

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Patrick Catena	-	President, District 4
Robert J. Macey	-	Vice-President, District 9
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-at-Large
Bethany Hallam	-	Council-at-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Tom Duerr	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Nicholas Futules	-	District 7
Paul Zavarella	-	District 8
DeWitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
Robert Palmosina	-	District 12
Olivia "Liv" Bennett	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services  
Jack Cambest - Allegheny County Council Solicitor  
Ken Varhola - Chief of Staff

PRESIDENT CATENA: Everyone, I'd like to call this meeting of Allegheny County Council to order. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Please remain standing for a moment of silent prayer.

(Moment of silence.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Please be seated. Jared, please take roll.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?  
MR. BAKER: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?  
MS. BENNETT: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?  
MR. DEMARCO: Here.  
MS. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?  
MR. DUERR: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?  
MS. HALLAM: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?  
MS. KIRK: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?  
MR. KLEIN: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macy?  
MR. MACY: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?  
MR. PALMOSINA: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?  
MS. PRIZIO: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella.  
MR. ZAVARELLA: Here.  
MR. BARKER: President Catena?  
PRESIDENT CATENA: Here.

MR. BARKER: All 15 members are present.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll now have proclamations and certificates. We'll begin with 12079-21 which was held from the last meeting.

MR. BARKER: That's a certificate of achievement presented to Robert "Cochise" Watkins in recognition of

his induction into the Pittsburgh City League Hall of Fame on December 3, 2021 for his exceptional football skills while playing for Central Catholic High School sponsored by all members of council.

MR. WALTON: It is with a huge sense of pride and appreciation that the entire council has endorsed and embraced this proclamation and certificate of achievement and it reads this certificate of achievement is presented to Robert "Cochise" Watkins in recognition of induction into the Pittsburgh City League Hall of Fame on December 3, 2021 for his exceptional football skills while playing for the Central Catholic High School. He also played and was inducted into the Tuskegee University's Hall of Fame. Watkins believes in giving back to the community through numerous service organizations such as Meals on Wheels for the elderly, ministry and homeless support network. Therefore Robert "Cochise" Watkins serves as an inspiration for this council and for the citizens of Allegheny County. You know, before I give you a moment to speak I want to talk about a personal relationship and the dignity with which from the time that I've known you you've carried yourself and have been really inspirational.

You and I have common friends. You and I have common mentors and as a result I have known and heard about the prowess with which you played as a football player, but I've seen the dignity with which you carry yourself as a man and as a member of the community and as an advocate for progress and justice. It is a real privilege to call myself your friend and somebody off the record I can talk bad about you, but my man, you know, you're a real friend.

MR. WATKINS: Thank you too all of y'all for showing up. Thank you for your friendship. I know my father used to always tell me it's better to make a mistake and be humble than get any type of achievement and become arrogant so I want to thank each and everybody. This moment - this moment and meaning will be forever enveloped in my heart sealed with your generous smile. On all that I love, on everything that I love, thank you. I mean that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: The remaining proclamations and certificates will be read into the record. 12098-21.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing the "King of Vinyl" Rich Antoncic for his 60 years of

dedication to entertaining people throughout the country sponsored by Council Member Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12099-21.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation congratulating the Kiwanis Club of McKeesport and White Oak upon their 100th Anniversary sponsored by Council Member Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12100-21.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation honoring the life, memory and legacy of Dr. James H. McLemore sponsored by Council Member Walton.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12101-21.

MR. BARKER: Certificates of Recognition presented to the New Pittsburgh Courier Women of Excellence honorees sponsored by Council Member Walton and all other members of council.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12102-21.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation congratulating Jan Glick upon the occasion of her retirement from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh sponsored by Council Member Baker.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12103-21.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation declaring November 13, 2021 to be Caileigh Lynn McDowell Kindness Day in Allegheny County sponsored by Council Member Baker.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12104-21.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing and thanking Mary Frances Cooper for her dedication to the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, and we recognize her upon her retirement as President and Director of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh sponsored by Council Member DeMarco.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there any public comment on an agenda items?

MR. BARKER: Not on agenda items. No.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Approval of minutes. 12104-21.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 regular meeting of council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing no discussion all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. Presentation of appointments? All the

appointments that are being presented are being referred to the committee on appointment review. Clerk, can you please read the titles now?

MR. BARKER: Bill number 12094-21 approving the appointment of Patricia Oliffe to the Friends of the Park for South Park for a term to expire on November 30, 2024 sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

12095-21 approving the appointment of Patrick Oliffe to the Friends of the Park for South Park for a term to expire on November 30, 2024 sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

And 12097-21 approving the appointment of Lauren McAndrews to the Friends of the Park for North Park for a term to expire on November 30, 2024 sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Unfinished business. The committee on appointment review for the second reading. As these are all appointments to friends of the park if there are no objections I'd like to have the clerk summarize the bill by number, then have Ms. Hallam make a single motion to approve them as a group. Any problems with that? Hearing none go ahead, Jared.

