

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

Patrick Catena - President; Olivia Bennett, Jack Betkowski, Samuel DeMarco, III, Tom Duerr, Nick Futules, Bethany Hallam, Cindy Kirk, 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, Futules, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

Council Members Absent: 0

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[12149-22](#) Proclamation recognizing *Daniel Gilman* for his years of dedicated service to the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr, Council Member Prizio, Council Member Catena, Council Member Betkowski, Council Member Klein, Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, Council Member Walton, Council Member Macey, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Palmiere and Council Member Palmosina

This proclamation was presented.

[12150-22](#) Proclamation declaring January 18, 2022 to be National Day of Racial Healing in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Bennett and Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

This proclamation was presented.

[12151-22](#) Proclamation thanking Athletic Trauma Unit and declaring the month of January 2022 to be Christopher “Steel” Edmonds Month in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Bennett

This proclamation was presented.

[12152-22](#) Proclamation recognizing *Mayor Betty Esper* for her years of unwavering dedication towards Homestead Borough and its residents.

Sponsors: Council Member Klein

This proclamation was held.

[12153-22](#) Certificates of Achievement presented to the 2021 Hampton Boys Soccer Team for claiming both the 2021 WPIAL Class 3-A Boys Soccer Championship and the PIAA Championship game.

Sponsors: Council Member Prizio

These certificates were presented.

[12154-22](#) Certificates of Achievement presented to the 2021 Mt. Lebanon Football Team for claiming both the 2021 WPIAL Class 6-A Football Championship and the PIAA Championship.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

These certificates were read into the record.

[12155-22](#) Proclamation congratulating *Glenn Smith* for being recognized at the 22nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast.

Sponsors: Council Member Kirk, Council Member Prizio and Council Member Betkowski

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12156-22](#) Proclamation congratulating *Nate Locklin* for being recognized at the 22nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast.

Sponsors: Council Member Kirk, Council Member Prizio and Council Member Betkowski

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12157-22](#) Proclamation congratulating the *Lions Club of McKeesport* upon their 100th anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12158-22](#) Proclamation recognizing *Anthony Taliani, Jr.* for his years committed to local government.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12159-22](#) Proclamation recognizing *Tyler E. Hartlep* upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmosina

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12160-22](#) Certificates of Recognition presented to the 2021 FireVEST graduates.

Sponsors: Council Member Bennett, Council Member Macey and Council Member Futules

These certificates were read into the record.

[12161-22](#) Certificates of Recognition presented to the 2020 Highland Volunteer Fire Department Awardees.

Sponsors: Council Member Kirk

These certificates were read into the record.

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

For each of the motions to approve minutes, Mr. Betkowski and Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis abstained due to not having been members of Council during the meetings in question, and Mr. Futules abstained due to not specifically recalling the discussions at those meetings.

[12136-22](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 regular meeting of Council.

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

Council Members Yes: 12 - Bennett, DeMarco , Duerr, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

Council Members Abstain: 3 - Betkowski, Futules and Naccarati-Chapkis

Council Members Absent: 0

[12137-22](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2021 regular meeting of Council.

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

Council Members Yes: 12 - Bennett, DeMarco , Duerr, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

Council Members Abstain: 3 - Betkowski, Futules and Naccarati-Chapkis

Council Members Absent: 0

[12139-22](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021 regular meeting of Council

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

Council Members Yes: 12 - Bennett, DeMarco , Duerr, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

Council Members Abstain: 3 - Betkowski, Futules and Naccarati-Chapkis

Council Members Absent: 0

[12140-22](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2021 regular meeting of Council.

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

Council Members Yes: 12 - Bennett, DeMarco , Duerr, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

Council Members Abstain: 3 - Betkowski, Futules and Naccarati-Chapkis

Council Members Absent: 0

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

[12141-22](#) Approving the appointment of Thomas McIntyre to the Allegheny County Airport Authority Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2026.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This item was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

[12142-22](#) Approving the appointment of Tori Shriver to the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2025.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This item was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

[12143-22](#) Approving the appointment of Courtney Mahronich Vita to the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This item was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

[12144-22](#) Approving the re-appointment of Cynthia Moore to the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This item was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

[12145-22](#) Approving the re-appointment of Dillon Moore to the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This item was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

