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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

5:00 PM

This meeting was originally scheduled for March 23, 2021, and
was rescheduled to March 30, 2021.
Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

*Patrick Catena - President; Bob Macey - Vice President; Tom Baker, Olivia Bennett,
Samuel DeMarco, III, Tom Duerr, Nick Futules, Bethany Hallam, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein,
John Palmiere, Robert Palmosina, Anita Prizio, DeWitt Walton and Paul Zavarella -
Members*

I. Call To Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Silent Prayer or Reflection

IV. Roll Call

Council Members Present: 8 - Baker, Catena, DeMarco , Futules, Macey, Prizio, Walton and Zavarella

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Phone: 6 - Bennett, Duerr, Hallam, Klein, Palmiere and Pamosina

V. Chief Executive's Quarterly Address

VI. Proclamations/Certificates

[11793-21](#) Proclamation congratulating Superintendent Coleman McDonough upon the occasion of his retirement from Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena, Council Member Baker, Council Member Bennett, Council Member DeMarco , Council Member Duerr, Council Member Futules, Council Member Kirk, Council Member Klein, Council Member Macey, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Pamosina, Council Member Prizio, Council Member Walton and Council Member Zavarella

[11794-21](#) Proclamation recognizing William Whitmer upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award.

Sponsors: Council Member Prizio

[11795-21](#) Proclamation recognizing Christian McClaine upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

[11796-21](#) Certificates of Recognition presented to the 2021 Banner Communities.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam

[11797-21](#) Proclamation congratulating Ms. Malissa Seman for being named the 2021 Big Sister of the Year.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker and Council Member Klein

[11798-21](#) Proclamation congratulating Mr. Mark Bezilla for being named the 2021 Big Brother of the Year.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker and Council Member Kirk

[11799-21](#) Proclamation recognizing Kerry Katz for being named to the prestigious All-USA Academic Team.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules

[11800-21](#) Proclamation declaring April 4-10, 2021 to be National Library Week in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Baker

[11801-21](#) Proclamation recognizing Pastor Peter Roy for his dedication to the Borough of West Mifflin.

Sponsors: Council Member Macey

[11802-21](#) Certificate of Recognition presented to Patricia Bender in recognition of her extreme display of dedication over the years to Southminster Child Care Center.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr

VII. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VIII. Approval of Minutes

[11803-21](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 regular meeting of Council.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IX. Presentation of Appointments

[11787-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Marianne Malloy to the Personnel Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11788-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Sala Udin to the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11789-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Barbara Logan to the Carnegie Library Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11790-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Alice Mitinger to the Carnegie Library Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11791-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Ellen Stewart to the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on January 12, 2022.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11792-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Richard Snipe to the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review for a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

Sponsors: Council Member Walton

X. Unfinished Business

[11821-21](#) Communication from Chief Executive Rich Fitzgerald returning with his veto Bill No. 11481-20.

Committee on Appointment Review

Ms. Hallam moved to approve all of the appointments appearing under Unfinished Business, Mr. Macey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

[11725-21](#) Approving the appointment of Doris Carson Williams to the Authority for Improvement in Municipalities for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

A motion was made that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[11726-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of Doris Carson Williams to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for a term to expire on May 23, 2025.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11727-21](#) Approving the appointment of Doris Carson Williams to the Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority; the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority; the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority; and the Allegheny County Residential Finance Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11751-21](#) Approving the appointment of Jennifer Beer to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11752-21](#) Approving the appointment of Jason Singer to the Allegheny County Conservation District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11753-21](#) Approving the re-appointment of John Scott to the Allegheny County Conservation District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11754-21](#) Approving the appointment of Emily Skopov to the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11755-21](#) Approving the appointment of Mary Ann Bucci to the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11756-21](#) Approving the appointment of Anna Siefken to the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

[11757-21](#) Approving the appointment of Ralph Watson to the MBE Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

XI. Liaison Reports

XII. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[11804-21](#) 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 Bennett and Council Member Prizio

[11805-21](#) An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing that a referendum question regarding the establishment of a Countywide independent police review board to investigate allegations of officer misconduct, subject to voluntary opt-in by municipalities, be placed on the November 2, 2021 General Election ballot.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules and Council Member DeMarco

[11806-21](#) An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing policy for the County Police and providing for the creation of a working group to assist municipal police departments operating within Allegheny County in the evaluation and potential acquisition of camera devices.