MR. BARKER: The first group are all sponsored by Council Member Prizio all to North Park and all expire on August 24, 2024. 11943-21 would be Colleen Lizzi. 11944-21 is Liz Spence. 11958-21 is Jake Milofsky, and 11964-21 is Richard Kernick.

The next group is sponsored by Councilmember Futules. 11951-21 is Susan Goughler to Harrison Hills Park. 11952-21 is Dan Smith to Harrison Hills Park. 11954-21 is Nicholas Svitek to Harrison Hills Park. 11955-21 is Sharon Svitek to Harrison Hills Park. Those four expire on August 24, 2024.

12015-21 is Dave Brooke to Harrison Hills Park. 12016-21 is Carly Deskins to Harrison Hills Park. Those two expire September 28, 2024.

And the last one sponsored by Ms. Bennett 12034-21 Joe Downing to Hartwood Acres to expire on October 12, 2024.

MS. HALLAM: Point of personal privilege, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

MS. HALLAM: I would just like to say that the appointments that are just read we're going to add them to tomorrow's appointment review agenda.

PRESIDENT CATENA: So we're not voting on these this evening then?

MS. HALLAM: No. The ones that you read before.

PRESIDENT CATENA: The prior?

MS. HALLAM: The new ones will be added tomorrow.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Just to be clear. No problem with that. So at this point in time does anyone object to just doing a simple voice vote? Hearing no one object to doing a simple voice vote all those in favor of all the appointments signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. Committee on budget and finance second reading. 12055-21.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania establishing the tax levy upon all real property subject to taxation within the limits of Allegheny County sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, President Catena. This ordinance retains the 4.73 real rate of taxation on real property located within Allegheny County and subject to taxation. I make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion?

MS. HALLAM: I'd like to say something. I would just like see either this council or the county administration, county executive's office commit to making sure if this does pass to make sure that low-income home owners are not pushed out of their homes for failure to keep up with a tax rate on a property that hasn't been assessed in a decade, so thanks.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Any other discussion? Hearing no other discussion we'll do a roll call vote. Did anyone - you made the motion correct?

MR. MACEY: Yeah. I seconded.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Roll call vote, please, Jared.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?  
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?  
MR. DUERR: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?  
MS. HALLAM: No.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?  
MS. KIRK: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?  
MR. KLEIN: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?  
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?  
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?  
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: President Catena?  
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ayes 14. No's 1. The bill passes.  
PRESIDENT CATENA: 12056-21.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopting an operating budget pursuant to Article IV section 2 and Article VII section 4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of Allegheny County and for meeting debt charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, President Catena. This resolution established appropriations to pay for the cost of the county's day to day operations and debt charges. I make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, Jared, please take a roll call.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: I'd like to abstain from this vote and the reason being, because I know I'm supposed to give a reason, is because once again the process excluded public input that neither the administration nor this body sought any public comment whatsoever about what we're going to do with a one billion dollar budget of taxpayer dollars and I think that is travesty and we need to figure out a way to stop the rush job budget process that we do year after year and actually make it accountable to the people, so I abstain.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Pamosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?

MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14. No's 0 with one abstention. The bill passes.



PRESIDENT CATENA: 12057-21.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopting a Capital Budget pursuant to Article IV Section 2, and Article VII Section 4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses for capital expenditures during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, President Catena. This resolution establishes appropriations to pay for the county's capital projects which include construction, structural engineering, certain feasibility studies and similar appropriations for the Port Authority and CCAC. I make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, Jared, please take the roll.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: I abstain for the same reasons I gave for bill number 12056-21.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?  
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: President Catena?  
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ayes 14. No's 0 with one

abstention. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12058-21.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopting the Grants Budget, Special Accounts Budget and Agency Fund Budget by setting forth appropriations to pay said expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT CATENNA: Councilman Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, President Catena. This resolution establishes appropriations to permit the county to receive and spend funding received from external sources largely in the form of federal and state grants for the designated services. I make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Jared, please take the roll.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?  
MS. BENNETT: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?  
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?  
MR. DUERR: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?  
MS. HALLAM: I abstain for the reasons I gave for bill 12056-21.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?  
MS. KIRK: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?  
MR. KLEIN: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Pالموسينا?  
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?  
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?  
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: President Catena?  
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14. No's 0 with one  
abstention. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Committee on Economic  
Development and Housing for the second reading 12089-21.

