

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
Jack Betkowski	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Tom Duerr	-	District 5
John Palmiere	-	District 6
Nicholas Futules	-	District 7
Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis	-	District 8
DeWitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
Robert Palmosina	-	District 12
Olivia Bennett	-	District 13

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Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services
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PRESIDENT CATENA: Please rise. I'd like to call this meeting of Allegheny County Council to order. (Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Please remain standing for a moment of silent reflection. Thank you. Please be seated. Jared, please take roll.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Duerr.

MR. DUERR: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Here.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Here.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

JARED BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Here.

JARED BARKER: We have all 15 members present.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Tonight we have the chief executive's quarterly address. Mr. Chief Executive.

RICH FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of council. I appreciate being here again for our quarterly visit. You know, it was a year ago almost to the day when the world changed as the pandemic came upon us in mid-March. We have friends here from the Irish

community and that was one of the first things that got cancelled two years ago. It is somewhat good news I hope that we're hopefully coming to the end of this pandemic. I can't officially say that, and I certainly wouldn't. I'm not a health professional. What we do see is people getting out more often. I can tell you just this weekend that both the button party and the communion mass were some of the biggest crowds I think I've ever seen. I attended a number of fish fries last weekend also very, very big attendance that were coming out. And one of the reasons I think we have 970,000 people almost in Allegheny County that have been vaccinated.

So it's a very, very high number. Over 400,000 of those folks have also been boosted which is very impressive. Certainly the other good news is we've certainly seen hospitalizations and thankfully our fatality rate really coming down and hopefully that will remain but of course we don't know if there will be other variants, other things that will continue to happen so obviously stay tuned but nationally, statewide and certainly locally certain people are starting to feel a little more back to normal. We're starting to see downtown foot traffic grow a little bit. Certainly not as much as I would like to see it happen but we're starting to see that occur in better ways.

We had a board of elections meeting earlier today. We have a couple special elections that are coming up on April the 5th as we get back into election season. It's obviously very difficult this year because petition drives some of the people that are running at the state level cannot do petitions just yet but the folks running for congress and at the state-wide offices certainly can so it's going to be also one of those years.

But the good news I see on the election front is almost 300,000 people in Allegheny County have applied for mail-in ballots. I think the mail-in ballots have become extremely popular among people. It certainly was during COVID a couple of years ago when they were introduced but I think even still a lot of people like the convenience. They like the ability to do it to be able to track their vote et cetera so we'll make sure the election department keeps working along those lines.

Those special elections on April 5 to fill two seats our Mayor, former state representative now Mayor Gainey. His district and now his chief of staff Jake Wheatley,

State Representative Jake Wheatley, both of those elections will take place on April the 5th.

The one good thing I think coming out of the pandemic is the economy for us locally as well as nationally seems to be coming back in a good way. We see the national GDP one of the highest numbers we've seen in 40 years. The jobs report last week saw over 600,000 jobs nationwide and I can tell you last year even our sales tax numbers the RAD numbers were some of the highest we had seen.

Property values continue to go up, companies continue to grow and expand and they want to continue to do that. We've seen some major investments come about just over the last couple of months. Number one last week we saw the Duquesne University is going to start a medical school, a DO school, and we're very proud of that and it's going to be a big investment continue along our life science ecosystem that's happening here in Allegheny County and certainly in the city of Pittsburgh and we want to continue to see that happen.

We continue to see robotics companies expand very well around CMU and the University of Pittsburgh. Astrobotic made a big announcement continue to grow. A Northside company that's been out of CMU that takes payloads to the moon and Hazelwood Green had a really big announcement a couple of weeks ago when Tishman Speyer one of the worldwide leaders in developmental long-life sciences has decided to partner with them and work in that sphere and we're very happy to see that happen.

