

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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

(Moment of silence.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Please be seated.

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.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: I'm here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: 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 begin with proclamations and certificates. The first two proclamations and certificates will be presented. 11890-21.

MR. BARKER: Recognizing and congratulating Ralph Watson and Classic Events Public Relations/Marketing for Youthpreneur "Teachable Moments" program which showcases youths' talents in business sponsored by Council Member Baker.

MR. BAKER: All right. Thanks, Mr. President. If we can have Ralph Watson and all friends of Ralph Watson all the honorees and all the partners come on up and join me. Congratulations to Ralph on what is going to be another absolutely wonderful event. I don't know if all or many of my colleagues have been to a Ralph Watson sponsored event, but I will say two pieces of advice.

Piece of advice number one always go to a Ralph Watson event. They're memorable, they're fun, they're amazing. The connections that are made, the friendships that are made are really special and terrific. Number two piece of advice is do not take your two year old to a Ralph Watson event as they go later than a two year old should be out. That's my piece of advice, but it's been great to get to know Ralph certainly over the years.

Got some new friends here among us as your former colleague Sandra Macdonald, Larry Berger who has been here before certainly has --- actually I think he won the award named after one of my parents years ago so we're glad to have Larry here as well so congratulations everyone. I will read the proclamation and Ralph can tell us all about the honorees and the partners and the amazing event that will be going on very shortly.

Whereas Ralph D. Watson creates Classic Events Public Relations/Marketing with the goals to provide effective platforms of direct marketing, print, social media and cable television partner CCTV 21. Small business tends to be the driving force of our local economy, and Classic Events successfully connects entrepreneurs with decision makers, stakeholders, civic leaders and elected officials accelerating business brands, business presence and growth. Whereas coupled with hosting a trilogy of networking events classic events successfully forges relationships and our segments --- underserved segments and educate and introduce new market goods and services available through area small businesses.

These effective marketing platforms create opportunities and enhance the socioeconomic development of our region. Classic Events remains an advocate for entrepreneurs and encourages business owners to appear as

guests on the award winning CCTV 21 business public affairs cable show Classic Events airing on both Comcast and Verizon.

And whereas classic events Youthpreneur Teachable Moments event provided to area youth between the ages of 8 and 21 the opportunity to express diverse talents while showcasing their interest in developing business, product, service or organization and whereas areas to all the fun and the enrichment that's going to happen this weekend.

Whereas on June 26, 2021 Classic Events will host Youthpreneur Teachable Moments and will publically honor an eclectic group of people working in various capacities to empower youth; Allegheny County Cure Violence Prevention, that's Ross A. Watson, Jr.; Autism Urban Connections, Jamie Upshaw; and we've got Big Brothers Big Sisters, Andrew Macdonald, the program manager that communicates the program, Coach and Mentor Andrew Lee Poindexter; Greater Valley Community Services, Jacquelyn Smith, Manchester Academic Charter School; Dennis Henderson, Penn Hills Charter School for Entrepreneurs Wayne D. Jones; Saturday Light Brigade and Radio Larry Berger; Western Pennsylvania HBCU Alumni Vincent Elliot and Jeff Williams; and Principal of Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship, Tamara Allen Thomas and whereas further recognizing the artistic, social, cultural and humanitarian efforts of these unique individuals to their craft, Classic Events Public Relations/Marketing salutes each for their combination of skill and dedication to your chosen vocations.

Now, therefore be it resolved that I, County Councilman Tom Baker, do hereby commend and recognize Youthpreneur Teachable Moments event and the many young adults that will help make it successful. There we go, Mr. President so congratulations to Ralph, congratulations to all the participants.

RALPH WATSON: First of all I'd like to thank Councilman Baker but one thing I'd to thank the entire County Council is that you recently appointed me to the minority women business disadvantaged board. I'd like to thank you for that opportunity. The quest, my goal at Classic Events is to bring entrepreneurs closer to their dreams. I do host a trilogy of events, and I host maybe six events a year and every event is a vendor event. Every event is geared toward access and exposure. Those are two very valuable things for entrepreneurs.

I would like to recognize first before I make mention of this illustrious group of people that stand behind me is standing right here to my immediate right is our Youthpreneur of the year. This is her grandmother. Please tell us your name.

AJARAH BEY-ELERBY: My name is Ajarah Bey-Elerby.

RALPH WATSON: Yes. And she's an outstanding young lady about to go off to college. This will be her first time away from home and her grandmother's still kind of --- not unsure but just a little concerned, you know, she will miss you.

Now, I've known Marsha Jones for a number of years. She graduated from Wilkinsburg High School a few years ahead of me, went on to get a degree in education from Clarion --- thought it was Clarion.

Around when Marsha came back, I served on the Wilkinsburg School Board for two terms. Marsha was one of my biggest cheerleaders. I was 19 years old when I got elected. Did not know a lot on the other side of the classroom and sit on the policy making board. Marsha spent a lot of time talking to me, coaching me because that's what Marsha does. Marsha Jones is an educator, and she has retired from Wilkinsburg and went to serve on the Wilkinsburg School Board and it's a pleasure knowing you. It's a pleasure meeting your granddaughter, and your son is here and her boyfriend. It's a great support system and that's what you need.

Vince, all you guys are standing to my left and right. Let's tighten up a bit. Will you guys take some pictures?

