

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
Ken Varhola --- Chief of Staff

PRESIDENT CATENA: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I'd like to begin by reconvening the 8/24/21 meeting of Allegheny County Council. In that executive session we had a discussion of personnel and litigation. At this point in time I'd like a motion to adjourn the 8/24 meeting.

MS. BENNETT: So moved.

MR. DEMARCO: Seconded.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries.

Now we'll begin with today's meeting, the 8/31 meeting. I'd like to call the 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 reflection.

(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.
MR. 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. 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: We'll begin with

Proclamations. 11976-21.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation congratulating David Highfield upon the occasion of his 30 years at KDKA-TV, sponsored by Council Members Macey, Baker, Bennett, Catena, DeMarco, Duerr, Futules, Hallam, Kirk, Klein, Palmiere, Palmosina, Prizio, Walton and Zavarella.

MR. BAKER: Thanks, Mr. President. We're going to ask David Highfield to join us here. Many of you probably recognize his face and also his voice here in a few moments from television. Thirty (30) years of a career is pretty magnificent. I will say I'm probably the most likely person among our Council colleagues to literally watch you every day. I do watch PTL when I get home every night. Mikey Hood is a high school classmate of mine from 1997 Allderdice. I played celebrity five on fives with Ron Smiley, so the whole crew.

And it is true that you, Selena, Heather, Ron and Mikey do feel like family to us. So thanks, David, for all that you've done for the community. Congratulations on 30 years. I know Councilmember Macey originally sponsored this. It has the support of every member of council, though.

You have earned over, I believe, a dozen Emmys over the year (sic), which is very cool. You must have an incredible trophy room at home or at your office, I'm sure. And have earned some Golden Quills as well.

I will say in researching David a little bit to get ready for tonight, you mentioned that any day that you're around the people that you love is like a holiday to you. And how true is that in life. And I know the smiles and the togetherness that you bring to us as a community here every day on PTL and all the shows and things you've been involved with over the years has been really impactful.

Another quote that I liked of yours, that I think you associated with a friend was, it is a great day if you don't weaken. And I thought that was a powerful quote. Very true as well, too. I will say this, David. Your career has not weakened whatsoever, and we expect another 30 years out of you. I don't know if that's in the cards or not, but we would love to have another 30 years of you on our television sets.

And with that I'll read the proclamation. A proclamation celebrating David Highfield's 30 years at KDKA, whereas there are no secrets to success, it is the resolve, preparation, hard work and learning from failure. That quote by Colin Powell depicts the true essence of Mr. David Highfield in his 30 years dedicated to KDKA-TV. And whereas in 1991, while a student at Syracuse University, David accepted an internship at KDKA. Later that year, before David even graduated from college, he was offered a full-time position with the news station. I'm sure that made your family very happy, to get a job before you graduated.

Whereas, over the years, David worked his way up at KDKA from writer, producer and eventually became a reporter. And whereas David has covered a number of notable news events, such as visits to the United States by Pope Francis and Pope Benedict. The 2007 shootings at Virginia Tech. The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. The tragedy at Tree of Life. The death of Mayor O'Conner. The crash of Flight 427. There was a shooting spree in 2000, and the 9/11 attack from Shanksville and from the Pentagon.

Whereas some of David's reports have aired on several news stations across the country, such as WCBS in New York and KCBS in Los Angeles, whereas David anchors KDKA's morning newscast, Your Day Pittsburgh, with Heather Abraham. And I will say, the two of you are too funny together. Like you guys have such a good banter together. It's really pretty remarkable. The two of you also host Pittsburgh Today Live. Do you guys watch this show? Does anyone --- Nick does? All right. All right, Mr. Cambest. Okay.

So it's a really good show, and they go through their weekends, they go through what's going on with their families, their friends. And really it provides an amazing opportunity for all of us here in the region to also make plans in our life. We have Chuck Collier on.

We can plan out on our weekends a little bit. It's a pretty great show.

He's received several accolades over the years, such as 12 Mid-Atlantic Emmy awards, two regional Edward Murrow Awards and Golden Quills. In addition to anchoring duties, David is passionate about donating his time to local charities, including the KDKA-TV Turkey Fund, Animal Friends, the Persad Center, Hair Peace, American Red Cross, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, CFF, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, Allegheny County Council Members, Bob Macey, Tom Baker, Liv Bennett, Pat Catena, Sam DeMarco, Tom Duerr, Nick Futules, Bethany Hallam, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, John Palmiere, Bob Palmosina, Anita Prizio, DeWitt Walton and Paul Zavarella do hereby --- that's all of us, by the way --- do hereby recognize and congratulate David Highfield upon the occasion of his 30 years at KDKA, and we commend him for all that he has done in his 30 years in broadcasting. David, congratulations.