MR. BARKER: A resolution approving a project  
for the benefit of Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit,  
a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation to be financed by  
the Allegheny County Higher Education Building 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 \$81,500 million  
provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny,  
Pennsylvania 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 sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. The  
committee on economic development and housing met on  
November 18 of this year and affirmatively recommended the  
approval of this ordinance. I'd like to make a motion to  
approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and  
seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no  
discussion, Jared, please take a roll.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve. Mr.  
Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?  
MS. BENNETT: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?  
MR. DUERR: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?  
MS. HALLAM: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?  
MS. KIRK: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?  
MR. KLEIN: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?  
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?  
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?  
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: President Catena?  
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 15. No's 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: The committee on public works for the second reading 12088-21.

MR. BARKER: And ordinance authorizing the Department of Public Works to take certain actions on behalf of County Council with respect to the issuance of highway occupancy permits, the grant of certain licenses, rights of entry and easements and the amicable acquisition of certain real estate affecting county public work projects and other matters for calendar years 2022 and 2023 sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President, members of council. The public works committee met on 11/16 of this year and this particular bill has been sent to the full council with affirmative recommendation and therefore I approve.

MR. PALMERE: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, Jared, please take a roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?  
MS. BENNETT: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?  
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?  
MR. DUERR: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?  
MS. HALLAM: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?  
MS. KIRK: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?  
MR. KLEIN: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?  
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?  
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?  
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: President Catena?  
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 15. No's 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: We'll now have liaison reports. Any liaison reports this evening? Councilwoman Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Thank you, President Catena. I just want to point out that the Friends of the Park North Park will have their initial reorganization meeting this Monday at 8:00. It will be at the cabin at North Park on Babcock and Ingomar where that building is and there will also be a Zoom option. It's a public meeting. It will mainly be

reviewing the new appointees all for them to get to know each other and also for them to choose officers.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Anyone else this evening? Hearing no one else new business ordinances and resolutions.

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: New business motions?

MR. BARKER: Also none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Notification of contracts?

MR. BARKER: Also none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Public comment on general items.

MR. BARKER: We did have four people sign up. First up is Paul Brown of City of Pittsburgh. I write this in support of the bill introduced by Council Members Hallam, Bennett and Prizio that will prevent any new fracking development in Allegheny County parks. I have been a user and supporter of our county parks for many years and was a close friend of the late Joseph Grom who was park naturalist at North Park for many years. Many of our county parks are surrounded by development. Some of this development was done without good land use planning and resulted in sprawl and water pollution. What the parks and surrounding communities do not need is fracking, oil and gas related development. Please support a ban on fracking. I also urge that this bill be brought up for a vote before the parks committee. Thank you.

Next up is Dana Sighler also City of Pittsburgh. My name is Dana Sighler and I live in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for bill number 11084-21 which would ban fracking and other industrial activities in our public lands. This is common sense legislation which should have already been the law of the land for decades. Our parks exist for public recreation and enjoyment. Our parks do not exist to create profits for out of state chemical companies. The impacts of fracking on public health are well-documented and fracking does not create lasting jobs or economic benefits. When fracking moved into 22 counties throughout Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia their residents experienced a decline in jobs, average personal income and overall population according to a non-partisan think tank. Fracking is toxic for air quality, water quality and our economy. It should not be allowed in our parks. Please move bill number 11804-21

out of committee and pass it into law immediately. Thank you for your time.

Next up is Shane Chessire from Natrona Heights. He listed two topics for conversation, Allegheny County vaccine policy and Allegheny County Parks but listed no comment.

Last up is Harry Hawkhizer of the City of Pittsburgh. My name is Harry Hawkhizer, and I live in Pittsburgh. I am voicing my strong support for bill number 11084-21 which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. This is common sense legislation which should have already been the law of the land for decades. Our parks exist for public recreation and enjoyment. Fracking and other extractive activities can do immeasurable harm to our valuable parks. The impacts of fracking on public health are well-documented and the economic benefits are questionable at best. When fracking moved into 22 counties across Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia their residents experienced a decline in jobs, average personal income and overall population. Fracking is toxic for air quality, water quality and our economy. It should not be allowed in our parks. Please move bill number 11804-21 out of committee and pass it into law immediately. Thank you for your time.

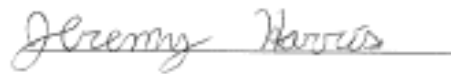
PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. At this point in time we're not going to adjourn. We're going to go downstairs for an executive session to discuss litigation matters, so thank you. Have a wonderful evening.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:25 P.M.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify, as the stenographic reporter, that the foregoing proceedings were taken stenographically by me, and thereafter reduced to typewriting by me or under my direction; and that this transcript is a true and accurate record to the best of my ability.

Dated the 14 day of January, 2022

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeremy Harris", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeremy Harris,

Court Reporter