I'm not going to continue to talk here. These are some outstanding individuals and hopefully you guys will hang around for a few minutes after when we leave here and we can take group photographs downstairs and they can get on to business at hand. Again, Allegheny County Council, thank you very much. We really appreciate this and the recognition of all of you. Thank you all for what you do as it relates to the development of our youth, Greater Valley, SOB, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Autism Urban Connections and this gentleman here Vince Elliot recruits for Historically Black Colleges, recruits students to attend. So thank you all and let's give everybody here a round of applause.

MR. BAKER: This special proclamation is all about your service, all the ways you're giving back, all kinds

of service work so it's all out there in your proclamation. That is a specific proclamation all about you and all the great things you've done as a young leader so congratulations.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Picture, Tom?

MR. BAKER: Yeah. Come on up in a group picture.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11891-21, Tom you presented that one, correct? Okay. So the remaining items will be read into the record. 11892-21.

MR. BARKER: Recognizing and congratulating Moon Township Garden Club on the occasion of their 100 anniversary of enhancing horticultural and environmental projects sponsored by Council Members Hallam, Baker, DeMarco and Kirk.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Is there any public comment on any agenda items?

KEN VARHOLA: Yes there is, Mr. President. We had one person who did not sign up in time but is here to make comments if council approves.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Does anyone object? Seeing no objections, Mr. Kelly?

DARRIN KELLY: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you for the privilege of speaking today. For the record my name is Darrin Kelly, address 4615 Mapledale Drive City of Pittsburgh, Paul Klein representative. Thank you very much. First and foremost it's great to see everyone. It's been a long time since we all came face to face. I believe I do know everyone in the room. Unfortunately I am coming to you today with a very unfortunate situation. In my time in this labor movement and as the president of this labor council this is the first time that I have spoken on an issue what I feel to be a direct violation of safety in this county and I think the same thing in the City of Pittsburgh.

The Sheraton at Station Square has always been a beacon of business in this region. It's somewhere that we have called our home as organized labor, but this goes much deeper. Through basic finding out of how permits work we found out that the Sheraton Station Square was doing business with non-union contractors. We know that's part of the job. It's something that we work with and in further inspecting it was found out that the Sheraton Station Square was demoing, not doing basic construction, demolishing five floors in their hotel without filing for a permit which was on the front door of a beacon that

represents the City of Pittsburgh. I came here today for a couple different reasons. Number 1 was to let all of you know the quick response of the Allegheny Health Department along with the City's Bureau of Inspection and Licensing. The county as we all know is in charge of two aspects of construction as far as inspection.

One is checking for asbestos, and the other one is plumbing and this building filed for zero of them. To my knowledge this is the first time that a major business in the City of Pittsburgh has ever been ordered a shut --- stop work order.

Now, this is personal for all of us because of the business that we've given the Sheraton over the years but it is beyond that now. This is a public safety issue. I cannot sit here and say that there is asbestos in that building. You know why? They didn't even have the decency to have it inspected. This is not a run of the mill residential project. This is an occupied hotel that has hundreds of rooms. No less than 40 employees at any given time walking through them. This contractor is an out of state contractor. G&L contracting out of Orlando, Florida, so this is how far that this hotel has fallen.

So I want to bring your attention number one thank the council members that sponsored this motion. I am scheduled to speak to the state delegation next. We have had every leader in our labor council call and try to talk. We are asking people do not patronize this hotel out of safety first. We believe with organized labor and the members of our community safety to the residents, the occupants and the employees is before anything. The rest of it we'll handle working with management as far as the union and non-union aspect. I'm asking this to be taken seriously.

So please realize that departments that fall under your jurisdiction did an amazing job and we'll wait and find out what we'll discover from that but this is not something I plan to let go. So thank you for the time. Thank you for the members. I'm asking all of you if possible would consider unanimously supporting this so I will be back another day. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Go ahead.

KEN VARHOLA: Jason Fincke Pittsburgh 15241. I'm writing in regard to County Council Bill 11880 in the hope you will consider amending the bill before final passage. Since June of 2020 I have served as chair of the Friends

of South Park after having served two terms as a council member. Throughout this time and longer I have actively participated in helping lead and support a variety of activities to help maintain and improve the park for its thousands of daily visitors many of whom live in municipalities throughout the South Hills. Among the reasons I have chosen to seek county council's support of my involvement of the friends is to be part of an organization that seeks park improvements through a conciliatory and amiable relationship with the county parks department and its associated organizations including the parks foundation and park rangers.

Working as an advisory organization with county council and cooperation with county parks we have been able to support such South Park projects as the Cascade Solar Lighting of Corrigan and Maple Springs Drive purchase in the installation of attractive park benches, pond fountains and other amenities. We have done so in a non-political environment with men and women who truly care about South Park. As a resident of Upper St. Clair I have always been a user and supporter of South Park as have many of my friends and neighbors. That is why I am concerned and disappointed that the employment of the friends of the park members can now be skewed in favor of residents of District 6.

While I understand that District 6 has the largest square footage of South Park Property, I do not believe that should be a factor in the number of appointments by the District 6 council person. South Park is an Allegheny County Park not a District 6 park. For those of us who live in Upper St. Clair, Bethel Park, Mt. Lebanon and South Hills communities we should have the same consideration for appointment to the Friends of South Park. Members of the Friends do not take care of the park based on square footage of their sponsoring council person. They take care of the entire park. Please understand this has no reflection on the councilman in the area who has always been a strong support of South Park. I have nothing but respect, but the proposed apportionment of council of friends could create competitive environment while that council district could influence improvements in the parks that are not supported by the South Hills residents.