MR. HIGHFIELD: Thank you, all of you, really. I am blown away by this. I'm just kind of overwhelmed, and I really appreciate it. I'm so grateful, because I get to do a job that I absolutely love, and I get to serve the community in that way. And 30 years has just flown by. I cannot believe it's been 30 years at KDKA.

I don't know, Tom, that it's going to be another 30 years, but I don't want anyone to think I'm retiring. That's not what this is about. I've got plenty more years in me. And I really want to thank all of you for this recognition. And not just you, but the people that you represent and the people in the outlying counties as well, because it means so much that they allow me into their home through their TV and trust us. And that's a great thing. That's really what this is all about.

So anyway, thank you very much. Thank you for watching Pittsburgh Today Live, by the way. I love that we had a little poll in here. If you haven't checked it out, go ahead and check it out. It's a great show. As Tom said --- he's my new agent, by the way. And once again, thank you. This really touches me, and I appreciate it very much. So thank you all.

(Photographs Taken)

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11981-21.

MR. BARKER: Recognizing the fourth anniversary of Pittsburgh Won't Forget U, which is an organization that honors victims of overdoses through memorial, sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

MR. BAKER: All right. Well, we were certainly having a fun time with David, we're going to get a little bit more serious here with our next subject matter. Council Member Kirk, I know, is with us on the phone, wasn't able to make it in person, going to visit family very soon. But I do want to bring up our next honorees here tonight.

And this is an incredible movement, an incredible annual gathering. And I know Council Member Kirk is out there with us and asked me to just, you know, say thank you for all that you do. Sorry for your losses in the past, but thank you for trying to make a positive out of something that is not positive in our lives. I think when hardship happens, when terrible things happen, when you can do something positive to respond, that's the best you can do. And we really appreciate you for that.

So again, with the proclamation, we want to hear all about your story and what you're doing, and the work and the efforts. Whereas Allegheny County has been affected by the national overdose epidemic and whereas, since 2011 the surge in overdose deaths from substance abuse increased in the county by more than double. And whereas the need to develop for community overdose awareness and an end to the stigma put on the families grieving the loss of overdose victims to conceal the reason for their deaths.

And whereas Pittsburgh Won't Forget U was founded to combat the overdose crisis by supplying family and friends grief support through advocacy for the victims of substance abuse, and those that still suffer from it. And whereas the organization has successfully united over 1,200 followers and advocacy efforts --- 1,200, that's a lot of people to bring together to advocate with your organization. With the President's and the Governor's recent proclamations to honor Overdose Awareness Day by memorializing victims in public photo presentations.

And whereas the organization's presentations initiate discussions on substance abuse facts and show society that it is no longer a taboo subject. And now, therefore, be it resolved that I, County Council Member Tom Baker, on behalf of Council Member Cindy Kirk, do

hereby commend your efforts --- your efforts of all the members of Pittsburgh Won't Forget U who tell the story of their lost loved ones.

Thank you so much for all you do. Tell us all about your movement and your efforts, please. Round of applause. Thank you.

MS. FISHER: Thank you. Well, four years ago on a beautiful spring day I did something that I hadn't done in ten years. I was watching the evening news. On the news I heard they found someone that had died from an overdose in a restroom in Point State Park. Three hours later I found out it was my daughter. From there I was in shock. But I found out later on that I joined that there were already 4,000 families in this area that had family members, and no one wants to join that club.

Now, four years later there's 6,000 families that have lost someone that overdosed. Pittsburgh is not --- does not have the exponential victims that we do nationally. Last year there were 93,000 people that died from overdose in the United States. In Allegheny County we had 690. So every year I --- my organization increases with its membership and additional families looking for help and support and what can they do. They don't want another family to suffer what they did in their grief, in the life of a substance abuser, which I can tell you is horrible. Six years of horror of not knowing where your child is sometimes, in and out of recovery programs that only have a three percent success rate. And it is a continual --- a continual revolving door.

What people do not realize is because of the COVID that we just had --- that was front and center on the news the past two years, overdose awareness lost its momentum. Before it was front and center on everyone's mind, and I can tell you this. The death numbers might go down, but that's only because of the introduction of Narcan into the emergency EMTS (sic) providers that have been out there and fighting this on the front lines. I can tell you that the recovery places in Pittsburgh will tell you, it's business as usual, if not more.

