

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, February 21, 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 President Catena, Vice President Palmiere presided over the meeting.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Silent Prayer or Reflection

IV. Roll Call

Council Members 13 - Bennett, Betkowski, Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey,
Present: Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio and Walton
Council Members 1 - Catena
Absent:
Council Members 1 - DeMarco
Phone:

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[12581-23](#)

A proclamation declaring the month of February as Black History Month and commending the efforts of the Honorable James Warren Watson for his essential role in shaping the story of our county and region through his many accomplishments and contributions.

Sponsors: Council Member Walton

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12582-23](#)

A proclamation celebrating Black History Month and recognizing Sto-Rox School District.

Sponsors: Council Member Bennett

This proclamation was presented.

[12583-23](#)

A proclamation commending Mike Nichols in his support of the Pittsburgh Public Schools and declaring February 21, 2023 as "Mike Nichols Day."

Sponsors: Council Member Bennett

This proclamation was presented.

[12584-23](#)

A memorial proclamation honoring and recognizing the life of Chance William Kacin Halloran.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam

This proclamation was presented.

[12585-23](#)

A memorial proclamation recognizing the heroic life of McKeesport Police Officer Sean Sluganski who was killed in the line of duty.

Sponsors: Council Member Bennett, Council Member DeMarco , Council Member Macey and All

Members of Council

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12586-23](#)

A proclamation honoring the heroic actions of McKeesport Police Officer Charles "Chuck" Thomas and wounds received in the line of duty.

Sponsors: Council Member Bennett, Council Member DeMarco , Council Member Macey and All Members of Council

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12587-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing and congratulating Justin Maxwell Slavko on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmosina

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12588-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing and congratulating Jack Miller on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12589-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing and congratulating Cavan Gable on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

This proclamation was read into the record.

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

[12590-23](#)

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

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

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

[12580-23](#)

Approving the appointment of Jennifer M. Liptak as Allegheny County Manager to commence immediately upon confirmation by Council.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This appointment was initially referred to the Committee on Appointment Review by Mr. Palmiere.

Mr. Macey moved to reconsider that referral for the purpose of voting on the appointment, Mr. Walton seconded, and that motion passed with Mr. Betkowski, Mr. DeMarco (via

phone), Mr. Duerr, Ms. Filiaggi, Mr. Futules, Mr. Klein, Mr. Macey, Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis, Mr. Palmiere, Mr. Palmosina, Ms. Prizio, and Mr. Walton voting in favor, and Ms. Bennett and Ms. Hallam voting against.

A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Klein, that this matter be Passed.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Council Members Yes: 12 - Bennett, Betkowski, Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio and Walton

Council Members No: 1 - Hallam

Council Members 1 - Catena

Absent:

Council Members Yes 1 - DeMarco

Phone:

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Sustainability & Green Initiatives - Second Reading

12184-22

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Part 9, entitled "Competitive Procurement and Contracting," by the creation of a new Article 921, entitled "Sustainable and Socially Responsible Procurement," in order to implement a unified Sustainable and Socially Responsible Procurement policy.

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

A motion was made by Prizio, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Council Members 1 - Filiaggi

Abstain:

Council Members 1 - Catena

Absent:

Council Members No 1 - DeMarco

Phone:

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

12592-23

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing Articles 903 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, entitled "Formal Procurement Process," by the creation of new §5-903.01.A. and entitled "Vendor Responsibility," in order to require that any vendor considered by the County during the formal procurement process be current on any real estate tax owed to the County, including any interest, penalty and/or costs, fees and expenses

associated therewith, prior to bid acceptance.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

This bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

XII. New Business - Motions

Mr. Palmosina moved to approve a 3% cost of living adjustment for all Council staff members, retroactive to January 1, 2023. Mr. Macey seconded, and the motion passed with Ms. Bennett, Mr. Betkowski, Mr. DeMarco (via phone), Mr. Duerr, Ms. Filiaggi, Mr. Futules, Ms. Hallam, Mr. Klein, Mr. Macey, Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis, Mr. Palmiere, Mr. Palmosina and Ms. Prizio voting in favor, and Mr. Walton voting against.

XIII. Notification of Contracts

[12591-23](#)

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

A motion was made by Macey, 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 Futules, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.