Carolyn Savikas. I am writing to you to ask you consider amending County Council 11880 to reflect a more

equitable distribution of appointments to the Friends of South Park. As you know, the park is used by thousands of folks from all over our region. It's an asset I care deeply about. Although I currently reside in South Park, my business began 70 years ago when my parents would drive from Mt. Oliver every weekend so my brother and I could swim in the cascades and picnic the park. I'm concerned favoring residents of District 6 by giving them the majority of appointments will enable that district to set an agenda not shared by others simply because of geography. I joined the Friends of South Park many years ago in the hopes of restoring the cascades for use of current and future generations. I was elected vice chair in June of 2020. I ran for this office to return the Friends organization to a more pleasant respective group. I respectfully ask that you give equal representation to appointments to District 5 and 6.

Bernadette Fincke. Upper St. Clair resident and passionate supporter of South Park I respectfully request Allegheny County Council to amend proposed bill 11880 to make distribution of appointments to the Friends group more reflective of who uses the park. Although the majority of South Park is in South Park Township, it is a county park and not a township park. It draws users from a large number of South Hills communities. I believe awarding a majority of Friends appointments to South Park and other District 6 residents is unfair and not in the best interest of the park. Some of our most dedicated and generous volunteers and board members reside out of District 6. I do not want to lose their support, and I believe if you limit choosing friends members from District 6 only you will not be getting the most dedicated candidates. I welcome you to review what we have accomplished in the past few years and notice that the responsible players for these accomplishments have not been from South Park and District 6. Once again I respectfully request an amendment be added to 11880 regarding the appointments friends group board members.

Angela Sue Zemba, Upper St. Clair. I write to you as a friend of South Park to ask your considerations for amending or clarifying a few areas of County Council bill 11880. I'm a resident of Upper St. Clair for 46 years moving here immediately after graduation from college. I was thrilled to have South Park to take my children to for skating rink, pony rides, to feed the ducks and enjoy the

buffalo, play softball and tennis, picnic and more. I am a new friend of South Park just as a volunteer worker and have been nominated and approved by council in 2020 to be a member of the Friends of South Park. The success of the group along with the parks department and foundations had in the past years can be seen easily by driving Corrigan Drive and taking a few detours and hikes through the park. It improves daily. I'm anxious to help with future improvements.

As to bill 11880 I am confused and concerned with the changes made to the county council nominations of members Section 215-11.B.3. We have a limitation of 12 members regardless of the size of the park? Why weigh a council member's ability to nominate a candidate based on the surface area of the park in their district? Why not an even split when there is more than one district within a park and still leaving two to the at large and other district councils.

Several volunteers that join us in our clean up and improvement projects live outside of South Park's Districts 5 and 6. Their interest in volunteering is based on their desire to improve the park. Membership to the friends should be based on the applicants' qualifications, actual participation, attendance at meetings, teamwork and making a difference to the park. Please don't limit council's ability to nominate a worthy Allegheny County resident based on the surface area of the park in their district.

Also, to better understand the approval process of a nominee could the Committee on Appointment Review be added to the definition or clarified within Section 215-11.B.2? Lastly, please check Section 215 which has referenced Section 215-16, I believe incorrectly. Thank you kindly for reviewing my concerns and considering any possible amendments.

Ed Eichenlaub Bethel Park. New Friends of the Parks guidelines. Equal representation for friends nominations. I would like to have equal representation for appointed members.

Rachel Filippini Edgewood Borough. Good evening. My name's Rachel Filippini, and I'm the executive director of the Group Against Smog and Pollution. For more than 50 years we have worked to improve air quality in southwestern Pennsylvania. We are happy to see before council this evening the Allegheny County Health

Department's proposal to amend its regulations to be consistent with the PA Department of Environmental Protection fee structure. GASP has strongly supported the fee schedule changes proposed by both the state and the Allegheny Health Department's Air Quality Program. GASP believes revisions to the fee schedule are necessary for the air quality program to be able to fulfill its mission of protecting air quality in Allegheny County. If approved, the amended regulation would increase application fees for plan approvals, operation permits and the annual administration fees charged to permit holders that were based on a schedule set all the way back in the '90s and last increased 14 years ago.

The proposed fee schedule is tiered with the first set of increases going into effect 60 days after final adoption through 2025. The fees then increase in 2026 and then again in 2031. If finally approved, the plan for the first time would impose fees on major and minor sources of air pollution seeking revisions to plant-wide applicability limits, ambient air impact modeling done in connection with certain plan approval applications, risk assessments and requests for determination. It's important to understand that the Clean Air Act requires that the fees imposed on Title V sources in Allegheny County be sufficient to cover all reasonable direct and indirect costs required to develop and administer the Health Department's Title V permit program.

Because Allegheny County Health Department's Air Quality Program receives little or no funding from Allegheny County itself, that means the fees paid by non-Title V sources in the county must also generate sufficient revenue to fund the non-Title V side of the program making these changes absolutely imperative. Thank you.

And that's all we have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll now have approval of minutes. 11898-21.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Opposed? Motion carries. 11899-21.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 regular meeting of Council.

MR. DUERR: So moved.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All opposed? Motion carries. 11900-21.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 regular meeting of Council.

MR. DUERR: So moved.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none, no discussion all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

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

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Unfinished business? Committee on Budget and Finance for the second reading 11881-21.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2021 Submission number 05-21 sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, President. Budget and Finance Committee met on June 15, 2021 and affirmatively recommended this resolution that would amend the 2021 grants and special accounts budget to accept \$2,149,302 grant to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. That money will be used for existing temporary emergency shelter and housing assistance programs by the Department of Human Services. I move for approval.

