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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, July 11, 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: 15 - Bennett, Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

Council Members Absent: 0

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[12744-23](#) A proclamation recognizing and celebrating the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium upon the occasion of their 125th Anniversary.

Sponsors: All Members of Council

This proclamation was presented.

[12745-23](#)

A proclamation congratulating Mr. Dan O' Brien for being named the 2023 Big Brother of the Year.

Sponsors: Council Member DeMarco

This proclamation was presented.

[12746-23](#)

A proclamation congratulating Ms. Jennifer Antoon for being named the 2023 Big Sister of the Year.

Sponsors: Council Member DeMarco

This proclamation was presented.

[12747-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing and congratulating Shaler Area baseball, softball, and boys' volleyball team on their 2023 season.

Sponsors: Council Member Prizio and Council Member Hallam

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12748-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing the Borough of Franklin Park on the occasion of its Bicentennial Anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Filiaggi

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12749-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing the Borough of Swissvale on the occasion of its 125th Anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12750-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing the Borough of Whitehall on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

This proclamation was read into the record.

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

[12751-23](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 regular meeting of Council.

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

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

IX. Unfinished Business

After voting on Bill Nos. 12561-23, 12637-23 and 12709-23, President Catena moved to amend the agenda by adding Bill Nos. 12525-22 and 12742-23, both of which had been affirmatively recommend by the Special Committee on Assessment Practices earlier in the day. Mr. Macey seconded, and the motion passed via unanimous voice vote.

Committee on Government Reform - Second Reading

[12561-23](#)

An Ordinance directing that a referendum question regarding the amendment of the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County - in order to amend Article III, §6(a), an existing provision relating to seeking multiple County elected offices simultaneously - be placed on the November 7, 2023 General Election ballot.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

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

Council Members Yes: 3 - Duerr, Filiaggi and Walton

Council Members No: 12 - Bennett, Betkowski, DeMarco, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Pamosina, Prizio and Catena

Council Members 0

Absent:

[12637-23](#)

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing

that a referendum question regarding the amendment of Article III, §5(b) of the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County, which places term limits on only the Chief Executive, be placed on the November 7, 2023 General Election ballot.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr and Council Member Filiaggi

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

Council Members Yes: 2 - Duerr and Filiaggi

Council Members No: 13 - Bennett, Betkowski, DeMarco , Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

**Council Members
Absent:** 0

[12709-23](#)

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 220, entitled “Campaign Finance Reports and Statements,” in order to establish requirements and prohibitions relating to the County’s searchable public database of campaign finance reports and certain forms of coordinated campaign expenditures, and clarifying existing law relating to penalties for violations.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

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

Council Members Yes: 12 - Bennett, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio and Catena

Council Members No: 3 - Betkowski, Futules and Walton

**Council Members
Absent:** 0

Special Committee on Assessment Practices - Second Reading

[12525-22](#)

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Article 209 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, entitled “Office of Property Assessments,” §5-209.05, entitled “Chief Assessment Officer, duties and responsibilities,” in order to establish a mechanism for ensuring continuity in the Chief Assessment Officer position.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

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

Council Members Yes: 9 - Bennett, Duerr, Hallam, Klein, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio and Catena

Council Members No: 6 - Betkowski, DeMarco , Filiaggi, Futules, Macey and Walton

**Council Members
Absent:** 0

[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

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

Council Members Yes: 13 - Bennett, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

Council Members No: 1 - Betkowski

**Council Members
Absent:** 0

**Council Members Not
present:** 1 - Macey

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

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

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

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

**Council Members
Absent:** 0

**Council Members Not
present:** 1 - Macey

[12752-23](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing support of airport service workers and the Good Jobs for Good Airports Act (HR1499/SB753) or national

wage and benefit standards in FAA reauthorization.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam

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

Council Members Yes: 13 - Bennett, Betkowski, Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Catena

Council Members No: 1 - DeMarco

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Not present: 1 - Macey

XIII. Notification of Contracts

[12753-23](#) Communication summarizing approved Executive actions for the month of June, 2023.

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