

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

5:00 PM

This meeting was recessed and reconvened as reflected herein.

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

Patrick Catena - President; Bob Macey - Vice President; Tom Baker, Olivia Bennett, Samuel DeMarco, III, Tom Duerr, Nick Futules, Bethany Hallam, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, John Palmiere, Robert Palmosina, Anita Prizio, DeWitt Walton and Paul Zavarella - Members

I. Call To Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Silent Prayer or Reflection

IV. Roll Call

Council Members Present: 13 - Baker, Bennett, Catena, DeMarco , Duerr, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Palmiere, Prizio, Walton and Zavarella

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Phone: 2 - Futules and Palmosina

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[12079-21](#) Certificate of Achievement presented to Robert “Cochise” Watkins in recognition of his induction into the Pittsburgh City League Hall of Fame on December 3rd, 2021 for his exceptional football skills while playing for Central Catholic High School.

Sponsors: All Members of Council

This item was presented.

[12098-21](#) Proclamation recognizing the “King of Vinyl” *Rich Antoncic* for his 60 years of dedication to entertaining people throughout the county.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

This item was read into the record.

[12099-21](#) Proclamation congratulating the Kiwanis Club of McKeesport and White Oak upon their 100th anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

This item was read into the record.

[12100-21](#) Proclamation honoring the life, memory and legacy of *Dr. James H. McLemore*.

Sponsors: Council Member Walton

This item was read into the record.

[12101-21](#) Certificates of Recognition presented to the New Pittsburgh Courier Women of Excellence honorees.

Sponsors: Council Member Walton and All Members of Council

This item was read into the record.

[12102-21](#) Proclamation congratulating Jan Glick upon the occasion of her retirement from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker

This item was read into the record.

[12103-21](#) Proclamation declaring November 13, 2021 to be Caileigh Lynn McDowell Kindness Day in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker

This item was read into the record.

[12104-21](#) Proclamation recognizing and thanking *Mary Frances Cooper* for her dedication to the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, and we recognize her upon her retirement as President and Director of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Council Member DeMarco

This item was read into the record.

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

[12105-21](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 regular meeting of Council.

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

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

[12094-21](#) Approving the appointment of Patricia Olliffe to the Friends of the Park for South Park for a term to expire on November 30, 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

This item was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

[12095-21](#) Approving the appointment of Patrick Olliffe to the Friends of the Park for South Park for a term to expire on November 30, 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

This item was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

[12097-21](#) Approving the appointment of Lauren McAndrews to the Friends of the Park for North Park for a term to expire on November 30, 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Kirk

This item was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading

The unfinished business items from the Committee on Appointment Review will be voted upon when the Council re-convenes on December 7 (see note under Section XV, Adjournment for additional information).

After reconvening the meeting, the Council voted on the appointments as reflected below.

[11943-21](#) Approving the appointment of Colleen Lizzi to the Friends of the Park for North Park for a term to expire on August 24, 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Prizio

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

[11944-21](#) Approving the appointment of Liz Spence to the Friends of the Park for North Park for a term to expire on August 24, 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Prizio

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

[11951-21](#) Approving the appointment of Susan Goughler to the Friends of the Park for Harrison Hills Park for a term to expire on August 24, 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules

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

[11952-21](#) Approving the appointment of Dan Smith to the Friends of the Park for Harrison Hills Park for a term to expire on August 24, 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules

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

[11954-21](#) Approving the appointment of Nicholas Svitek to the Friends of the Park for Harrison Hills Park for a term to expire on August 24, 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules

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

[11955-21](#) Approving the appointment of Sharon Svitek to the Friends of the Park for Harrison Hills Park for a term to expire on August 24, 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules

**A motion was made by Hallam, seconded by Bennett, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[11958-21](#) Approving the appointment of Jake Milofsky to the Friends of the Park for North Park for a term to expire on August 24, 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Prizio

**A motion was made by Hallam, seconded by Bennett, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[11964-21](#) Approving the appointment of Richard O. Kernick to the Friends of the Park for North Park for a term to expire on August 24, 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Prizio

**A motion was made by Hallam, seconded by Bennett, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[12015-21](#) Approving the appointment of Dave Brooke to the Friends of the Park for Harrison Hills for a term to expire on September 28, 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules

**A motion was made by Hallam, seconded by Bennett, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[12016-21](#) Approving the appointment of Carly Deskins to the Friends of the Park for Harrison Hills for a term to expire on September 28, 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules

**A motion was made by Hallam, seconded by Bennett, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[12034-21](#) Approving the appointment of Joe Downing to the Friends of the Park for Hartwood Acres for a term to expire on October 12, 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Bennett

**A motion was made by Hallam, seconded by Bennett, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading

[12055-21](#) 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.

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: 12 - Baker, Bennett, Catena, DeMarco , Duerr, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Palmiere, Prizio, Walton and Zavarella

Council Members No: 1 - Hallam

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes Phone: 2 - Futules and Palmosina

[12056-21](#)

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, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

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: 12 - Baker, Bennett, Catena, DeMarco , Duerr, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Palmiere, Prizio, Walton and Zavarella

Council Members Abstain: 1 - Hallam

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes Phone: 2 - Futules and Palmosina

[12057-21](#)

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, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

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: 12 - Baker, Bennett, Catena, DeMarco , Duerr, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Palmiere, Prizio, Walton and Zavarella

Council Members Abstain: 1 - Hallam

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes Phone: 2 - Futules and Palmosina

[12058-21](#)

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, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

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: 12 - Baker, Bennett, Catena, DeMarco , Duerr, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Palmiere, Prizio, Walton and Zavarella

Council Members Abstain: 1 - Hallam

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes Phone: 2 - Futules and Palmosina

Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading

[12089-21](#)

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 \$81,500,000 (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 DeMarco , seconded by Macey, that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Council Members Yes: 13 - Baker, Bennett, Catena, DeMarco , Duerr, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Palmiere, Prizio, Walton and Zavarella

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes Phone: 2 - Futules and Palmosina

Committee on Public Works - Second Reading

[12088-21](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the Department of Public Works to take certain actions on behalf of County Council with respect to the issuance of 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 2022 and 2023.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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 - Baker, Bennett, Catena, DeMarco , Duerr, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Palmiere, Prizio, Walton and Zavarella

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes Phone: 2 - Futules and Palmosina

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

XII. New Business - Motions

XIII. Notification of Contracts

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was not adjourned on November 30, but rather moved into executive session to discuss litigation matters. The meeting will be re-convened for the purposes of voting on the unfinished business appointments and adjourning the meeting. The re-convened meeting will begin on December 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Gold Room, 4th Floor, Allegheny County Courthouse.

After reconvening and voting upon the appointments appearing under Unfinished Business, the meeting was adjourned with Mr. Macey moving to adjourn, Ms. Bennett seconding, and the motion passing unanimously via voice vote.