MS. BENNETT: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, Jared would you 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: 11882-21.

MR. BARKER: A resolution ratifying certain year-end transfers pursuant to Section 805.03 of the Administrative Code sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, Mr. President. The budget and finance committee met on June 15, 2021 and affirmatively recommended this resolution that would formally ratify the year-end transfer for fiscal year 2020. It's approved by the budget transfer committee. I move for approval.

MR. DUERR: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, Jared, would you 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. 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 15, No's 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Committee on Parks for the second reading. 11694-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the continued use of Allegheny County-owned land in Harrison Hills Park by Harrison Township as a leaf composting site sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. We met last week the committee and this met with an affirmative recommendation so I move for approval.

MR. DUERR: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, Jared, would you 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: 11834-21.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing White Oak Animal Safe Haven, Incorporated to use county-owned real property on Lincoln Way in the County's White Oak Park as an animal rescue and adoption center sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. We met last week, the same meeting, this proposal was met with an affirmative recommendation from the committee and I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, Jared, would you 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: 11880-21.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances Chapter 215 entitled Boards Commissions and Committees, Article III entitled Council of Friends in order to update provisions governing advisory entities relating to the County Parks and repealing prior County law on the subject sponsored by Council Members Duerr, Kirk and Palmiere.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, thank you again. We met last week, and this was met with affirmative recommendation and I move for approval.

MR. DUERR: Seconded.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Are there any amendments with which to be made to this bill?

MR. DUERR: Mr. President, I have three amendments I would like to add if I may. Am I recognized?

PRESIDENT CATENA: You're recognized.

MR. DUERR: Okay. Thank you. So I crafted three amendments that I printed out to council members on Sunday. The two of them were crafted based upon a discussion with many of the members who submitted public comment tonight that are current Friends of South Park members. One has to do with the allocation of appointments and a number of friends members on Friends of the Parks being considered.

The second amendment has to do with the process of which the first reorganization is conducted under. There was some confusion as to how that first meeting was going to transpire. It was supposed to share that considering we are starting over with friends of the park here so they asked for limited guidance on that and I thought, you know, that was an easy thing for us to do.

The third amendment came out of the discussion we had in the parks committee meeting based upon comments made by President Catena. President Catena, you had mentioned that you were somewhat concerned about not having enough oversight on some of the more financial aspects of the bill specifically the fundraising ability and the \$500 allotment that these friends groups are now going to be able to fundraise specifically.

In response to that I talked with our staff and crafted an amendment that I don't necessarily think it will solve all your concerns but I hope, you know, I take your concerns very seriously and I wanted to make sure that I took time to at least try to address them. Part of the annual review that was already in the bill and I've added an amendment to that to require part of that annual review to the financial review as well. Part of that amendment that would have transaction history, anything going in of that bank account would be part of that annual review as well.

So the first one I would dub the appointment amendment. The second one I would dub the organization chair amendment and the third one I would dub the annual review financial amendment if it helps everyone follow along.

So, Mr. President, the first one I would like to entertain is Duerr 2 which is the one that governs the just explaining how the first meeting is supposed to go, who is chair and I would, you know, ask that to be brought to the floor so can I get a second?

MR. KLEIN: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. This is a vote on just the amendment so is there any discussion?

MR. DEMARCO: It's on this one amendment?

MR. DUERR: Yeah.

PRESIDENT CATENA: On this first amendment.

MR. DUERR: Amendment Duerr two, yes.

MS. KIRK: Question.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

MS. KIRK: I would just like to say if we have --- we just voted on this six days ago including Mr. Duerr who voted in the affirmative and then to have three amendments right now I would comment we probably need another parks meeting to discuss these and I would ask for that.

MR. DUERR: Mr. President, if I may?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

MR. DUERR: Pushing this back even further would require us also taking a vote to suspend the Friends of the Parks activities another time. I know many of the friends members in my district are getting very aggravated at how long this process is taking. I do not believe this needs another round of committee and believe that these three amendments two of which are crafted by, you know, out of response to concerns of the constituents in my district who are part of this group and one from comments that you made in committee can all be addressed there. Thank you.

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

MR. DEMARCO: Yeah. One of the things I'm concerned about and why I support Councilwoman Kirk's request for these amendments to be sent to another meeting is in particular the one here which changes the allocation in regards to matters of council. Councilmember Duerr puts this up and says he's responding to his constituents who,

to use Ms. Fincke's language, she says some of the most dedicated and generous volunteers and board members reside outside of District 6 and quote unquote they talk about how this is language that it's an Allegheny County park used by all citizens of Allegheny County. All this does is take and just shift the allocation from 6 and then put it in 5. I think if you really want to address this concern what you do is reduce that allocation and allow folks who are interested in serving as friends of the park to be able to come from other districts and not say they have to come from 6 or 5.

What about folks from 4 or any other district that just uses the parks because they care about it?

MR. DUERR: Mr. President, if I may respond to that? I would like to add that my amendment does not give myself as the representative of 5 any more appointment power than is in the current bill, is currently written in the bill so thank you. And also we are not currently discussing Duerr 1. We are currently discussing Duerr 2 I believe.

MS. KIRK: I was just going to say actually, Sam, or Councilman DeMarco, you can live any resident --- anywhere in the Allegheny County and be on any that you are frequently involved in. All this does is put more to the council peoples how much nomination power they have so it will go from --- so it does in fact change the percent of nominees that Councilman Duerr would have in his district. So it doesn't matter where you live. You can live in South Park and ask to be a friends of the North Park.

