPTL upon the 100th anniversary of the first respirator approval.

Sponsors: Council Member DeMarco , Council Member Hallam and Council Member Palmiere

[11358-20](#) Proclamation recognizing Donald Similo for his 40 years of dedicated service to Elizabeth Township.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

[11359-20](#) Proclamation recognizing Chief David Martin for his 27 years of dedicated service to the Homeville Volunteer Fire Company.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

[11360-20](#) Certificates of Recognition presented to the 2019 Highland Volunteer Fire Company Awardees.

Sponsors: Council Member Kirk

[11361-20](#) Proclamation recognizing Keystone State Wrestling Alliance upon its 20th anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker

[11362-20](#) Proclamation congratulating the Oakmont Carnegie Library upon the occasion of being awarded the PA Forward Gold Star Award.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules

[11363-20](#) Proclamation recognizing Bill Seyko upon his retirement from Verona Borough Police Department.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules

[11364-20](#) Proclamation welcoming Shen Yun Performing Arts to Allegheny County and Pittsburgh's Benedum Center for the Performing Arts on January 24-25, 2020.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena, Council Member Futules, Council Member Kirk, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Palmosina, Council Member Prizio and Council Member Duerr

[11365-20](#) Proclamation recognizing Mr. Thomas Bonura for his 50 years of dedicated service to the Pleasant Hills Volunteer Fire Company.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

[11366-20](#) Proclamation declaring Saturday, December 14, 2019 to be Jingle Bell Run Arthritis Foundation Day in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker

[11367-20](#) Certificates of Recognition presented to the 20th Ward Committee Members.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmosina

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

[11377-20](#) Approving the reappointment of William Ondek to the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11378-20](#) Approving the reappointment of Wayde Fargotstein to the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11379-20](#) Approving the appointment of Jenna R. Cramer to the Allegheny County Conservation District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11380-20](#) Approving the appointment of Maria Graziani to the Allegheny County Conservation District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11381-20](#) Approving the reappointment of Barbara M. Parees to the Allegheny HealthChoices Inc. Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

IX. Unfinished Business

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[11370-20](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances through the establishment of a new Division 9, entitled “Conduct,” and a new Chapter 905, entitled “Independent Police Review Board,” in order to establish a mechanism for citizen review of allegations of misconduct undertaken by police officers within Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Walton, Council Member Duerr and Council Member Klein

[11371-20](#) An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing that a referendum question regarding the amendment of Article III, §6 of the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County, which places restrictions on the ability of certain persons to run for federal, state, county and local elected office, be placed on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules, Council Member Catena and Council Member Macey

[11372-20](#) An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing that a referendum question regarding the amendment of Article III, §5(b) of the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County, which establishes term limits for certain independently elected County officials, be placed on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot; and further amending Article 301 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, contingent upon the passage of the referendum question.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules, Council Member Duerr and Council Member Catena

[11373-20](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the use of a structure in the County’s Boyce Park by Family Links, Inc.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11374-20](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing continued use of property in the County’s Deer Lakes Park by the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh for operation of an astronomy observatory known as the Wagman Observatory.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11375-20](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing use of property in the County’s North Park for operation of a platform tennis organization by North Park Paddle Tennis.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

XII. New Business - Motions

XIII. Notification of Contracts

[11376-20](#) Communication summarizing approved Executive actions from December 1 through December 31, 2019.

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 Macey, seconded by Palmiere, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.