So we strive to change all of this, and we're still finding our way, but like I said, every day we have new members. We do these memorials to help people recruit, get over their grief. And we do want to get more into advocacy. We have a list of 28-point agenda of things that we would like to see changed. And we do speak

with the PA House Members on some of those efforts. And actually we've taken two of our things off that list in the past few years, so we're down to 24. So that's one thing I'm happy to report, but there's still 24.

So thank you. Thank you for this award. It's a great honor. And like I said, the momentum was taken out of overdose awareness. Maybe this is one thing that will help get some of the momentum back, and we can let our community know that the overdose epidemic is still going --- ongoing.

MR. BAKER: Thank you. Thank you very much for that powerful story. And you're right, just advocating --- you've got 15 legislators here, you've got the County Manager, you've got David here. There's a lot of people here that can hopefully be advocates for and with you alongside. And we appreciate you being here, we appreciate you sharing your story. I know Council Member Kirk is out there, and she wanted to say a few words as well.

Council Member Kirk --- is that okay President Catena, if Council Member Kirk says a few words?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. BAKER: Okay. Cindy?

MS. KIRK: Oh, thanks, Council Member Baker. I just wanted to --- basically I want to echo your sentiments. They were very touching. I just can't imagine what your group has gone through, but I hope you realize how many people you have helped. You probably don't even realize half of them, because they're not ready to, you know, come out and discuss it and do it. It's just a tragedy losing a child or a close --- any loved one. And I just want to thank you for the work you're doing for our county. You're helping our residents, which means we're very appreciative. And I'm glad we're able to mark and make people know this is Overdose Awareness Day.

And actually I'll throw in a plug for the importance of people having Narcan available, especially if they have someone who uses drugs in their family, to have it available. Everyone has a prescription, thanks to the PA doctor --- you know, the doctor in Pennsylvania, every one of us has it. You can go to a pharmacy and get it. It has saved many lives. Unfortunately, it doesn't save all if no one's there to give it. So I just put a plug in for --- to have that available and learn how to use it.

So thank you so much, Jenna. I really appreciate everything you've done to help our residents. And I'm sorry for your loss, again. Thank you.

MR. BAKER: Thank you, Cindy. Thanks, Council Member Kirk. Here is your proclamation. Pittsburgh Won't Forget U is your organization, and we here at your county government, we will not forget you. And thank you for spending tonight with us. Thank you.

(Photographs Taken.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Walton, I believe you have a proclamation to add.

MR. WALTON: Thank you. Thank you, President Catena. With permission of our fellow council members, I'd like to introduce this proclamation.

Whereas on September 1st, 1971 the Pittsburgh Pirates became the first baseball team in Major League history to start an all-black lineup, and whereas the all-black lineup was comprised entirely of

African-American and Latin-American players who went on to beat the Philadelphia Phillies, ten to seven before 11,278 fans at Three Rivers Stadium.

And whereas Danny Murtaugh --- Manager Danny Murtaugh's lineup that evening consisted of --- in batting order, Rennie Stennett at second base, Gene Clines at centerfield, Roberto Clemente in right field, Willie Stargell in left field, Manny Sanguillen catching, Dave Cash at third base, Al Oliver at first base, Jackie Hernandez at shortstop and Dock Ellis pitching.

And whereas this historical moment happened nearly a quarter century after Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color barrier. Many players that evening, particularly Al Oliver, believed this team has been overlooked and encourages Major League Baseball to give it the recognition that it's due. And whereas the Pirates that year regularly started seven or eight black players.

Dave Cash was quoted in the August 30th issue of Pittsburgh Tribune Review as saying, we were concentrating more on winning the ball game than the color of the skin of the guys who were going to be playing. And whereas the 1971 Pittsburgh Pirates would go on to win the National League East Division, a best of seven five --- a best of five playoff series against the San Francisco Giants to win the National League Pennant and then the World Series against the heavily-favored Baltimore Orioles in seven

games, which often overshadows the history made the night of September 1st.

And whereas the Pittsburgh Tribune Review reported former player Steve Blast quoted Danny --- Manager Danny Murtaugh, when asked if he knew what he did as, I just sent out the nine best Pirates that night.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Allegheny County Council Members, DeWitt Walton and Olivia Bennett, do hereby commend and recognize the historical significance of the very talented 1971 Pirates for being the first Major League Baseball team to start an all-black lineup, 1971 --- September 1st, 1971, 50 years ago tomorrow.

In witness thereof, we've caused the seal of the --- the County of Allegheny County to be affixed to this one --- first day of September in 2021, DeWitt Walton, Olivia Bennett. And I invite the rest of Council Members to sign on and become members of this proclamation as well.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there anyone that would - that does not want to be added?

MR. WALTON: And as a result, we really need to amend the Agenda to --- and I move that we amend the Agenda ---

MR. ZAVARELLA: Second.