MR. DEMARCO: Right. But it increases Councilman Duerr's capability on how many people he can appoint to the parks and obviously representing the district he's probably going to give preference to that.

MS. KIRK: Yeah. I believe those speakers all came from his district. Maybe not.

MR. DUERR: Carolyn Savikas came from South Park Township.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there any other comment?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead, Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Mr. President, I just want to say I've had so many requests over the years about the Friends of South Park, and I'll be honest --- I'll be perfectly honest with you I'll never give a hoot as where a particular person is from. I didn't even ask. As long as they were willing to volunteer and help the park out in

any way I was very happy to recommend them to the council and have them approved. So I want to go on record saying, again, I honestly never ever considered 5, 6, 9, 10, whatever. If they're going to volunteer, when they make the decision to help the park, I'll support them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Is there any other comment.

MR. MACEY: Yeah, Mr. President. Councilman Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

MR. MACEY: Throughout the county and various organizations there's a lack of volunteerism and, when someone steps up to the plate and volunteer, we should embrace them. However, I believe that to have Friends of the Parks demanding this and demanding that, that kind of irks me because, you know, County Council has a big say in this believe it or not and I think we may want to step aside and have one more parks meeting to resolve some of these situations. Over the years I've seen South Park group been very, very forward in raising money and doing certain things to help South Park, but I also believe sometimes they have become more of a authoritarian than just a volunteer. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there any other comment?

MR. DUERR: I just want to clarify for everyone we are not discussing Duerr 1 right now, the reappointment amendment. We are just discussing Duerr 2 which is simply an amendment that would help guide the initial reorganization. So I know that's kind of gotten off track but just wanted to remind everyone, again, where we are. So yeah. So that's why I saved Duerr 1 for last, I know it's a little bit more contentious so I wanted to get through the first two before we get there. So thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. So let's do a roll call vote on amending for Duerr Number 2.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve amendment Duerr 2, Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: No.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: No.

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: No.
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: No.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 9, No's 6. Amendment Duerr 2

passes.

MR. DUERR: Thank you, Mr. President. So the second amendment I would like to offer is Duerr 3. Mr. President, this was a response to some of your comments once again during the committee meeting. I wanted to add additional language to the bill that would require additional financial statements be added to the annual summary that Friends of the Parks groups is supposed to provide at the end of the year. In addition to that this would require all the Friends of the Parks groups to have bank accounts active to give us a summary of the current balance in that bank account within the first time they meet within 90 days and the thought process behind that is some of these groups might not have been active for a long time. We want to see any additional transactions that have occurred during the shutdown if any. There wasn't supposed to be but, if any have happened, we could see that here and to give us a baseline of exactly where all these groups are financially especially since we are cutting down how much they are allotted to to \$500. So that was the mindset behind that amendment and also hope

to --- hopefully alleviate some of your concerns as you approach during committee process. So thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

MR. DUERR: So I'll make a motion here. Can I get a second?

MS. HALLAM: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Discussion of Duerr 3?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead, Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMEIRE: Mr. President, this amendment here is some suggestions we had afterwards and I think it's a good one in a sense that we're going to hold the Friends of the Park accountable for their actions as far as raising money's concerned. I think it's a good thing for us to vote for this amendment and move on and this way the friend's groups will have a definite idea of the rules they have to follow, the guidelines they have to follow. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Is there any other discussion on Duerr 3? Hearing no discussion, Jared, please take a roll call on Duerr 3.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve amendment Duerr 3. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: No.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: No.

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: No.

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: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?

MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 11, No's 4. Amendment Duerr 3 passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Duerr 1.

MR. DUERR: Okay. So I know we've had a lot of discussion on this. So this was in response to a lot of new constituents in my districts who are active in Friends of the Parks. Some were appointed by me, some were not, some were appointed by my predecessor, some were appointed by at large members. They met on Friday, unfortunately, after the committee meeting so they were not able to pass over their concerns before which is why I had to create this amendment after the fact. So their biggest concern that was passed on to me and I spoke to quite a few of them after the meeting after they had submitted public comment was that they felt that the allocation of members should not be specifically tied to the, you know, landmass you oversee as a council member. They feel that council and the council of friends has already become very cliquy and very often political and by having one council member have more appointment power over another they felt that that would be amplified. So in addition to that one of the things I also thought about --- that they also thought about by having 12 members which is an even number there is potential for ties. Now these are an advisory group. There are not a lot of votes taken but the potential would remain if we had a full council group that there could be a 6-6 tie for a chair vote or a vice chair vote and then council would have to come and reconvene and solve that problem because there is no current language in the bill that guides tie breakers. So that is the reason why I decided to lower it to 6 --- lower to from 12 to 11 and change the allotments for parks that are entirely within one council member's district now that the appointment would be six and five. Six members for the council member inside that district. Five for all other members of council and for council --- for parks that are inside multiple council districts the allotment would be 4-4-3

changing that from 6-4-2 which was in the original ordinance. I know there's been a lot of discussion on this and discussion amongst the original sponsors. I want to say that if this is something that I personally was driving for I would have made it more of a sticking point when I was crafting the original legislation with Councilwoman Kirk and Councilman Palmiere or I would have made a point of doing so in committee. I have crafted this amendment out of response to the concerns of my constituents and the folks that are the ones currently most involved in my Friends of the Parks group in my area. And I thought that, you know, while this legislation, you know, we helped craft this legislation for one or, you know, five people this legislation is going to have far more impact on them than basically every other constituent in my district since they are the ones that are involved in it. They are the ones who are most likely going to continue being involved with it should we vote to continue the Friends of the Parks tonight. So I you know put forth this amendment in that spirit of listening to my constituency and I would ask for approval. So may I get a second?