One little thing we've got a challenge that's coming about is I think we have got around our autonomous vehicle ecosystem which is doing very well with Argo AI and Aurora and Ocanel and other companies but there is some legislation that we really need to get happening in Harrisburg and I appeared with some of our senators, bi-partisan senators Democrats and Republicans, down at CMU to make sure that our state has the same laws when it comes to testing that other states have, and I believe there's, like, 30 some states now that have this --- that have legislation and to allow testing on the streets and we hope that Harrisburg will move forward to get that done.

Along also economic development lines workforce development continues to be something we see in a good way. I look at our region and where we were not that long ago and we have a lot of people that were looking for jobs

and not as many jobs as there were people to fill them and now it's kind of just the opposite. We have a lot more jobs than we have people to fill them so we see again we need to get skills in people that don't have those skills and bring people in to get those jobs. Part of that challenge and part of the meeting of the challenge is going to be community college which we continue to have a robust training program. Certainly in health sciences and medical. The CAN program for nurses training, working with Arcese to train people and guarantee them jobs and then see with UPMC and AHN the respiratory therapist jobs that are coming out paying I think starting at \$60,000 a year giving free tuition for people to go through or reduce tuition. These are things that are opportunities for young people that we haven't seen. Again, some of us that remember our days when our industrial park went down that we see things moving forward.

Along those lines it looks like for the second year in a row that Allegheny County is going to be in attainment when it comes to air quality in every single monitor including the Liberty monitor. You remember when I was here last year was the very first time since the industrial age since the EPA came around that Allegheny County made it in attainment in all eight of our monitors including the Liberty monitor in the Mon Valley. It looks like this year it will happen again.

But even with that you see that the health department continues to be very vigilant in making sure that if there are exceedance that occur within industry and with other applications that are going to be very, very tough on those folks and bring down the hammer if you will and use their tools to try to make sure that quality of life and air quality continues to improve here in Allegheny County.

Talk about the economy doing well and doing better but we do know that there are some people obviously during the pandemic that had very difficult times and we know that the Federal Government and State Government came through with some programs, rent relief programs and assistance programs, and I'm really proud of the fact that our human service, Department of Human Services were able to help a lot of people over 13,000 households were helped with rental relief and when you add on utility relief it was over 15,000 people. Some were to the tune of \$90,000,000 that we're able to put out and help people, you know, make sure that they can stay in their homes,

stay in their apartments and continue to do the things that we all want them to do.

Obviously a big piece of news that came about since I was before you last was the bridge collapse. The city bridge over on Forbes Avenue the Fern Hollow Bridge, and obviously it focused an awful lot of attention on infrastructure and bridges and I can be very proud to say that this government, that this county government has continued to invest not just in the last year or two but really going back to the beginning of my administration ten years ago just to put numbers in perspective ten years ago 24 percent of our bridges were rated in quote, poor condition. I'm proud to report now that we're back to nine percent after all the investment that we have made, and I have to thank you because every year you overwhelmingly support the capital budget that we bring before you and we continue to make those investments certainly the \$5 fee that we were able to get with the state with the state the mass of money a number of years ago under Act 89 and along those lines the road paving. We own 400 miles of road that we have to pave and clear and all those type of things. Civil engineering statistics, civil engineering standards, say that you should be doing about 10 percent a year about 40 miles a year. Well, for many, many years Allegheny County wasn't doing 40 miles. We were doing 18, 20, 22, 26. I'm proud to say that since 2016 for the last six years we have done over 40 miles every single year. Some years we really did robust catching up in 58, 60 miles but over the last couple years we have been staying above 40 miles and the plan with the county manager is to make sure that we continue to do that.

We're also proud of the fact that the state of Pennsylvania DCED awarded us \$1.2 million grant for training of our apprenticeship program and some of our building trades. Again, we need to keep training workers, keep getting workers into the pipeline that they continue to do the work that they continue to do.

