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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, October 24, 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 - Bennett, Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Walton and Catena

Council Members Absent: 1 - Prizio

Council Members Phone: 1 - Macey

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[12830-23](#)

A proclamation honoring the heroic actions of Officer Marc Pruchnitzky.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena and All Members of Council

This proclamation was presented.

[12831-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing WTAE's 65th Anniversary and their commitment to excellence in news, local programming and community service.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena and All Members of Council

This proclamation was presented.

[12832-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing Donald Alexander for his exceptional contributions to the children of the community and receiving the 2023 Community Outreach Award.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

This proclamation was presented.

[12833-23](#)

A proclamation congratulating the 2023 Real Men Wear Pink of Pittsburgh candidates for their effort in raising money and awareness of breast cancer.

Sponsors: Council Member DeMarco and All Members of Council

This proclamation was presented.

[12834-23](#)

A proclamation congratulating Plum EMS upon the occasion of being awarded the 2023 National EMS Award of Excellence.

Sponsors: Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

This proclamation was presented.

[12835-23](#)

A proclamation congratulating Andre Acie for earning the Pennsylvania EMS Provider Foundation "Star of Life Award."

Sponsors: Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

This proclamation was presented.

[12836-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing West Allegheny High School (WAHS) upon receiving the 2023 National Blue Ribbon School Award.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12837-23](#)

A proclamation recognizing the Keystone State Wrestling Alliance and this year's Hall of Fame Inductees.

Sponsors: Council Member DeMarco

This proclamation was read into the record.

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Budget and Finance - Second Reading

[12821-23](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2023 (Submission #03-23).

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 - Bennett, Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Walton and Catena

Council Members 1 - Prizio

Absent:

Council Members Yes 1 - Macey

Phone:

Committee on Public Works - Second Reading

[12820-23](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of the donation of walkthrough Garrett metal detectors from PSSI Stadium LLC for the use of the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania - the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas ("the Court") - primarily in the Magisterial District Courts (Magisterial Courts) within the Fifth Judicial District that can accommodate these metal detectors.

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 - Bennett, Betkowski, DeMarco , Duerr, Filiaggi, Futules, Hallam, Klein, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Walton and Catena

Council Members Absent: 1 - Prizio

Council Members Yes Phone: 1 - Macey

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[12838-23](#)

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 5, entitled "Health and Sanitation," by the creation of a new Chapter 525, entitled "Single Use Plastics" in order to establish a prohibition on the distribution of certain single use plastic bags within Allegheny County.

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

This bill was referred to the Committee on Sustainability & Green Initiatives.

[12839-23](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania condemning the unprovoked terrorist attack launched by Hamas against the State of Israel on October 7, 2023, supporting justice and safety for the Israeli and Palestinian people, and expressing deep condolences to the families of those who have lost their lives as a result of this senseless act of violence.

Sponsors: Council Member DeMarco and All Members of Council

Upon introduction of this bill, Mr. DeMarco moved to waive the second reading, Mr. Palmiere seconded, and the motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

A motion was made by Council Member DeMarco , seconded by Council Member Duerr, that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the members present.

[12840-23](#)

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 \$35,000,000 (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

XIII. Notification of Contracts

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment

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