

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

Patrick Catena - President; Jack Betkowski, David Bonaroti, Samuel DeMarco, III, Suzanne Filiaggi, Nick Futules, Daniel Grzybek, Bethany Hallam, Paul Klein, Bob Macey, Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis, John Palmiere, Robert Palmosina, Anita Prizio, and DeWitt Walton - Members

I. Call To Order

Pursuant to Article I, §A.1. of the Rules of Allegheny County Council, Ms. Hallam presided over this meeting until a Council President was elected.

[01-02-24](#) Approved verbatim minutes of the January 2, 2024 regular meeting of Council.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Silent Prayer or Reflection

IV. Certificates of Election and Oaths of Office

[12892-24](#) Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the election held on the seventh day of November, 2023, Sam DeMarco was duly elected to the office of At-Large Member of Council in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Macey moved to receive and file this Communication, Mr. Klein seconded, and the motion was approved via voice vote. Mr. DeMarco was then sworn into office.

[12893-24](#) Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the election held on the seventh day of November, 2023, Bethany Hallam was duly elected to the office of At-Large Member of Council in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Macey moved to receive and file this Communication, Mr. Palmiere seconded, and the motion was approved via voice vote. Ms. Hallam was then sworn into office.

[12894-24](#) Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the election held on the seventh day of November, 2023, Suzanne Filiaggi was duly elected to the office of Member of Council, District 2, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Macey moved to receive and file this Communication, Mr. Palmiere seconded, and the motion was approved via voice vote. Ms. Filiaggi was then sworn into office.

[12896-24](#) Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the election held on the seventh day of November, 2023, Dan Grzybek was duly elected to the office of Member of Council, District 5, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Macey moved to receive and file this Communication, Mr. Palmiere seconded, and the motion was approved via voice vote. Mr. Grzybek was then sworn into office.

[12897-24](#) Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the election held on the seventh day of November, 2023, John F. Palmiere was duly elected to the office of Member of Council, District 6, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Macey moved to receive and file this Communication, Mr. Klein seconded, and the motion was approved via voice vote. Mr. Palmiere was then sworn into office.

[12898-24](#)

Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the election held on the seventh day of November, 2023, Nick Futules was duly elected to the office of Member of Council, District 7, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Macey moved to receive and file this Communication, Ms. Filiaggi seconded, and the motion was approved via voice vote. Mr. Futules was then sworn into office.

[12899-24](#)

Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the election held on the seventh day of November, 2023, DeWitt Walton was duly elected to the office of Member of Council, District 10, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Macey moved to receive and file this Communication, Mr. Palmiere seconded, and the motion was approved via voice vote. Mr. Walton was then sworn into office.

[12900-24](#)

Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the election held on the seventh day of November, 2023, Paul Klein was duly elected to the office of Member of Council, District 11, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Macey moved to receive and file this Communication, Mr. Palmiere seconded, and the motion was approved via voice vote. Mr. Klein was then sworn into office.

[12901-24](#)

Communication from the Return Board of Allegheny County submitting a Certificate of Election certifying that at the election held on the seventh day of November, 2023, David Bonaroti was duly elected to the office of Member of Council, District 13, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Macey moved to receive and file this Communication, Mr. Catena seconded, and the motion was approved via voice vote. Mr. Bonaroti was then sworn into office.

V. Roll Call

Council Members Present: 15 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, DeMarco , Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio and Walton

Council Members Absent: 0

VI. Election of the Council President

Mr. Palmiere nominated Mr. Catena for the office of President of Council, and Mr. Walton nominated himself. Mr. Catena was elected President, with Council Members Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Klein, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis,

Palmiere, Palmosina and Prizio voting for him, and Council Members DeMarco and Walton voting for Mr. Walton.

VII. Proclamations/Certificates

[12891-24](#) A proclamation recognizing Maggie Forbes's dedication to the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall, and proclaiming December 27, 2023 as Maggie Forbes Day in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

This proclamation was read into the record.

[12895-24](#) A proclamation recognizing Dr. Felix J. Yerace for earning the 2023 National Earl Reum Award

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

This proclamation was read into the record.

VIII. Public Comment On Agenda Items

IX. Approval of Minutes

X. Presentation of Appointments

XI. Unfinished Business

XII. Liaison Reports

XIII. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

XIV. New Business - Motions

XV. Notification of Contracts

XVI. Public Comment on General Items

XVII. Adjournment