One of the industries that we know was hurt as much as anybody was the hospitality and travel industry. We're proud to report the fact that our airport seems to be coming back in a good way. British Airways announced again they're going to begin the flight, British Airways flight to London from Pittsburgh which is a huge deal. We're at \$50 million of economic impact with that flight

and you've probably seen some of the stories. There's an awful lot of cargo jobs that are being created out at the airport. Something that we really hadn't focused on before the last couple years the international with Hong Kong, with Qatar, with India and many, many other places around the country as we show we're much more competitive than some of the bigger cities that take a lot longer to get things on track, to get things into people's doors and certainly as the supply chain issue has come about it puts us in an even more competitive place and we're going to see more growth. It's almost to the point where we almost can't build the buildings fast enough.

So anyway I was going to just open it up to any questions you might have if I didn't hit on any of the issues that are germane to you and your district and the people that you represent, I'll answer them now. Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Any questions? Councilwoman Bennett?

MS. BEENET: Thank you, President Catena. Thank you Executive Fitzgerald for addressing us today. I had two questions. One is pertaining to the fines for the out of threshold air quality for US Steel. Where do those dollars go? Do they go back into the communities that are most impacted by the air quality or how are those fines allocated?

RICH FITZGERALD: They do. There's restrictions on how the fine money can be spent. You saw --- you might have seen the announcement a few days ago that the three quarter of fines that US Steel paid I think it's like 80-90 percent of the money goes into those communities. A fund that they can basically control and administer in those affected communities and the remainder goes into a clean air fund that the health department has but it also has certain restrictions. It just can't be spent on any project. It has to be done on things that will improve air quality, things like air filters and things along those lines so there are restrictions on how they're done.

MS. BENNETT: Thank you so much. I'll be sure to answer that question. It was not mine, and the second question is now that the ERAP program or the emergency rental assistance program is coming to an end or winding down does the county have any plans through ARP funds or any other fines to continue helping residents who are

still finding themselves in needing help with housing or rental assistance?

RICH FITZGERALD: Well, if there's any more funds that continue to come from the State or Federal Government we'll certainly administer those. You're right. The last date of application is the end of this month March 31st. The good news is the economy is doing well. More people can go back to work and that's a very positive thing. We'll see what's available. If there are available funds we'll try to make sure that they can be used.

MS. BENNETT: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Any other questions?
Councilman Duerr?

MR. DUERR: County Executive Fitzgerald, you mentioned the special elections coming up on --- State Representative Wheatley and Gainey's seats. I was wondering if the board of elections for those who had signed up for mail-in ballots for this year are going to be receiving ballots in the mail for those special elections as well. It's been a weird election cycle. That's why I wanted to ask and I wasn't sure. I know you're board of election as is Councilman DeMarco and Councilwoman Hallam. I just wasn't sure if the board of elections had given any indication that those who had signed up already for mail-in ballots for the primary general would be getting those for that special election.

RICH FITZGERALD: Yes. And as a matter of fact that question did come up at the board meeting and yes they will be getting both a ballot if they're in that district they'll be getting both a ballot for the special election and a mail-in ballot for the primary election in May.

MR. DUERR: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilwoman Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Thank you and thank you, County Executive Fitzgerald, for being here tonight. So I have a question about --- I know that our 911 operators are represented by SCIU. Our union employees have authorized a strike on Saturday. I'm just wondering one, how negotiations are going with the SCIU workers and also what is the county's plan to offset those striking workers on Saturday.

RICH FITZGERALD: Well, let me do the second one first. We certainly have plans to make sure that public

safety is protected as much as we can so the county manager and they have been working on plans for a number of weeks. I don't have the details with me right now. I can also tell you that we are at the negotiating table and have been at the negotiating table constantly. Over the weekend, today, tomorrow, the next day to make sure we're going to do everything we can. We're also in court to make sure we can stop a strike for that very reason and see where that goes, but I'm optimistic that things are going to move forward in a good way. I'm not going to negotiate or not going to give things up publically. We'll let those negotiators go through that on both sides but we're hopeful that we'll be able to do that.

I will say this though you have to try to remember how many collective bargaining units, a couple dozen collective bargaining units, across --- you know, steelworkers, trades, AFSME, SCIU, et cetera, et cetera and the vast, vast majority are already in place so we're hoping to get these last couple in place.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Any other questions? Seeing no other questions thank you, Mr. Chief Executive.

