

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Agenda Synopsis**

**Tuesday, September 26, 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:** 13 - Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Prizio, Walton and Catena

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Phone:** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina

**V. Proclamations/Certificates**

[12807-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing William T. Hillgrove and his more than 50 years of dedicated service in sports broadcasting.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Catena and All Members of Council

**This proclamation was presented.**

[12808-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing Wilksburg Athletic Association's youth football and cheerleading teams, and proclaiming September 14, 2023 as Wilksburg Athletic Association Day in Allegheny County.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Hallam

**This proclamation was read into the record.**

[12809-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing Dr. Leon Haley for his more than 50 years of dedication to serving and improving the quality of life in Allegheny County.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Walton

**This proclamation was read into the record.**

[12810-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing Cameron Aziz for being awarded the Boy Scouts of America Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Award.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Prizio

**This proclamation was read into the record.**

**VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items**

**VII. Approval of Minutes**

[12811-23](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the July 5, 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**

[12805-23](#) Approving the re-appointment of LeSans Heard Montgomery to the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review for a term to expire on September 8, 2026.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Catena

This appointment was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

**IX. Unfinished Business**

**Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading**

[12754-23](#) Approving the appointment of Michael Suley to the Board of Property Assessments Appeals and Review for a term to run through August 15, 2026.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Catena

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

**Council Members Yes:** 10 - DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Prizio, Walton and Catena

**Council Members No:** 3 - Betkowski, Hallam and Klein

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina

[12756-23](#) Approving the appointment of Timothy Moury to the Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission for a term to expire on August 15, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Council Member DeMarco

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

**NOTE:** Mr. Walton was present, but did not vote in either the affirmative or negative. He is therefore logged as an abstention.

**Council Members Yes:** 4 - DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi and Macey

**Council Members No:** 8 - Betkowski, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Prizio and Catena

**Council Members** 1 - Walton  
**Abstain:**

**Council Members** 0  
**Absent:**

**Council Members No** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina  
**Phone:**

[12757-23](#) Approving the re-appointment of G. Eric French to the Allegheny County Conservation District Board for a term to be effective through December 31, 2024.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Macey, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 12 - DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Prizio, Walton and Catena

**Council Members No:** 1 - Betkowski

**Council Members** 0  
**Absent:**

**Council Members Yes** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina  
**Phone:**

[12758-23](#) Approving the re-appointment of Jenna R. Cramer to the Allegheny County Conservation District Board for a term to be effective through December 31, 2024.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

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

**Council Members Yes:** 12 - DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Prizio, Walton and Catena

**Council Members No:** 1 - Betkowski

**Council Members** 0  
**Absent:**

**Council Members Yes** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina  
**Phone:**

[12759-23](#) Approving the appointment of Holly A. Douglas to the Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (MWDBE) for a term to be effective through December 31, 2026.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Duerr, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following**

vote:

**Council Members Yes:** 12 - Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Prizio, Walton and Catena

**Council Members No:** 1 - Hallam

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina

[12798-23](#) Approving the appointment of Michelle Payanzo to the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review for a term to expire on December 31, 2025.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

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

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

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina

**Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading**

[12680-23](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled “Finances,” is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of a new Chapter 492, entitled “Criminal Justice Funding Parity” in order to provide for adequate and fair representation of indigent defendants charged with criminal offenses within the County.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Hallam

**This bill was re-referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance.**

[12791-23](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2023 (Submission #02-23).

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

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

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

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina  
**Phone:**

[12793-23](#) A Resolution ratifying certain year-end transfers pursuant to Section 805.03 of the Administrative Code

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Palmosina, seconded by Vice-President of Council Palmiere, that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina  
**Phone:**

**Committee on Economic Development & Housing - Second Reading**

[12792-23](#) A Resolution providing for a program of temporary exemption from County real property taxes for improvements, including repairs, construction, or reconstruction, made on industrial, commercial or business property in a deteriorated area in the City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny (“County”), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, Pa. Stat. Ann. tit. 72 §4722 et seq.

**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:** 13 - Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Prizio, Walton and Catena

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina  
**Phone:**

**Committee on Public Safety - Second Reading**

[12789-23](#) An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the County’s acceptance of the donation of 1475 feet of 5-inch fire hose from Seville Volunteer Fire Company.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Bennett, seconded by Vice-President of Council Palmiere, that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The**

**motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina

[12790-23](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the County’s acceptance of the donation of fifty (50) Miller Revolution Harnesses, fifty (50) Miller Turbo T-BAK Personal Fall Limiters, ten (10) Double Back Biter with Soft Stop, and ten (10) Single Back Biter Lanyard with Soft Stop from the United States Steel Corporation.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Bennett, seconded by Vice-President of Council Palmiere, that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina

**Committee on Public Works - Second Reading**

[12784-23](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny, through the Department of Public Works and the Law Department, to acquire by condemnation a temporary construction easement over one (1) parcel of land identified by the Allegheny County Department of Real Estate as Block & Lot #1087-P-00310-0000-00 (the “Property”) required for the Bailey’s Run wall reconstruction project at station 166+25, located at Bailey’s Run Road (County Road No. 3093-00), East Deer Township, Allegheny County, a project included in the 2023 Capital Road Program, 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

**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:** 13 - Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Prizio, Walton and Catena

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina  
**Phone:**

[12785-23](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny, through the Department of Public Works and the Law Department, to acquire by condemnation a permanent right-of-way in fee simple and a temporary construction easement over one (1) parcel of land identified by the Allegheny County Department of Real Estate as Block & Lot #1570-N-00323-0000-00 (the "Property"), required for replacement of a deteriorated bridge designated as the Douglass Run Bridge No. 19, located at Round Hill Road (County Road No. 4269-01), Elizabeth Township, Allegheny County (the "Project") 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

**A motion was made by Council Member Betkowski, seconded by Vice-President of Council Palmiere, that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina  
**Phone:**

**X. Liaison Reports**

**XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**

[12812-23](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the provisions of Article 1013 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, entitled "Political Activity; Accountability, Conduct And Ethics Code," in order to establish a mechanism for review and investigation of campaign finance reports filed by candidates for County elected offices by the Allegheny County Ethics (ACE) Commission.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Duerr

**This bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.**

**XII. New Business - Motions**

[12813-23](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County directing Council's solicitor to file suit against the Allegheny County Chief Executive and/or the Fifth Judicial District Court of Common Pleas, seeking a declaratory judgment regarding conditional use of County-owned property, specifically the former Shuman Center site.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Hallam, Council Member Betkowski, Council Member Prizio, Council



Member Catena, Council Member Klein, Council Member Palmosina and Council Member Bennett

*In the course of discussion of this bill, Council Member Betkowski moved to end debate, Ms. Hallam seconded, and the motion passed with Council Members Bennett, Betkowski, Hallam, Klein, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio and Catena voting in favor, and Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Duerr, Ms. Filiaggi, Mr. Futules, Mr. Macey and Mr. Walton voting against.*

**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:** 7 - Betkowski, Hallam, Klein, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Prizio and Catena

**Council Members No:** 4 - DeMarco , Duerr, Futules and Macey

**Council Members Abstain:** 2 - Filiaggi and Walton

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina

[12814-23](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing the execution of a three year contract with Henderson Brothers, Inc. for the placement of certain insurance policies.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Palmiere

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

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Prizio, Walton and Catena

**Council Members Abstain:** 2 - DeMarco and Macey

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 2 - Bennett and Palmosina

**XIII. Notification of Contracts**

**XIV. Public Comment on General Items**

**XV. Adjournment**

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