MR. WALTON: --- to include this petition.

PRESIDENT CATENA: A motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, all of those in favor, signify by saying aye. (Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries.

11977-21. These will all be now read into the record.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation congratulating Anthony and Audrey Iacone on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11978-21.

MR. BARKER: Certificates of recognition presented to the 2021 District 1 Difference Maker awardees, sponsored by Council Member Baker.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11979-21.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation congratulating Felipe Crespo upon his outstanding achievement of opening the

first Puerto Rican food truck in the City of Pittsburgh, sponsored by Council Member Palmosina.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11980-21.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation honoring the life, memory and legacy of Ferdie Sauer, sponsored by Council Member Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11982-21.

MR. BARKER: Recognizing early African American Business Men and Pioneers by designating 3rd Avenue in the city of Pittsburgh as Pittsburgh's Black Wall Street, sponsored by Council Member Bennett.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Do we have any public comment on agenda items?

MR. BARKER: Not on agenda items, no.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. Approval of minutes.

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. Presentation of appointments.

11974-21.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Gail Scott to the Friends of the Park for Hartwood Acres Park for a term to expire on August 31st, 2024, sponsored by Council Member Prizio.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to appointment review.

11975-21.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Laura Perkosky to the Friends of the Park for Hartwood Acres Park for a term to expire on August 31st, 2024, sponsored by Council Member Prizio.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Any unfinished business?

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry, refer that to appointment review as well?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Oh, yes, appointment review. Sorry.

MR. BARKER: Thank you. No, no unfinished business.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. Liaison reports, any liaison reports this evening?

MS. BENNETT: I do, President Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

MS. BENNETT: In regard to the proclamation that was just read into the record, the actual presentation of that proclamation will happen on Thursday, this Thursday, September 2nd at 4:00 p.m. It will be the kickoff for the

Soul Food Festival that will happen over Labor Day weekend in Market Square.

So the kickoff will happen on 3rd Avenue and Market Avenue at 4:00 p.m., so anybody who would like to come and/or be added to this proclamation is welcome and encouraged to attend. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Anyone else?
Councilman Baker?

MR. BAKER: Council Member Catena, I would just mention this, my last one of the District 1 Difference Makers. It's been a wonderful last - this is our fourth year doing it. My seventh year hosting a Town Hall in District 1. Again, if anyone --- any of my 14 colleagues are ever interested in planning something comparable, Councilman DeMarco and I partnered for years on the event, which was a lot of fun. And sometimes we were able to like provide point, counterpoint on things, which was kind of helpful at the Town Halls.

But I do just want to just read the names of the winners this year into the record, so that they are in the record forever, if that's okay. Kathy Banos, Dr. Dave Barkovich, Jona Miles Bradley, Katelyn DePasquale, Aggie Haverlack, Sandra Eillis, Dan Johnson, Carolyn Keller, Nate Loughlin and Karen Mason, Pam Perry, Gianna Reed, Sean Reed, --- no relation ---Ridge Food Pantry, Bryan Sable, Casey Sample, Jen Vitale, Bradley Wilkins and Marissa Williams.

So if you know any of those folks, please congratulate them the next time you chat or see them. But our first one is tomorrow night at Monte Cello's in Ross Township. As my colleagues probably know, I always have one on the North Hills Side of the district and one in the airport area. On September 21st we'll be out in the hanger in Moon Township near the airport, and we'll have the other half of the honorees there. So again, if anyone wants to do one in the future, please let me know and I'd be happy to work with you. It's been a really fun seven years doing the Town Halls and a good last four years doing the District 1 Difference Makers.

Thanks, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: You're welcome. Anyone else?
Hearing no one else, we'll move on to new business, ordinances and resolutions.

11983-21.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances through the creation of a new Chapter 290, entitled 9-1-1 Call Center, and a new Section 290.01, entitled Duty to Report, in order to establish a uniform policy for addressing non-emergency calls, sponsored by Council Members Bennett and Hallam.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to public safety.

11984-21.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Highmark Health to use designated sites on County-owned real property for purposes of placing healthcare-related educational advertisements, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to parks.
11985-21.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Picrow Streaming, Incorporated to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with filming a television series, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to the Committee on Parks.

11986-21.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny, ratifying amendments to Section 2102.10, Installation Permit Application and Administration Fees, Section 2103.40, Administration Fees, and other sections regarding air program fees, of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations, Article XXI, Air Pollution Control, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to Health and Human Services.

11987-21.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments that add new Section 2106.06, Mon Valley Air Pollution Episode, and revise Section 2105.50, Open Burning, of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations, Article XXI, Air Pollution Control, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to Health and Human Services.