We're going to change the order tonight. We're going to do proclamations and certificates. We're going to do 112217-22 first.

JARED BARKER: That's a proclamation recognizing the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Irish Society for Education and Charity sponsored by Council Member Catena.

MS. KIRK: In case no one knows, St. Patrick's Day is in just a few days. Next Thursday. So first want to start with the certificate of recognition to the Irish Society for Education and Charity Inc. Since 1992 the ISEC has provided sponsorship, leadership and guidance to the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day parade committee in its effort to organize and execute what has been referred to as the nation's second largest St. Patrick's Day Parade. The organization also supports Pittsburgh's Irish community by awarding scholarships to the local Irish students when making donations to area groups and causes. Allegheny County Council commends the Irish Society for Education and Charity for their passionate and tireless efforts to support Pittsburgh's Irish community and thanks them for all their numerous contributions and accepting on their part is Rich Goodrich (sic) who used to live in McCandless.

JOHN GOODRICH: Thank you, Cindy. Great Honor. I'm president of the Irish Society for Education and Charity and I took over from some great predecessors. It's a privilege to be here. It's a privilege to be performing public service on behalf of the city of Pittsburgh. One of the obligations as the Irish Society has is not only to collect money and oversee the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee but to seek and search out charitable institutions and help with that and that's what we're in the process of doing as you heard the county executive had the St. Patrick's Day Parade button party at the priory this last weekend. We had 386 people there. It's the largest one that we've had, and we've had the button party which I helped start in 1996 so we are coming back. We are on the road. I am going to accept a few more awards here on behalf of some of our friends here so I'll talk a moment about the parade itself.

PRESIDENT CATENA: We're going to do 12213-22 next.

JARED BARKER: That's a certificate of recognition to Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for their efforts in organizing the 2022 parade also sponsored by Council Member Catena.

MR. MACEY: Having been --- I'm not really proud of this but proud to a degree that I was married into two Irish families. They were great. The Barretts, the Claghertys, the O'Briens, the Millers, wonderful people who gave of themselves to their communities and served in public service as well as volunteered in various organizations. Okay. I'm going to use a little visual aid here. 2022 Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Committee since its inception the St. Patrick's Day Committee has been a driving force behind the annual parade coordinating and managing all efforts in bringing the community together to ensure the success of this treasured event. Pittsburgh's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates Pittsburgh's Irish Heritage and is normally attended by 200,000 people plus all Irish for the day. The parade is one of the oldest and largest St. Patrick's Day parades in the nation. The 2022 St. Patrick's Day parade will feature numerous marching units including bands, floats, several police, fire and emergency service agencies, elected leaders along with many groups from Pittsburgh's Irish community. Allegheny County Council commends the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Committee for their diligent

efforts and dedication to making this annual parade an unmatched celebration of Irish heritage. Thank you.

JOHN GOODRICH: I want everyone to do me one favor because two years ago I stood up here and accepted this award. It's the last thing we did, and I'm back two years so can everybody knock on wood for me one time please. It was two years ago we accepted the award, and the next morning the parade was cancelled. Jackie Goodrich was not a happy person that day.

Our parade started in 1869. It is one of the oldest parades in the United States of America, and it is by per capita the largest parade in the United States for St. Patrick's Day. Let alone it's the second or third. However in 2020 we are the only city that marched so as of right now we are still number one. We had our parade in September. Right now we have over 180 some groups. We have over 20 some thousand marchers that are going to be marching in the parade. There will be in excess of 200 some thousand people downtown. I would like to note as I said before as President of the Irish Society nobody involved with the St. Patrick's Day parade gets paid one penny. I myself even had to buy my own button to the party that I ran on Friday night because that's what we do. Mr. Macey even bought a couple buttons. That was the first time he'd heard an Irishman quiet.

