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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

Patrick Catena - President; Aaron Adams, Jordan Botta, Suzanne Filiaggi, Nick Futules, Dan Grzybek, Bethany Hallam, Paul Klein, Kathleen Madonna-Emmerling, Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis, John Palmiere, Robert Palmosina, Alex Rose, Lissa Geiger Shulman, and DeWitt Walton - Members

I. Call To Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Silent Prayer or Reflection

IV. Roll Call

Council Members Present: 12 - Council MemberBotta, Council MemberFiliaggi, Council MemberFutules, Council MemberGrzybek, Council MemberKlein, Council MemberMadonna-Emmerling, Council MemberNaccarati-Chapkis, Council MemberPalmiere, Council MemberRose, Council MemberGeiger Shulman, Council MemberWalton and Council MemberCatena

Council Members Absent: 1 - Council MemberPalmosina

Council Members Phone: 2 - Council MemberAdams and Council MemberHallam

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[13883-26](#)

A proclamation proclaiming April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Sponsors: Council Member Geiger Shulman and Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

This proclamation was presented.

[13884-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Sergeant Eric Hess of the East McKeesport Police Department in saving the life of a 7 month old.

Sponsors: Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13885-26](#)

A proclamation commending Chief Ellis Watson for his distinguished career with Swissvale-Braddock Hills Regional Police Department.

Sponsors: Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis and Council Member Walton

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13886-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Gabriel Joseph Zych on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Grzybek

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13887-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Hendrix Cole Odham on achieving the rank of Eagle

Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Grzybek

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13888-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Haley Smarsh for her outstanding athletic achievement as the 2026 PIAA Girls Wrestling State Champion.

Sponsors: Council Member Madonna-Emmerling

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13889-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Mancini's Bakery upon the occasion of their 100th Anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13890-26](#)

A proclamation in Memoriam recognizing the service of K-9 Bloodhound Ellie Faye.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

This proclamation was read into the record.

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

[13891-26](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2026 regular meeting of Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Palmiere, seconded by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Government Reform - Second Reading

[13808-26](#)

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 places term limits on only the Chief Executive, be placed on the May 19, 2026 Primary Election ballot, and amending the Charter and Administrative Code of Allegheny County contingent upon the passage of such referendum.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena, Council Member Hallam, Council Member Grzybek, Council Member Rose and Council Member Madonna-Emmerling

Mr. Grzybek moved to adopt Amendment Grzybek-Filiaggi 1, Ms. Filiaggi seconded, and the amendment was adopted with Mr. Botta, Ms. Filiaggi, Mr. Grzybek, Ms. Hallam, Mr. Klein, Ms. Madonna-Emmerling, Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis, Mr. Palmiere, Mr. Rose, Ms. Shulman, and Mr. Catena voting in favor, Mr. Futules and Mr. Walton voting against, and Mr. Adams abstaining.

After the adoption of Amendment Grzybek-Filiaggi 1, the bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform for additional discussion.

[13811-26](#)

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County through the amendment of Article 902, entitled “Formal Procurement Process” and through the creation of a new Article 903A, entitled “Formal Procurement - Large Contracts,” in order to clarify standards governing selection of bidders for certain County contracts through the formal procurement process.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam, Council Member Grzybek, Council Member Rose, Council Member Botta, Council Member Madonna-Emmerling, Council Member Geiger Shulman, Council Member Palmosina, Council Member Palmiere and Council Member Catena

A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Grzybek, that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Council Members Yes: 11 - Council Member Botta, Council Member Filiaggi, Council Member Futules, Council Member Grzybek, Council Member Klein, Council Member Madonna-Emmerling, Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Rose, Council Member Geiger Shulman and Council Member Catena

Council Members No: 1 - Council Member Walton

Council Members Absent: 1 - Council Member Palmosina

Council Members Yes Phone: 2 - Council Member Adams and Council Member Hallam

[13813-26](#)

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 Catena and Council Member Filiaggi

Mr. Rose moved to adopt amendment Rose 1, Mr. Grzybek seconded, and the amendment was adopted with Mr. Grzybek, Ms. Hallam, Mr. Klein, Ms. Madonna-Emmerling, Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis, Mr. Palmiere, Mr. Rose, Ms. Shulman, and Mr. Catena voting in favor, Mr. Adams, Mr. Futules and Mr. Walton voting against, and Mr. Botta and Ms. Filiaggi abstaining.

