

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, November 14, 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: 14 - Bennett, Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena
Council Members Absent: 0
Council Members Phone: 1 - Naccarati-Chapkis

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[12842-23](#) A proclamation recognizing Christopher Tobias for his unwavering commitment to the students in the Bethel Park School District.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

This proclamation was presented.

[12843-23](#) A proclamation recognizing Colleen Bowers and the MEN Challenge.

Sponsors: Council Member DeMarco

This proclamation was presented.

[12844-23](#) A proclamation honoring and congratulating the 2023 Get Involved 14th Annual Service Summit honorees.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

This proclamation was presented.

[12845-23](#) A proclamation recognizing and honoring members who work hard to honor veterans with the Veterans Day Parade, which will take place on Saturday, November 11, 2023.

Sponsors: Council Member DeMarco

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12846-23](#) A proclamation commending the hard work and dedication of Fox Chapel High School student, Anna Delale- O'Connor.

Sponsors: Council Member Prizio and Council Member Futules

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12847-23](#)

A proclamation congratulating Gala Jewelers upon the momentous occasion of its 75th Anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12848-23](#)

A proclamation honoring Ruth Hidek for her half a century of service to the Girl Scouts of America.

Sponsors: Council Member Prizio

This proclamation was read into the record.

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

[12849-23](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2023 regular meeting of Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Macey, seconded by Vice-President of Council Palmiere, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[12850-23](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 regular meeting of Council.

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

[12851-23](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2023 regular meeting of Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Macey, seconded by Vice-President of Council Palmiere, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading

[12840-23](#)

A Resolution approving a project for the benefit of Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit, a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation (the "**University**"), to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority (the "**Authority**") by the issuance of the Authority's taxable and/or tax-exempt revenue bonds, in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000 (the "**Bonds**"),

provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (the "County") shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Bonds, and declaring the financing of such project as desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of the people in the County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

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

Council Members 0

Absent:

Council Members Yes 1 - Naccarati-Chapkis

Phone:

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[12852-23](#)

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 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmosina

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

[12853-23](#)

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," Chapter 205, entitled "Allegheny County Jail," through the creation of a new Article III, entitled "Incarcerated Individuals Welfare Fund" in order to establish County budgetary procedures for revenues derived from individuals incarcerated at the Allegheny County Jail.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam

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

[12854-23](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County Code, Part 2, entitled "Organization and Structure of County Government," through the establishment of a new Article 214, entitled "Jail Oversight Board" in order to provide for the codification of operations of the Jail Oversight Board in accordance with Commonwealth law, to establish a statutory authorization for the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board's retention of a solicitor to assist it in its functions, and to establish the Board's authority to expend future appropriations relating to the Allegheny County Jail's Inmate Welfare Fund.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam

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

[12855-23](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the Department of Public Works to take certain actions on behalf of County Council with respect to the issuance of temporary occupancy permits, highway occupancy permits, the grant of certain licenses, rights of entry and easements, and the amicable acquisition of certain real estate affecting County public work projects and other matters for calendar years 2024 and 2025.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This bill was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

[12856-23](#)

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, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 (2024 Fiscal Year).

Sponsors: Council Member Palmosina

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

[12857-23](#)

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, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 (2024 Fiscal Year).

Sponsors: Council Member Palmosina

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

[12858-23](#)

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, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 (2024 Fiscal Year).

Sponsors: Council Member Palmosina

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

XII. New Business - Motions

[12859-23](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing payment of two invoices for extraordinary professional services rendered as a result of litigation captioned *County Council of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania v. Rich Fitzgerald and County of Allegheny*.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

A motion was made by Vice-President of Council Palmiere, seconded by Council Member Hallam, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Council Members No: 1 - Walton

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes Phone: 1 - Naccarati-Chapkis

XIII. Notification of Contracts

[12860-23](#) Communication summarizing approved Executive actions for the month of October, 2023.

A motion was made by Council Member Macey, seconded by Vice-President of Council Palmiere, that this matter be Received and Filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment

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