[12146-22](#) Approving the re-appointment of Andrea Horton-Mericli to the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This item was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

[12147-22](#) Approving the re-appointment of James L. Ritchie to the Community Services

Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This item was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

[12148-22](#)

Approving the re-appointment of Laura Richeson Zinski to the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This item was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

IX. Unfinished Business

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[12162-22](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 6, entitled "Parks and Recreation," through the creation of a new sub Chapter 680, entitled "Certain Agreements Prohibited," in order to prohibit the leasing, sale and/or any other agreements that would permit or otherwise facilitate private and/or public entities engaging in any industrial or commercial land uses within Allegheny County's parks.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam, Council Member Prizio, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Betkowski and Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

This bill was referred to the Committee on Parks.

[12163-22](#)

An Ordinance amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, §5-801.05, entitled "Public Hearings," in order to establish a uniform mechanism for fostering transparency regarding County salary budgeting.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

This bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

[12164-22](#)

An Ordinance amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, §5-801.06, entitled "Adoption of budgets," in order to prohibit the enactment of any annual operating budget resolution containing one or more line items authorizing salary increases totaling over 3% for any County office, bureau, division, or department.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

This bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

[12165-22](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 301, entitled "County Council," §5-301.03, entitled "Councilmatic districts," in order to provide a uniform process for

the reapportionment of Council districts within Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr and Council Member Klein

This bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

[12166-22](#)

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing that a referendum question regarding the amendment of Article III, §6 of the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County, which places restrictions on the ability of certain persons to run for federal, state, county and local elected office, be placed on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey, Council Member Catena, Council Member Futules, Council Member Duerr and Council Member Bennett

This bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

[12167-22](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Oliver Miller Homestead Associates to continue to use a certain portion of the County's South Park for operation of the historical property known as the Oliver Miller Homestead.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This bill was referred to the Committee on Parks.

[12168-22](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to acquire by condemnation, certain permanent rights-of-way and easements, including but not limited to, property in fee for permanent rights-of-way and temporary construction easements from two (2) parcels required for the reconstruction of Mount Troy Road, County Road No. 2312-02 (Project No. 2312-0206) located in Reserve Township and the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including but not limited to the Eminent Domain Code.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This bill was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

[12169-22](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to acquire by condemnation, a permanent right-of-way in fee and a temporary construction easement from one (1) parcel required for the Crawford Run Road Culvert Replacement, Crawford Run Road (County Road No. 3092-02) over Crawford Run, East Deer Township, Allegheny County and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including but not limited to the Eminent Domain Code.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This bill was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

[12170-22](#)

An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to the Allegheny County Health Department's Rules and Regulations, Article XV, "Plumbing and Building Drainage".

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[12171-22](#)

An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments that revise §2105.90, "Gasoline Volatility," §2107.15, "Methods-Gasoline Volatility and RFG," and §2101.20, "Definitions," of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations, Article XXI, "Air Pollution Control".

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[12172-22](#)

A Resolution approving a project for the benefit of Carnegie Mellon University, 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 \$120,000,000 (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

This bill was referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Housing

XII. New Business - Motions

President Catena introduced Bill No. 12175-22 in accordance with the Rules of Council, Article III, Rule D., and proceedings relating to that motion appear below. In addition, President Catena moved to extend the Council solicitor's current contract through April 30, 2022, Ms. Hallam seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

[12173-22](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County strongly encouraging visitPittsburgh to withdraw its bid to host the 2024 Republican National Convention, and expressing the sense of Council regarding such hosting.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Prizio and Council Member Betkowski

This bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

[12174-22](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing the publication of a Request for Proposals for Allegheny County Council Solicitor.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

**A motion was made by Catena, seconded by Hallam, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Council Members No: 2 - Futules and Walton

Council Members Absent: 0

[12175-22](#)

Amending and supplementing the Rules of Council, Article I, Rule E.1.i., in order to eliminate the requirement that the Executive Committee of Council be established as a committee of the whole.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

**A motion was made by Catena, seconded by Hallam, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by the following vote:**

Council Members Yes: 12 - Bennett, Betkowski, Futules, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio and Catena

Council Members No: 3 - DeMarco , Duerr and Walton

Council Members Absent: 0

XIII. Notification of Contracts

[12138-22](#)

Communication summarizing approved Executive actions for the month of December, 2021.

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