The parade ran --- it started in 1869. The confederate Irishmen from Lawrenceville marched with God Save Ireland in 1871 through the streets of Lawrenceville. The parade ran until 1904 and it stopped until 1950. It continued in 1950 under Mayor Lawrence. In 1956 it was severe weather. Worst storm of 100 years coming in. They cancelled it. The firefighters, union people, paramedics, police all went against the CO and marched anyways and the president of the police ended up acquiescing and joined in. Not even the blizzard of 1993 could stop us and the last --- the COVID could not stop us as well because we still marched. We're here. We're not going anywhere and we'll be there on Saturday. God bless and thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: So at this point we're going to do 12214-22, 12215-22, 12216-22 and 12218-22.

JARED BARKER: 12214-22 is a proclamation recognizing the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Miss Smiling Irish Eyes.

12215-22 is a proclamation recognizing the Pittsburgh ST. Patrick's Day Parade Court Maidens.

12216-22 is a proclamation recognizing the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal, and 12218-22 is a proclamation recognizing the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Allegheny County AOH Hibernian of the Year all sponsored by President Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

MS. KIRK: We'll start with the women. We're going to start with MacKenzie Ridge. It's your day to shine. We'll Saturday will be your real day to shine, but you're shining here with us. So we want to recognize and first thank you all for being here. We'll through this now. Whereas the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee announced that the 2002 Miss Smiling Eyes queen is MacKenzie Bridget Ridge. She is a daughter of Dan and Bridie O'Connor Ridge and whereas the title of Miss Smiling Eyes Queen is one of the most honored participant in the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade and whereas Miss Smiling Irish Eyes Queen, Ms. Ridge, is a freshman at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte where she is studying political science and English with a minor in history. She is a member of the Levine Scholars program a merit-based scholarship program that focuses on civic engagement, academic rigor and community involvement and whereas Ms. Ridge is a 2021 graduate of the Mt. Lebanon high school where she was the highest honor roll student for four years, student-body president, a member of the national honor society and delivered the 2021 Mt. Lebanon High School Commencement Address.

You were busy in high school. Whereas since a young age Ms. Ridge has been actively involved in the Irish community attending activities and events hosted by the AOH groups in Pittsburgh including the annual communion breakfast, The Donnybrook cofounded by her father and the St. Patrick's Day Parade. During high school, Ms. Ridge joined the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians division 11 Allegheny County. Despite attending college eight hours away Ms. Ridge is still able to be an active member of the LAOH Division 11 by reading the newsletter, participating in prayer, attending meetings in person when she is home from school.

And whereas in addition to her involvement to the Irish community, Ms. Ridge is academically involved in her school and community while at Mr. Lebanon she served as a volunteer and student chaperone for the Nyadear Connections an organization that fundraise for a family in

Zimbabwe to provide food and clothing for volunteer at Mt. Lebanon international night, participated in Ego Stars the Mt. Lebanon best buddies program and is a member of the Mt. Lebanon yearbook staff among other activities.

Within her community Miss Ridge volunteered with the Connor Lamb campaign, the Devlin Robinson campaign, for those that don't know that is a bipartisan volunteer here so we handed her back, the Bill Dalia campaign and the Hate Has No Home Here community event.

Her volunteer community involvement has continued while in college where Miss Ridge is an opinion staff writer for the UNC Charlotte Newspaper The Miner Times, serves on the executive board for the UNC Charlotte's Habitat for Humanity Chapter and is an economics TA at the UNC Charlotte in Charlotte, and whereas Miss Ridge's family has strong ties to the Pittsburgh Irish community which has instilled a strong sense of Irish Pride in her. Her paternal great grandparents hail from Galway in Dublin. Her maternal grandfather David O'Connor was a president in AOH Division five. Her own father Dan, who's here, there he is, is an AOH Division one member, a member of the knights of equity co-founded the Hibernian-Celtic athletic fund, co-founded The Donnybrook and the 2013 Hiberian of the year.

Now, therefore be is resolved that I Allegheny Council Member Cindy Kirk and Pat Catena along with all members of council do hereby congratulate MacKenzie Bridget Ridge upon being named the 2022 Miss Smiling Irish Eyes Queen for the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade.