MS. BENNETT: Second.

MR. DUERR: Thank you.

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

MS. KIRK: First of all, I'd like to know why you went from --- I understand 12 being an even number although to be honest, Tom, those were your numbers in the original bill. You chose them so it was 12. So why go to 11? We just heard councilman earlier say why do you chase away volunteers? Why don't we get it 13? Why would we reduce it because it is an advisory group? They're not making decisions on the park. They're not making decisions on the big thing. They're workers. Their brains are going to help them advise us so that's the first problem.

And honestly I think when you talk about a need to be fair there's people, yes, who want to do a lot for the parks but there's also another group of people in South Park and basically we're picking winners and losers over this, and I don't choose to participate in that. There's an older team --- a newer team coming in. They should find that they can work together for the good of the park so I can't vote for it.

MR. DUERR: Mr. President, may I respond?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead, Councilman.

MR. DUERR: I --- Councilwoman Kirk I think has talked about this at length already. I just --- I don't see how evening out the allocation to 4-4 each member is picking winners and losers. I see this as a legitimate concern that these people have potentially continuing to amplify the cliqueness of these groups, and I thought it was a reasonable request made to me and I thought it was reasonable. I submitted well within the timeframe of 48 hours and have, you know, the ability to amend this on the floor. So, you know, I'm disappointed you're not going to support it but I hope everyone here can at least understand because listening to constituency I am never going to apologize for that. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Futules, I believe you were on their council.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah. I had that same concern that Cindy already mentioned going from 12 to 11. I would rather see it go to 13 as well. I would hate to disenfranchise any volunteer, enthusiastic volunteer that's on this Friends of the Parks. I would prefer to see 13, and I don't support that. But when you're reducing it to 11, I will not.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman DeMarco.

MR. DEMARCO: Yeah, Mr. President. That was one of my big concerns too. For folks who aren't aware there have been a long time group of folks who were the Friends of South Park. Now, they're being supplanted by some others, and that's okay. We always have these changes and turnover but, what happens is when you reduce the numbers it then affects --- it's going to lock in basically this change in leadership and chase away folks who may have been working before. I don't see a need to it so I would have gone to 13 as well.

If we're looking at volunteers, why not get as many people as possible involved? So I can't see this going down there, that's a concern. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Klein.

MR. KLEIN: With respect to Mr. Duerr's efforts, it would seem that the county parks belong to everyone that lives in the county and so rather than kind of concentrating representation on these councils to people who reside in the district that's closer to North Park than South Park, I don't know. I think that in effect

creates a situation where it's a kind of competition. And so I think this approach might be healthier in terms of creating some balance so just an offering.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilwoman Kirk.

MS. KIRK: Well, Councilman Klein, I think everyone has park no matter where you live.

MR. KLEIN: Sure.

MS. KIRK: People in the city often pick one of the suburban ones to bike ride in, whatever, so I have no problems with people being from any one place. I do have concerns with the number and what I'd like to recommend is we hold this particular thing because I think there will be other changes once these park people come together. They might come up with other things. There were things that were taken out of the bill, I think, once they meet we're going to say oh, why was that taken out and they're going to want that back.

The original document from 2002 that started the Friends of the Parks in the first 18 months they had three additional amendments where there was added to it as they clarified things. I think maybe that's what we do. We stay with the original and then add one or do something and if we have to intervene and then maybe by the end of the summer in a couple months we look at a couple amendments because I can think of one that the committees friends are going to probably want. I think we bundle that into a thing and then you can see maybe there's people who would want to know more friends so to speak. People who want to volunteer for the park in this manner and then they can, they can be guided.

Those people might say I really don't have friends like that. I don't know people. I haven't had any response when I call out to the friends and we don't want to limit that. Which by the way one of the things the bill said, I don't believe this has been changed is if a seat would go empty for 90 days anyone could put someone in that spot trying to encourage people whoever their favorite park is because we have nine parks. They're all very different in personality in what they offer and what they don't, and it's nice to have people take what meets their personal needs the best.

So with that I would just like to hold it and knowing that we're going to have to make some changes anyhow in a couple months and we've done this frequently where we're not really sure where to go, we pass what we can and then

with the idea we're going to have to make some changes we all know what most of the bills do. A month from this you need things that do do that because we're being told to get document to these so that would be my recommendation because like I said I think we're going to have at least one amendment I can think of off the top of my head that they're going to ask for that was taken out. Thank you.