11988-21.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations pursuant to Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to Health and Human -.

MS. HALLAM: Hey, President Catena, a point of order.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

MS. HALLAM: Yeah, this is Councilwoman Hallam. I would like to move to waive the second reading on this, please.

MS. BENNETT: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: The motion has been made and seconded. Is there any - there's no discussion, actually, this is an up or down vote, so Jared, please take a roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to waive the second reading on Bill Number 11988-21. 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?

MR. MACEY: No.

MR. BARKER: Thank you very much.

Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Abstain.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA: No.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
President Catena: No.
MR. BARKER: Ayes six, noes eight, with one

abstention.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Just for clarification, Councilman Walton, would you mind stating your --- you don't need to do it tonight, but for the record, state your reason for abstention, just provide that to Jared when you get an opportunity.

Moving on 11989-21.

MR. BARKER: I apologize, the referral for ---?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Health and Human Services.

MR. BARKER: Thank you very much.

11989-21, a Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2021, submission number 07-21, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to budget and finance. New business, motions.

11990-21.

MR. BARKER: Motion of the Council of the Allegheny County, amending and supplementing the rules of Council, Article IV, Rule B, in order to establish a uniform mechanism for the consideration of written motions, sponsored by Council Member Futules.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to the Executive Committee.

Notification of contracts.

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Public comment on general items.

MR. BARKER: We have four individuals who signed up, two of whom submitted written comments. The first of those is Ronald Miller.

MR. DEMARCO: He's not here.

MR. BARKER: He's one of the ones who submitted written.

MR. DEMARCO: Oh.

MR. BARKER: At an Allegheny County Council Meeting 10, September 2013, black African-American Counselor William Russell Robinson said that Peduto has signed on to the black agenda. If County Counselor Pat Catena or City Councilor Corey O'Connor perceive to be white European Americans said that, Peduto signed onto the white agenda, would that be okay? I don't think so. It would be called racist.

Identity politics, let's check it. If the Pittsburgh blacks vote for a mayor candidate primarily because he or she is black, then Pittsburgh whites can do it for their candidate; right? There is an undercurrent throughout the city --- county and city on this issue. At no county or Pittsburgh City Council meetings, publicly or privately in the 2020 election cycle, no Democratic party member could be heard to call Republicans fascist or heartless capitalists. Oh, no, no Republican party people call Democrats communists, oh, no. Oh, yeah.

Ideological selective lens politics, let's check that, too. Let's do governance for more objective ideas using the best information and sharpest intelligence. Does better government come from valorizing candidates or officials racial identity or from vulgarizing his or her party ideology, from turning a competitor's person or point of view into vomit? No, absolutely not.

Next up is Daniel Davis. He also submitted written comments. Hi, my name is Dan Davis, and I'm the economic justice organizer at Pittsburgh United. Because the Delta variant of COVID continues to rage on, I've opted not to be present today to give my testimony. I wanted to speak today to urge you all to pass the paid sick leave days legislation. I know how many of you worked on and supported this legislation before it was vetoed by County Executive Fitzgerald, and I hope your support continues to this day and onward.

I say onward, because this legislation should be seen as just a start. Once passed, I hope you all continue to push to shape this legislation further with the Board of Health. About 137,000 workers were employed at businesses with 19 employees or less in the fourth quarter of 2020, and all of them were left out of this legislation because of the 25 and under employee exemption.

That's 137,000 workers who could get sick at any moment or have a loved one get sick and have to decide

whether they want to choose their health or the health of a loved one over a day's worth of wages. Until the exemption is removed entirely, the work on paid sick days is not done. Similarly the penalty for not following the legislation is being reduced to a \$100 fine, that allows for the enforcing body to alter the penalties. I urge you to push for the same penalties you had written into the paid sick days Bill you passed back in March that included full restitution of wages and benefits for workers included, as well, reinstatement if the job was lost due to a violation.

These actions will allow workers to receive more robust care and hold businesses that mercilessly exploit their workers to task. Please continue to fight for these regulations as this Bill is implemented. Thank you to those of you who have worked so hard on this Bill. Today will hopefully be a great day for some of the workers in Allegheny County, as they receive paid sick days. Hopefully in the near future these same protections will be given to all workers in the county as well.

Next up would be Al Smith, who apparently is not with us. And Stan Drummond, who also apparently is not with us.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. Is there a motion to adjourn?

(Chorus of Responses)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? The motion carries. Thank you, everyone. Have a nice evening.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:35 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 6 day of December, 2021

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeremy Harris". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Jeremy Harris,

Court Reporter