MACKENZIE RIDGE: Hi, I'm MacKenzie. First I'd like to say thank you to everyone for having us today. It's such an honor. I want to thank all the council members and the board members. I also want to thank my own Pittsburgh Irish community for making me who I am today, instilling a sense of where I'm from no matter where I go. Thanks for making me who I am, and I always know I have a support system at home. Yeah. I'm really very grateful to represent the city of Pittsburgh at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Being Miss Smiling Irish Eyes is something I've wanted since I was a little girl the communion breakfast, like, looking up to these girls that wore exactly what I'm wearing today so it's definitely an honor and a dream come true to be able to give back to the community that's given me so much since I was so young so thank you.

MS. KIRK: And now we have Ms. Zoe Mulkerrins. 2022 Miss Smiling Irish Eyes court maiden. Zoe is from Seven Fields PA and is a student at Seneca Valley High School where she excels in Spanish, geometry and English. The daughter of Mike and Sarah Mulkerrins Ms. Mulkerrins has participated in the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade since she was four years old. Her paternal grandfather hails from Carna County in Galway, Ireland, and her maternal great-grandfather hails from Glennamaddy County Galway. We congratulate Ms. Zoe on this fine honor and wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

Ms. Erin Mary Burkhart 2022 Miss Smiling Irish Eyes Court Maiden. Erin Mary Burkhart from Fox Chapel is a dean's list senior at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown where she is studying for a Bachelor's Degree in Middle Level Science Education. Miss Burkhart's grandfather Thomas Riser was president of the AOH division 23 while her aunt Adrian Cinsik was president of the LAOH Division 23. Miss Burkhart was a proud member of the Junior LAOH Division 23 from the ages 6-18 where she participated in various volunteer opportunities including the pay it forward program and angels in overalls. We congratulate Ms. Erin Mary Burkhart on this fine honor and wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

ERIN BURKHART: Good evening Allegheny County Council. My name is Erin Burkhart. You pretty much covered everything I was going to say but like she said I'm a senior at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. I'm currently student teaching at Langborough Middle School in a 6th grade classroom so that's good fun, and like she said I was a junior LAOH Division 23 member since I was 6-18 when I went off to college and I marched every year in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and like MacKenize said I also really was hoping to be this one day. like, a lot of our members previous have won so I was always saying I remember that crown too at the parade so it was such an honor to be here today and be on the court so thank you so much.

MR. MACEY: Bob Kelly. Come on up or come on down. I got to say that I am the proud father of four Irish children and the proud grandfather of four Irish grandchildren so there's some vague connection here. a little bit. This certification of recognition is awarded to Bob Kelly. He is a dedicated member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Sean McBride Division Number 32

located in Carnegie Pennsylvania. Mr. White was raised with a strong catholic faith and a respect for his Irish heritage. He is deeply committed to his family which includes his wife Valerie, son Christopher, and wife Catelyn, daughter Erin and grandchildren CiCi and Asher.

Since his retirement from Port Authority of Allegheny County he has taken a lead role in the recruitment and retention of members within the AOH and has also been a positive leader in volunteering for many types of charitable activities or causes that helps its members and the community at large. Allegheny County Council congratulates Mr. Kelly for his honor bestowed upon him and thanks him for all his contributions to better our community. I guess I should have proofread this.

BOB KELLY: First of all it's an honor be here but the biggest honor I have is to be representing the AOH in Allegheny County my home division 32 of Carnegie. I don't know what else to say. It's a pleasure. I never thought I'd see this but thank you very much to the AOH and the LAOH.

MR. DEMARCO: We are going to give you a new proclamation with Mr. White's name removed.

