

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Thursday, December 14, 2023

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Government Reform

Bethany Hallam, Chair; Liv Bennett, Sam DeMarco, Nick Futules, Paul Klein, Bob Palmosina and Anita Prizio; Members

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02.

Invited Guests:

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 0

Members Absent: 1 - Robert Palmosina

Members Phone: 6 - Olivia Bennett, Sam DeMarco, Nick Futules, Paul Klein, Anita Prizio and Bethany Hallam

Members Non-Members: 4 - Bob Macey, Tom Duerr, Suzanne Filiaggi and Patrick Catena

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

Prior to discussion of any agenda item, Mr. Klein moved to amend the agenda to include Bill Nos. 12534-22 and 12812-22, Mr. Demarco seconded, and that motion passed with Ms. Bennett, Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Klein and Ms. Prizio voting in favor and with the Chair voting against.

[12480-22](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, §5-1009.08, entitled “Paid County Holidays,” in order to designate the second Monday in October as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day,” rather than “Columbus Day.”

Sponsors: Council Member Bennett and Council Member Prizio

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

Members Absent: 1 - Palmosina

Members Yes Phone: 4 - Bennett, Klein, Prizio and Hallam

Members No Phone: 2 - DeMarco and Futules

Members Non-Member: 4 - Macey, Duerr, Filiaggi and Catena

[12481-22](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 1013, entitled “Political Activity; Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Code,” §5-1013.09, entitled “Standards of Conduct,” through the creation of a new Subsection R, in order to establish specific prohibitions on exerting improper influence in official matters within Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam

Mr. DeMarco moved to table the bill, Mr. Futules seconded, and that motion failed with Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Futules and Mr. Klein voting in favor, and with Ms. Bennett, Ms. Prizio and the Chair voting against.

Mr. Futules moved to hold the bill in committee, Mr. Klein seconded, and that motion failed with Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Futules and Mr. Klein voting in favor, and with Ms. Bennett, Ms. Prizio and the Chair voting against.

The Chair moved to affirmatively recommend this bill to the full Council, Ms. Bennett seconded, and that motion failed with Ms. Bennett, Ms. Prizio and the Chair voting in favor, and with Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Futules and Mr. Klein voting against.

The Chair moved to refer the bill to the full Council without recommendation, Ms. Bennett seconded, and that motion failed with Ms. Bennett, Ms. Prizio and the Chair voting in favor, and with Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Futules and Mr. Klein voting against.

In the absence of a successful motion to release the bill, it was held in committee.

[12534-22](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 301, entitled “County Council,” §5-301.03, entitled “County Council districts,” in order to provide a uniform process for the reapportionment of Council districts within Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Duerr and Council Member Filiaggi

A motion was made by Hallam, seconded by Bennett, that this matter be Returned Without Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Members Absent: 1 - Palmosina

Members Yes Phone: 6 - Bennett, DeMarco , Futules, Klein, Prizio and Hallam

Members 4 - Macey, Duerr, Filiaggi and Catena
Non-Member:

[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

A motion was made by Hallam, seconded by Klein, that this matter be Returned Without Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Members Absent: 1 - Palmosina

Members Yes Phone: 6 - Bennett, DeMarco , Futules, Klein, Prizio and Hallam

Members 4 - Macey, Duerr, Filiaggi and Catena
Non-Member:

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18.