

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, May 9, 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: 13 - Bennett, Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

Council Members Absent: 1 - Klein

Council Members Phone: 1 - Macey

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[12667-23](#)

A proclamation honoring the 10th Annual Disability and Mental Health Summit hosted by Representative Dan Miller.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr and All Members of Council

This proclamation was presented.

[12668-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing Woodland Hills High School as the 2023 Outstanding Individual School Library Program in Pennsylvania.

Sponsors: Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

This proclamation was presented.

[12669-23](#)

A proclamation declaring Take a Father to School Day in Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Sponsors: Council Member Bennett and Chief Executive

This proclamation was presented.

[12670-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing North Versailles Township Commissioner Sam Juliano.

Sponsors: Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

This proclamation was presented.

[12671-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing Multiplying Good of Pittsburgh ChangeMakers and the 2023 Spring Class of Multiplying Good ChangeMakers.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr and Council Member Bennett

This proclamation was presented.

[12672-23](#) A proclamation declaring May 12, 2023 as Provider Appreciation Day in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Prizio

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12673-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing Pittsburgh Sakura Project.

Sponsors: Council Member Prizio and Council Member Filiaggi

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12674-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing Dr. Muhammad Ali Pate for his extraordinary contributions to global health.

Sponsors: Council Member Betkowski

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12675-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing Dr. Baba Adam's unwavering commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion in academia.

Sponsors: Council Member Betkowski

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12676-23](#)

A proclamation congratulating Ted and Eileen Fischer on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12677-23](#)

Certificate of Recognition presented to the 2023 Annual Spring Black History Achievement Awardees.

Sponsors: Council Member Betkowski

This certificate was read into the record.

[12678-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing and congratulating Logan Waters on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmosina

This proclamation was read into the record.

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

[12679-23](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023 regular meeting of Council.

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

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

[12666-23](#) Approving the appointment of Lilas Soukop to the Friends of the Park for South Park for a term to expire on May 9, 2026.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

This item was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Government Reform - Second Reading

[12607-23](#) An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, repealing all existing provisions of the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 220, entitled "Campaign Finance Reports and Statements," replacing them with new provisions in order to establish updated campaign finance regulations for all candidates for County elected office, and making related amendments to Article 1013 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr and Council Member Macey

This bill was held at the request of the primary sponsor.

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[12680-23](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of a new Chapter 492, entitled "Criminal Justice Funding Parity" in order to provide for adequate and fair representation of indigent defendants charged with criminal offenses within the County.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam

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

XII. New Business - Motions

[12681-23](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County urging the General Assembly to enact, with all deliberate speed, the provisions of S.B. 400, introduced on April 26, 2023,

and providing for the institution of a semi-open Primary Election voting process in the Commonwealth.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

This bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

XIII. Notification of Contracts

[12682-23](#)

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

This communication was received and filed.

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment

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