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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, January 24, 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: 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

[12557-23](#) A proclamation honoring Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh for recognizing January as National Mentoring Month.

Sponsors: Council Member DeMarco

This proclamation was presented.

[12558-23](#) A memorial proclamation recognizing the heroic life of Brackenridge Police Chief Justin McIntire who was killed in the line of duty.

Sponsors: Council Member Bennett, Council Member DeMarco , Council Member Futules and All Members of Council

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12559-23](#) Recognizing the firefighter of the month and years of service award recipients for the men and women of the Highland Volunteer Fire Department.

Sponsors: Council Member Filiaggi

This proclamation was read into the record.

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

[12560-23](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 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.

[12565-23](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the November 22, 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 Appointment Review - Second Reading

[12540-22](#) Approving the appointment of Dwight Boddorf to the Independent Police Review Board for a term to expire on December 13, 2026.

Sponsors: Council Member Walton

As this is a joint appointment to the IPRB, this appointment will also be presented to the Chief Executive for his signature.

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

[12541-23](#) Approving the reappointment of Arthur R. Pang to the Human Relations Commission of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2026.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

A motion was made by Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Duerr, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Council Members No: 1 - Hallam

Council Members Absent: 0

[12542-23](#) Approving the reappointment of Reverend Dr. William H. Curtis to the Allegheny County Airport Authority Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2027.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

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

Council Members No: 1 - Hallam

Council Members Absent: 0

[12544-23](#) Approving the reappointment of Thomas W. Headley to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2025.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

Committee on Health & Human Services - Second Reading

[12537-22](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, entitled "County Government Operations," through the creation of a new Chapter 290, entitled "Law Enforcement Prioritization."

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

A motion was made by Klein, 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 0

Absent:

[12553-23](#)

An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying an amendment adding §2105.87 entitled "Control of VOC Emissions from Unconventional and Conventional Oil and Natural Gas Sources," to the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations, Article XXI, "Air Pollution Control".

Sponsors: Chief Executive

A motion was made by Klein, 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 0

Absent:

Special Committee on Assessment Practices - Second Reading

[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 and Council Member DeMarco

Prior to voting upon the bill, Mr. DeMarco moved to waive Article II, Rule N.1.ii. of the Rules of Council in order to offer an amendment to the bill with less than 48 hours notice. Mr. Macey seconded, and the motion passed with Ms. Bennett, Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Duerr, Ms. Filiaggi, Mr. Futules, Ms. Hallam, Mr. Klein, Mr. Macey, Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis, Mr. Palmiere, Mr. Palmosina, Ms. Prizio, Mr. Walton, and Mr. Catena voting in favor, and Mr. Betkowski voting against.

Mr. DeMarco then moved to amend the bill, Mr. Walton seconded, and the motion to amend passed via roll call vote with all members present and voting in favor.

The motion to approve the bill as amended was then made by Mr. Walton, and proceeded

as described below.

A motion was made by Walton, seconded by DeMarco , that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature as amended. 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

[12561-23](#)

An Ordinance directing that a referendum question regarding the amendment of the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County - in order to amend Article III, §6(a), an existing provision relating to seeking multiple County elected offices simultaneously - be placed on the November 7, 2023 General Election ballot.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

This bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

[12562-23](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2023 (Submission #01-23).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

XII. New Business - Motions

[12563-23](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing the settlement of the pending action against the Council of Allegheny County (“Council”) and Allegheny County (“County”) in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, styled *Buka v. Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and Office of County Council, Allegheny County*, C.A. No. 2:20-cv-00669 (“Litigation”).

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere and Council Member Catena

After the title of the bill was read, the President recessed the meeting to an executive session in order to consult with Council's attorneys regarding pending litigation relevant to the motion. Upon the conclusion of that executive session, the President reconvened the regular meeting.

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

Council Members Yes: 13 - Bennett, Betkowski, Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio and Catena

Council Members No: 2 - DeMarco and Walton

Council Members 0
Absent:

[12564-23](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County censuring Council Member Bethany Hallam for conduct detrimental to County Council, specifically her actions during the January 5, 2023 meeting of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board.

Sponsors: Council Member DeMarco and Council Member Macey

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

Council Members Yes: 3 - DeMarco , Filiaggi and Macey

Council Members No: 10 - Bennett, Betkowski, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio and Catena

Council Members Abstain: 2 - Duerr and Walton

Council Members Absent: 0

XIII. Notification of Contracts

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment

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