

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

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

Council Members Absent: 0

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[12519-22](#) A proclamation congratulating WTAE sports personality Guy Junker on his retirement and wishing him well in all future endeavors.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere and All Members of Council

This proclamation was presented.

[12520-22](#) A proclamation recognizing Blawnox-Glenover Volunteer Fire Company on the celebration of 100 years protecting their residents.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12521-22](#) A proclamation recognizing and congratulating the Mon Valley Human Services Center on 40 years of helping the residents of the Mon Valley.

Sponsors: Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis and Council Member Macey

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12522-22](#) A proclamation congratulating Jude Pagliai on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12523-22](#) A proclamation congratulating Robert Hunt on his 50 years of service to the Perrysville Volunteer Fire Department.

Sponsors: Council Member Betkowski

This proclamation was read into the record.

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

[12530-22](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 regular meeting of Council.

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

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading

[12451-22](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, repealing Chapter 475, Article V entitled “Senior Citizen Relief” of the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, and amending Chapter 475, Article VI entitled “Property Tax Relief Program,” Section 475-40, to expand the definition of “Eligible Taxpayer” to include certain trusts and expand the definition of “Longtime Owner/Occupant” to include a property owner who has owned and occupied any dwelling place within Allegheny County as a principal residence and domicile for at least 10 consecutive years, amending Chapter 475, Article VI, Section 475-41.B to limit the real estate tax discount that may be received by an Eligible Taxpayer to \$650.00, and amending Chapter 475, Article VI, Section 475-42 to state that applications are to be submitted to the Office of the Treasurer and to provide for County Council to increase the maximum household income of an Eligible Taxpayer by Resolution if the same is raised by law of this Commonwealth.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena, Treasurer and Council Member Macey

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

Council Members Yes: 15 - Bennett, Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

Council Members Absent: 0

[12470-22](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania establishing the tax levy upon all real property subject to taxation within the limits of Allegheny County for Fiscal Year 2023.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

Council Members Yes: 15 - Bennett, Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

Council Members Absent: 0

[12482-22](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Article 207 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, entitled “New Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review,” §5-207.03 “Qualifications of Board Members; appointment; terms; organization of Appeals Board,” in order to provide for periodic adjustment of Board Members’ annual per-meeting stipend limitation.

Sponsors: Council Member Walton and Council Member Duerr

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

Council Members Yes: 15 - Bennett, Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

Council Members Absent: 0

[12473-22](#) Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopting the Grants Budget, Special Accounts Budget, and Agency Fund Budget, by setting forth appropriations to pay said expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 (2023 Fiscal Year).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

Council Members Yes: 15 - Bennett, Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

Council Members Absent: 0

[12514-22](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting an Operating Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of Allegheny County and for meeting debt charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 (2023 Fiscal Year).

Sponsors: Council Member Palmosina

Initially, Mr. Palmosina moved to approve this bill, Mr. Macey seconded, and the bill passed by unanimous roll call vote. After the vote on this matter was completed, and after the motion to approve the next agenda item was made and voting on that bill began, Mr. Walton indicated that he had wished to offer amendments to Bill No. 12514-22.

The Council first completed the in-progress vote on the next agenda item.

Mr. Futules then moved to reconsider the vote on Bill No. 12514-22, Mr. Macey seconded, and the motion passed with Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Duerr, Ms. Filiaggi, Mr. Futules, Mr. Klein, Mr. Macey, Mr. Palmiere, and Mr. Walton voting in favor, and with Ms. Bennett, Mr. Betkowski, Ms. Hallam, Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis, Mr. Palmosina, Ms. Prizio, and Mr. Catena voting against.

During reconsideration, Mr. Duerr then moved to approve Bill No. 12514-22, and Mr. DeMarco seconded.

Mr. Walton moved to adopt Amendment Walton 1, Mr. Macey seconded, and the motion passed with Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Duerr, Ms. Filiaggi, Mr. Futules, Mr. Klein, Mr. Macey, Mr. Palmiere, and Mr. Walton voting in favor, and with Ms. Bennett, Mr. Betkowski, Ms. Hallam, Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis, Mr. Palmosina, Ms. Prizio, and Mr. Catena voting against.

Mr. Walton moved to adopt Amendment Walton 2, Mr. Duerr seconded, and the motion failed with Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Duerr, Ms. Filiaggi, Mr. Futules, Mr. Klein, Mr. Macey, and Mr. Walton voting in favor, and Ms. Bennett, Mr. Betkowski, Ms. Hallam, Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis, Mr. Palmiere, Mr. Palmosina, Ms. Prizio, and Mr. Catena voting against.

Mr. Walton then indicated that he was opting not to offer any additional amendments.

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

Council Members Yes: 14 - Bennett, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

Council Members No: 1 - Betkowski

Council Members Absent: 0

[12515-22](#)

Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopting a Capital Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses for capital expenditures during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 (2023 Fiscal Year).

Sponsors: Council Member Palmosina

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

Council Members Yes: 15 - Bennett, Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

Council Members Absent: 0

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[12524-22](#)

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 207, entitled “New Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review,” §5-207.08, entitled “Filing of appeals,” in order to establish special assessment appeal windows for 2022 and 2023 for properties impacted by court-ordered adjustments to the County’s Common Level

Ratio.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

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

[12525-22](#)

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 Special Committee on Assessment Practices.

[12526-22](#)

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Article 210 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, entitled "Assessment Standards and Practices," §5-210.06, entitled "Revisions of assessment roll," in order to establish a mechanism for implementation of court ordered revisions to factors used to render assessments uniform in years in which no Countywide reassessment takes place.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

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

XII. New Business - Motions

[12527-22](#)

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 and Council Member Duerr

This bill was referred to the Executive Committee.

[12528-22](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County re-establishing the Budget Transfer Committee in accordance with Section 805.03 of the Administrative Code.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmosina

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

[12529-22](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County pulling Bill No. 12513-22, :"[a]n ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 301, entitled "County Council," §5-301.06, entitled "Prohibitions" to repeal §5-301.06.A. in order to eliminate reference to the "resign to run" requirement that formerly existed in the Home Rule

Charter of Allegheny County” from committee for an immediate final vote.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey and Council Member Duerr

The result of the passage of this motion was bringing Bill No. 12513-22 out of committee for a final vote. Information relating to Bill No. 12513-22 therefore appears below.

A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Duerr, that this matter be Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Council Members Yes: 14 - Bennett, Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio and Walton

Council Members No: 1 - Catena

Council Members 0

Absent:

[12513-22](#)

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 301, entitled “County Council,” §5-301.06, entitled “Prohibitions.” to repeal §5-301.06.A. in order to eliminate reference to the “resign to run” requirement that formerly existed in the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey and Council Member Duerr

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: 13 - Bennett, Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio and Catena

Council Members No: 1 - Walton

Council Members 1 - Futules

Abstain:

Council Members 0

Absent:

XIII. Notification of Contracts

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment

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