MR. MACEY: Okay. The piece de resistance. This would be the grand marshal and who's our grand marshal? A proclamation recognizing the 2022 parade grand marshal. Whereas the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee announced the Irish Society for Education and Charity Inc. has named Peter Shovlin Sr. as 2022 parade grand marshal and whereas Mr. Shovlin was born in Liskerraghan located outside or Ardara County in Donegal Ireland in 1931. He met his wife Sheila Sweeney at the Shamrock Irish Dance Hall in London while both were living and working there. After marrying in 1956, they immigrated to the United States arriving in march 1957. Together they proudly raised their eight children Liz, Ralph, Peter Jr., Cassie, John, Michael, Kevin and Shelia and whereas dedicated to the bringing Irish families together to share in their beloved traditions of music, dance and fellowship Mr. Shovlin as a character member of the Irish Center of Pittsburgh. He provided the music at many of the early dances and served as the center's board of directors as a member, treasurer, vice president and president in 1980 and '81. Mr. Shovlin and other members arranged for an Irish Dancing Commission certified instructor to teach Irish step dancing at the center

beginning in 1970. Irish Dance Lessons continue today throughout many Irish Dance Schools in the area including the Shovlin Academic of Irish Dance and whereas Mr. Shovlin's dedication to the preservation of Irish culture through the Irish dance does not stop with dance lessons at the Irish Center of Pittsburgh.

He was also a founder and chairman of the Irish Center of Pittsburgh Feis a competition for Irish dancers to showcase their skills. Additionally Mr. Shovlin played his fiddle at every Pittsburgh Feis up to the early 2000s and used the carpentry skills he helped build the outdoor stages used at the band's competitions. A true lover of music Mr. Shovlin built his first fiddle in 1991 and has made 24 fiddles since then gifting them to his children and grandchildren and donating to notable causes.

Whereas he provided for his family as proud union carpenter for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Local 432 Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters. He retired since the mid 1980's he is a lifetime member and received his 55-year pin. A devout catholic Mr. Shovlin is a member of the St. John Fisher Church in Churchill. In 1977 he returned to Ireland for the first time since he left with his wife and family. Since then there have been many joyous visits including 2005 Shovlin Family Reunion.

And now therefore be it resolved that I Allegheny County Councilman and that would be our president and all of county council do hereby congratulate Mr. Shovlin Sr. upon his being named the 2022 parade grand marshal for St. Patrick's Day Parade eye witness therefore and all that good stuff.

PETER SHOVLIN: This has been a wonderful experience and a great honor. And everything you do is so professional. Thank you. I can't leave here without a big thank you to Allegheny County Council and all its members and anybody else involved so thank you very much.

MR. MACEY: A little quick comment. I had the pleasure in 2011 to go to Ireland. There's one thing I notice about Ireland. No litter. Beautiful place and green.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. We're going to do 12219-22.

JARED BARKER: A proclamation recognizing the week of March 6 through the 12th as Women in construction

week sponsored Council Members Hallam, Macey, Betkowski, Bennett, Prizio, Catena and Kirk.

MS. BENNETT: Thank you. If anybody else wants to come down who's cosponsoring, feel free.

MS. KIRK: The women should all be down here.

MS. BENNETT: Yes. So we're here to honor women in construction week and we thank these two ladies for being here today. Of course we really like any industry that women are breaking glass ceilings in and doing good work and I think construction would be one of those. All right. So let me read this.

Whereas our proclamation declaring women in construction week. Allegheny County as well as the region of Western Pennsylvania continues to strive for higher levels of construction and development growth and whereas Allegheny County is committed to reaffirming the goals of fair opportunities for women and minorities on the construction industry and whereas the National Association of Women in Construction, the NAWIC, is a non-profit and international organization that promotes and supports the advancement and employment of women in the construction industry and whereas NAWIC founded in 1955 in Texas now serves approximately 5,500 members and 190 chapters in the United States and Canada as well as affiliates in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa and whereas the Pittsburgh area chapter of 161 of NAWIC was first chartered on March 29, 1969 with 33 founding members and now includes women who are actively employed in all aspects of construction in the construction industry such as business owners, managers, consultants, tradeswomen, operators, architects, accountants and attorneys and whereas during the week of March 6 through 12, 2022 NAWIC chapters throughout the United States will be holding special events to celebrate the annual women in construction week. Now, therefore be it resolved that we Allegheny County Council members Bethany Hallam, Bob Macey, Jack Betkowski, Olivia, Bennett, Anita Prizio, Pat Catena, Bob Palmosina and Cindy Kirk do hereby recognize and commend the women who participate in the construction industry throughout our region and we proclaim the week of March 6 through 12, 2022 to be women in construction week in Allegheny County.

