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Agenda Synopsis

Wednesday, July 5, 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

In the absence of the Council President, Vice President Palmiere fulfilled the functions of the presiding officer.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Silent Prayer or Reflection

IV. Roll Call

Council Members Present: 10 - Bennett, Betkowski, Duerr, Futules, Hallam, Macey, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio and Walton
Council Members Absent: 2 - Klein and Catena
Council Members Phone: 3 - DeMarco , Filiaggi and Naccarati-Chapkis

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[12735-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing and celebrating the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh upon the occasion of their 40th Anniversary.

Sponsors: All Members of Council

This proclamation was presented.

[12736-23](#)

A proclamation congratulating Kennywood Amusement Park for 125 years of fun and dedication to the community.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey and All Members of Council

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12737-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing Dr. Timothy Campbell for his contributions to the Municipality of Bethel Park.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12738-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing Mark O' Brien for his contributions to the Municipality of Bethel Park.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12739-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing Timothy Moury for his contributions to the

Municipality of Bethel Park.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

This proclamation was read into the record.

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading

[12711-23](#) Approving the joint appointment of Mark Stephen Bibro to the Independent Police Review Board for a term to expire on June 6, 2027.

Sponsors: Council Member Walton

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

[12722-23](#) Approving the appointment of J. Nicole Rhodes to the Human Relations Commission of Allegheny County for a term to run effective through December 31, 2026.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

Council Members Yes: 9 - Bennett, Betkowski, Duerr, Futules, Macey, Palmiere, Pamosina, Prizio and Walton

Council Members No: 1 - Hallam

Council Members Absent: 2 - Klein and Catena

Council Members Yes Phone: 3 - DeMarco , Filiaggi and Naccarati-Chapkis

[12723-23](#) Approving the appointment of Daniel R. Dalton to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to run effective through December 31, 2025.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

Committee on Public Works - Second Reading

[12536-22](#) An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing Chapter 770 of the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, entitled "Signs," Article I, entitled "Campaign Signs," in order to establish a mechanism for aiding the County in ensuring compliance with the provisions of the Article.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr and Council Member Macey

This bill was defeated due to lack of a second.

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[12741-23](#) An Ordinance amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 5, entitled "Health and Sanitation," through the creation of a new Chapter 560, entitled "Right of Choice."

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

This bill was referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

[12742-23](#) 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 clarify applicability of 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

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

XII. New Business - Motions

[12743-23](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing an information request pursuant to the terms of the FAST Act, and urging the enactment of the DERAILED Act and Railway Safety Act of 2023 with all deliberate speed.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

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

XIII. Notification of Contracts

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Walton, seconded by Council Member

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