MR. DUERR: Mr. President, if I may?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

MR. DUERR: I would be happy to consider any amendments after the fact but once again any more delay of this legislation would also require another prolonged shutdown of the Friends of the Parks. I would, of course, you know, I think Councilwoman Kirk and I have worked well on this amendment, crafting it together --- this legislation --- crafting it together. I'd be very interested to sit down with her and discuss the things she would like to amend in the future but as it stands right now I was the only councilmember who had all amendments crafted in the timeframe that has been laid out in writing before council tonight. So these are the only three amendments that we can consider, and I think we are ready to vote on this Duerr 1 one way or the other and this ordinance tonight and look forward to possibly tweaking it. And to where the other thing I will address is switching it from 11 to 12 or 12 to 13 and there's been, you know, some concern about and I spoke to Council Member Macey about this when I spoke to him on the phone earlier is, you know, the overwhelming amount of overhead and oversight these groups at least in the previous iteration of this bill required, and I think that this bill does a good job. I think that's a testament to Councilman Kirk's effort and Councilman Palmiere's effort of laying out a much, you know, stronger set of guidelines and, you know, oversight measures that go into that. That's why I --- with that type of mindset that's why I took it from 12 to 11 with getting rid of the tie breaker in mind. I'm not necessarily against going from 12 to 13. I wanted to get to an odd number, so in that same breath of continuing the future of Councilwoman Kirk's, you know, she said she had another amendment in mind. I would not be opposed to adding two more spots as long as we keep the allocation in the future, but I do not think we should start with this group with an even number.

An issue I see coming down which is nuclear option is a 6-6 tie for a chair vote in one of these groups and council has to step in and decide it and I really don't think we should have that when we have a full group of people that can pick a chair and a vice chair and continue then to be able to start the business of advising us which is what they are there to do. Thank you very much.

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

MR. DEMARCO: If Friends of the Park are an advisory body, then what do we have to step in for to break the tie? They're not making a decision on their own and there's no reason why we can't pass the legislation with the first two amendments and then they can work on this amendment and they can offer it next meeting. It doesn't seem difficult.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman, would you be willing to pull Duerr 1 for right now while you work on it? Because I also heard Councilwoman Kirk, I think she also mentioned holding it and we're not sure if you meant actually tabling --- trying to table this or just holding it today.

MR. FUTULES: That's two different things. You don't want to table it.

PRESIDENT CATENA: My recommendation would be that we've already amended two and three. We hold Duerr 3 in committee to come back to the next meeting --- sorry, Duerr 1 to come back to the next meeting.

MR. DUERR: Mr. President, if I may? The Friends of the Park, all of them, are currently on a shutdown order until the end of this month. That's my only driving force trying to get this through tonight and I want to make sure that we address that if we decide to keep this.

MR. FUTULES: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Tom seems to be interested in voting on this tonight and, whether it pass or fails, let's vote. But you can always come back with an amendment and change it in a couple weeks but I think in the spirit of things he wants us to vote on this up or down tonight and see how it turns out.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. Councilwoman.

MS. KIRK: One last comment. Here's the thing, Nick. We could lose people. Let's say we have 14 members now on the committee and say we're going to get you 12 or you 11.

Sorry to the rest. They're never coming back. They're never coming back. What I would see doing is, let's say if we go with what exists now to get it done and do the amendment two and three and then we can actually make sure --- you could actually say okay now we're only going to appoint an odd number. That's our options and we could do that until we get this straight but remember the people they're not going to be able to start up right away because not only do we have to nominate them, they may have to go to appointment review. So the parks will not have a meeting in June until after the appointment review and they all get through and then present it then.

So I think that allows them to get started gathering but I just think holding it until we can have a better feel for this I strongly would recommend --- I mean we worked on this four months and in six days this is a big change and I just think it needs some more attention.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Any other comment before we do the vote? Hearing no other comment let's do the roll call vote on Duerr 1.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve amendment Duerr 1. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: No.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: No.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?

MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: I just hate --- I have to go no.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 7, No's 8. The amendment fails.

MR. DUERR: Sorry I put you in that position. Mr. President, if I may?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Sorry. And the reason I'm saying no I think I've heard a lot of good discussion tonight and I think there's still more discussion to be had on it.

MR. DUERR: If I may make a statement? Once again, this wasn't some --- if this was something me personally was driving for, I would have done it in the initial bill during committee. I was doing the best I could at being a good representative for my constituency that cares deeply about this issue and, when they came to me with this, I said I will do my best to try to address that and I have. So I think I can go back to them and say listen. I tried, and I can put it all on you, Pat, so there you go.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. So now we have amendments Duerr 1A and then there's a second group of amendments.

MR. DUERR: I'm not.

PRESIDENT CATENA: You're not prepared to address those?

MR. DUERR: Those were nuclear option factors so.

PRESIDENT CATENA: So you're pulling 1A and the 48 hour?

MR. DUERR: Yeah.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Or I'm sorry. The 1A repeal. Okay. So we're back to the original bill at this point. So.

MR. DEMARCO: With two amendments passed.

PRESIDENT CATENA: With two amendment --- as amended. So is there any discussion on the original bill with the two amendments? Go ahead, Councilwoman Kirk.

MS. KIRK: Just to make a quick comment. I do want to thank the speakers from South Park. That just shows and shows all the council how passionate you are with your park and all the parks and I believe other friends feel that way but we always don't know and so it's really nice to hear that and thank you for everything you do.

MR. DUERR: I also want to thank all the speakers from South Park but also Councilman Palmiere, Council

Member Kirk and despite the problem now with the votes tonight but Councilwoman Prizio. I think the four of us all worked pretty well together in crafting this. Clearly there were some robust discussions. I didn't foresee that coming on an issue like Friends of the Parks but here we were but I think this leaves the Friends of the Parks in a much better place than it was initially and I'm really happy that the first bill that I'm the lead --- the lead sponsor on this bill. It was a bipartisan effort and one that I know a lot of clearly varied people feel very passionate about so thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there anyone else? Hearing no one else ---.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead, Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. I've said many, many times over years if you're not willing to collaborate and cooperate and to compromise we don't belong down here. So tonight I think we've reached the point where we've reached a compromise. I respect everyone's opinion on what's going on here. I thank you all for your participation and let's move on. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Anyone else? Hearing no one else let's do a roll call vote as amended on bill 11880-21.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve the bill as amended, Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: No.