Sponsors: Council Member DeMarco , Council Member Catena, Council Member Kirk, Council Member Prizio, Council Member Macey, Council Member Futules and Council Member Bennett

[11807-21](#) 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, slope easements, channel easements, utility easements, drainage easements and temporary construction easements from **thirty-three (33)** parcels required to reconstruct and widen Campbell’s Run Road (Route 6072) between McMichael Road and Keiner’s Lane in Colliers Township and Robinson Township 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

[11808-21](#) 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 three (3) parcels required to replace the superstructure of Pucketa Creek Bridge No. 5

(Inter-County) at Booker Street, Plum Borough, Allegheny County, Upper Burrell Township, Westmoreland 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

[11809-21](#)

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 one (1) parcel required to replace Robinson Run Bridge No. 3 over the South Branch of Robinson Run located in North Fayette Township and South Fayette Township 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

[11810-21](#)

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 one (1) parcel required to facilitate the preservation of Stillhouse Run Structure No. 1 located in Hampton Township 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

[11811-21](#)

A Resolution approving a project for the benefit of Presbyterian SeniorCare ("**PSC**") and Longwood at Oakmont, Inc. ("**Longwood**" and, together with PSC, the "**Borrowers**") to be financed by the Authority for Improvements in Municipalities (the "**Authority**") by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt or federally taxable, as applicable, revenue bonds, in one or more series, to be designated as may be determined by the Authority, the Borrowers and the underwriter of the Bonds (hereinafter defined), in a maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$90,000,000 (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 and in the area served by the project.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

[11812-21](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2021 (Submission #03-21).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

XIII. New Business - Motions

[11813-21](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County establishing a desired timeline for the creation of an Allegheny County Sustainability Commission and the development of an Allegheny County Climate Action Plan.

Sponsors: Council Member Prizio, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Klein, Council Member Futules, Council Member Macey, Council Member Duerr, Council Member Baker, Council Member Catena, Council Member Hallam, Council Member Kirk, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Pamosina, Council Member Walton and Council Member Zavarella

[11815-21](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing the sense of Council regarding returning to regular attendance practices for regular meetings of Allegheny County Council.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules, Council Member Baker and Council Member DeMarco

[11816-21](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing the sense of Council regarding potential legislation allowing for the placement of discreet information upon Commonwealth-issued driver’s licenses and identification cards in order to aid first responders in effectively assisting individuals with disabilities.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

[11817-21](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing the sense of Council regarding proposed tolling of bridges, specifically along Interstate 79 insofar as such tolling will impact traffic and quality of life in the South Fayette Township, PA area.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena and Council Member DeMarco

A motion was made by Catena, seconded by DeMarco , that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[11818-21](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing the Council of Allegheny County to conduct a public hearing, pursuant to Article II.G. of the Rules of Allegheny County Council on April 28, 2021, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Allegheny County Courthouse Gold Room, located at 436 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, PA. The Council President shall designate a presiding officer for such public hearing.

Sponsors: Council Member Futules, Council Member DeMarco and Council Member Kirk

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

Council Members Yes: 6 - Baker, Catena, DeMarco , Futules, Macey and Zavarella

Council Members No: 2 - Prizio and Walton

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes 4 - Hallam, Kirk, Palmiere and Palmosina
Phone:

Council Members No 3 - Bennett, Duerr and Klein
Phone:

[11819-21](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing the sense of Council regarding Federal budgetary priorities, and advocating for prudent reallocation of certain funding.

Sponsors: Council Member Prizio, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Klein and Council Member Macey

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

Council Members Yes: 3 - Prizio, Walton and Zavarella

Council Members No: 5 - Baker, Catena, DeMarco , Futules and Macey

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes 5 - Bennett, Duerr, Hallam, Klein and Palmosina
Phone:

Council Members No 2 - Kirk and Palmiere
Phone:

[11820-21](#) Motion of the Council of Allegheny County overriding Allegheny County Chief Executive Rich Fitzgerald’s veto of Bill No. 11481-20, “An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 5: Health and Sanitation, through the creation of a new Chapter 575, entitled “Paid Sick Days Act,” in order to improve the public health by granting paid sick time to employees in the County.”

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam and Council Member Prizio

The motion to override an Executive veto requires a 2/3 majority for passage.

A motion was made by Hallam, seconded by Prizio, that this matter be Defeated. The motion carried by the following vote:

Council Members Yes: 4 - Catena, Macey, Prizio and Zavarella

Council Members No: 3 - Baker, DeMarco and Walton

Council Members Abstain: 1 - Futules

Council Members Absent: 0

Council Members Yes 5 - Bennett, Duerr, Hallam, Klein and Palmosina
Phone:

Council Members No 2 - Kirk and Palmiere
Phone:

XIV. Notification of Contracts

XV. Public Comment on General Items

XVI. Adjournment