A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Palmiere, that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Council Members Yes: 10 - Council Member Botta, Council Member Filiaggi, Council Member Grzybek, Council Member Klein, Council Member Madonna-Emmerling, Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Rose, Council Member Geiger Shulman and Council Member Catena

Council Members No: 2 - Council Member Futules and Council Member Walton

Council Members Abstain: 1 - Council Member Adams

Council Members Absent: 1 - Council Member Palmosina

Council Members Yes Phone: 1 - Council Member Hallam

Committee on Housing & Homelessness - Second Reading

[13863-26](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances by the creation of a new Chapter 885, entitled “Residential Tenant Protections from Retaliation” in order to protect the right of residential tenants to engage in lawful activity in pursuit of healthy and safe housing conditions.

Sponsors: Chief Executive, Council Member Rose and Council Member Botta

A motion was made by Council Member Hallam, seconded by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Council Members Yes: 10 - Council Member Botta, Council Member Grzybek, Council Member Klein, Council Member Madonna-Emmerling, Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Rose, Council Member Geiger Shulman, Council Member Walton and Council Member Catena

Council Members No: 1 - Council Member Filiaggi

Council Members Abstain: 2 - Council Member Adams and Council Member Futules

Council Members Absent: 1 - Council Member Palmosina

Council Members Yes Phone: 1 - Council Member Hallam

Committee on Parks - Second Reading

[13880-26](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to allow King Street Productions, Inc. to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with the filming a Television Series.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

A motion was made by Council Member Futules, seconded by Council Member Palmiere, that this matter be Amended and Passed for Chief Executive

Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Council Members Yes: 12 - Council Member Botta, Council Member Filiaggi, Council Member Futules, Council Member Grzybek, Council Member Klein, Council Member Madonna-Emmerling, Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Rose, Council Member Geiger Shulman, Council Member Walton and Council Member Catena

Council Members Absent: 1 - Council Member Palmosina

Council Members Yes Phone: 2 - Council Member Adams and Council Member Hallam

X. Liaison Reports**XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**[13892-26](#)

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 210, entitled "Assessment Standards and Practices," in order to provide for periodic Countywide reassessments as required by Commonwealth law.

Sponsors: Council Member Grzybek, Council Member Geiger Shulman and Council Member Hallam

This bill was referred to the Committee on Assessment Practices.

[13893-26](#)

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 a single elected County official, be placed on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot; and further amending Article III, §5(b) and Articles 201, 301, and 401 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, contingent upon the passage of the referendum question.

Sponsors: Council Member Grzybek, Council Member Filiaggi and Council Member Hallam

This bill was held.

[13894-26](#)

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 311, entitled "Official Actions of County Council," through the creation of a new §5-311.10, entitled "Appointments," in order to establish term limits for individuals whose nominations for appointment to County entities are approved by Council.

Sponsors: Council Member Grzybek, Council Member Filiaggi and Council Member Hallam

This bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

[13895-26](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 215, entitled "Boards, Commissions and Committees," Article V, entitled, "Human

Relations Commission" to rename the Commission to the "Housing, Employment, and Human Rights Commission" to offer the public greater clarity in the Commission's role in assuring all persons enjoy the full benefits of citizenship and are afforded equal opportunities for employment, housing, and use of public accommodation.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This bill was referred to the Committee on Health.

[13896-26](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2026 (Submission #02-26).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This bill was referred to the Committee on Budget & Finance.

XII. New Business - Motions

XIII. Notification of Contracts

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment

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