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: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?

MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 12, No's 3. The bill as amended passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Liaison reports. Any liaison reports this evening? Councilman Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Thank you. I had seven emails to all council members of the meeting on June 10th of the SCA sports and exhibition authority and we have made a final vote to move forward with the lower hill projects. There are two different segments and this has been in the making for over ten years and this will be a big opportunity in the City of Pittsburgh for a lot of new development going on down there at the PPG arena. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Baker?

MR. BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't even know if all of our colleagues know this yet but over the weekend in ALOM, Allegheny League of Municipalities. It was scheduled as a meet and greet but we actually had a wonderful panel. It was kind of a last minute decision by the ALOM board to put it into a panel mode again after what was done so this was my seventh and final ALOM panel and it was a robust discussion, a good discussion.

Bob Dodaddo is a supervisor out in North Fayette in my legislative district did a nice job as the moderator. The panelists included Councilmember Prizio, Councilmember Hallam, Councilmember Macey and I. We were actually seated in a way in which I don't know that people ever seated with each other always agree on everything. It was kind of like a Baker and Prizio and then Hallam and Macey. It was very interesting how we were seated. I will say it was a really good discussion. I was telling Council Members DeMarco and Kirk before this meeting that it might have been one of the better panels we've had in my seven years going up to those meetings. I'm sorry, Cindy Kirk. It was a good one though so hopefully, you know, I look

forward to being on those kind of panels in the future and cheer you all on and asking tough questions. So I want to say nice job to Anita, Bethany and to Bob. It was a good discussion.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Anyone else for liaison reports this evening? Hearing none we'll now have new business ordinances and resolutions. 11893-21.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending and supplementing the administrative code of Allegheny County Article 1009 entitled Personnel Policies through the creation of a new section 5-009.08 entitled non-salaried employee pay in order to establish a uniform policy governing the payment of non-salaried county employees sponsored by Council Members Hallam, Bennett and Prizio.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to government reform. 11894-21.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the county of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership for the purpose of staging a food festival and related activities on the Andy Warhol Bridge to be known as Picklesburgh between Wednesday August 18, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and Monday August 23, 2021 sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to public works. 11895-21.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the grants and special accounts budget for 2021 submission number 06-21 sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to budget and finance. 11896-21.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying air quality permit application and permit fee increases approved by the Allegheny County Health Department pursuant to the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances Sections 505-16E, 505-17G, 505-23F, 505-25E2C, 505-28A7, 505-484b and 505-49C8h6 sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to health and human services. New business for motions. 11897-21.

MR. BARKER: A motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing concerns of Council relating to current construction at the Sheraton Station Square hotel

sponsored by Council Members Hallam, Prizio, Duerr, Bennett and Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Before I go to you, Councilwoman Hallam, I just wanted to make a point Councilman Klein, Councilman Palmosina, Councilman Zavarella want to be added. Is there anyone else that want to be added as sponsors, Councilman DeMarco, Councilman Futules, Councilwoman Kirk?

MR. DEMARCO: Sure.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there anyone that doesn't want to be added?

MR. MACEY: I would like to be added. Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there anyone that doesn't want to be added? Add everyone.

MR. PALMIERE: And Palmiere. You got everyone?

PRESIDENT CATENA: We got everyone. Councilwoman Hallam, go ahead.

MS. HALLAM: Than you, President Catena. Darrin Kelly who spoke earlier really said a lot of the points that I was going to make about why this motion's important. I think the big focus should really be around the fact commending Allegheny County Health Department for really stepping up and making sure that they did their inspections to be sure that the workers who are at the Sheraton are working safe. Again, I think it's a shame that they have skirted the rules and safety precautions that are in place there and tried to get away with it under the radar. Allegheny County Health Department really stepped it up so I wanted to commend them and I just ask that my colleagues support this motion to show that we put worker safety first here in Allegheny County.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there a second?

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any further discussion?

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead, councilman.

MR. DEMARCO: I want to say one of the things up here in Allegheny County we have a tremendous number of well-trained, well-skilled workers and for folks to take and go out of state to bring people in here while we're trying to recover from a pandemic, you know, it's in my opinion in very bad taste and having been in business for most of my life typically you do business with the people who do business with you. For these folks to go outside to this

contractor to then reach out to go out of state and to get non-union folks at the same time, that is something that I can't support so I'm happy to sign on and support this motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. I agree entirely. Anyone else wishing to make comment?

MR. ZAVARELLA: I would just concur with Council Member DeMarco's comment.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Councilman Futules, did you?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah. I'd like to know what contractor with any kind of credibility would come into a city without even trying to get a permit. I mean you got to be out of your mind to try and do that.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Seemed like a no brainer to me but that's not my call. Is there anyone else wishing to make comments? Hearing no other comment then I believe this is going to be a unanimous vote so I'll just take a voice vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries unanimously. Notification of contracts. 11901-21.

MR. BARKER: Communication summarizing approved executive actions for the month of May 2021.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there a motion to receive?

MR. DUERR: Motion. Duerr.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Second?

MR. KLEIN: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. Is there any public comment on general items?

KEN VARHOLA: None.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion to adjourn?

MR. DUERR: So moved.

MS. HALLAM: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and second. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. Good night everyone. Thank you.

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Jeremy Harris,

Court Reporter