In witness thereof I have hereunto caused the seal of the county of Allegheny to be affixed this 8th day of March 2022.

NATASHA SMITH: Thank you very much. It's an honor to accept this on behalf of the NAWIC group in Pittsburgh. I am the president and Joelle is here with me. She's the vice president. I work as a construction project manager here in the city. You said pretty much everything there is to know about NAWIC but pretty much our core purpose is to strengthen and amplify the success of women in construction industry and we're committed to championing women to impact the direction of the construction industry. We provide education, community and advocacy for women and after this we're going to a happy hour to celebrate international women's day and women in construction week so thank you.

JOELLE SALERNO: Thank you all so much for having us and thank you to all the council members who sponsored and supported our proclamation here today. My name is Joelle Salerno. I am the vice president of the Pittsburgh NAWIC chapter and in my day job I'm the assistant director of the Western PA National Electrical contractors association. All of our members are signatory with IBEW union electricians and we're very proud of that and I joined NAWIC to get involved in the workforce development side and get the word out to women about the amazing career opportunities that are available in construction and that's what we're looking to do and it looks like everyone here is interested in helping us get that word out so please reach out to us if any of us can help you with that so thank you very much for having us.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12220-22 will be read into the record.

JARED BARKER: A proclamation recognizing the month of March as National Kidney Month and March 10 as World Kidney Day sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. I know several of you have other commitments this evening so I'm going to ask that we move to new business at this point in time. 12231-22.

JARED BARKER: An ordinance of the county of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extending the County real estate tax discount deadline from March 31, 2022 to April 30, 2022 and the gross/face period deadline from April 30, 2022 to May 31, 2022 sponsored by Council Members Catena, Betkowski, Prizio, Hallam, Naccarati-Chapkis and Pamosina.

MS. HALLAM: Point of order. I would like to move to waive the second reading on this and take a vote a now.

MS. BENNETT: Second.

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

JARED BARKER: On the motion to waive the second reading. Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Sure.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

JARED BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ayes 15, no's 0. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: At this point is there a motion to approve the actual ordinance.

MS. BENNETT: So moved.

MS. HALLAM: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing no discussion, Jared, would you please take roll?

JARED BARKER: On the motion to approve. Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

JARED BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ayes 15, no's 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: I apologize. I'm going to skip one and move to the next resolution which is 12233-22.

JARED BARKER: A resolution of the county of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expressing support for both the people of Ukraine and the efforts of the United States and other nations in condemning and imposing costs on the Russian Federation for its illegal, full-

scale, renewed invasion sponsored by Council Members Betkowski, Catena Bennett and Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Betkowski, do you want to make the motion?

MR. BETKOWSKI: I'd like to make a motion to waive the second reading.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there a second?

MS. BENNETT: So moved.

MR. KLEIN: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Please take a roll call vote, Jared.

MR. FUTULES: Can I be added as a cosponsor please?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there anyone else? Is there anyone that doesn't want to be added as a cosponsor?

JARED BARKER: On the motion to waive the second reading. Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

JARED BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ayes 15, no's 0. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there a motion to affirm the resolution?

MS. BENNETT: So moved.

MS. HALLAM: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing no discussion I believe this is unanimous so all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. Thank you. We'll now go back through to finish the new business and then move on with the rest of the agenda. 12232-22

JARED BARKER: An ordinance amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances Division 6 entitled Parks and Recreation Chapter 650 entitled rules and regulations through the creation of a new Section 650-4 entitled Enforcement in order to establish clear parameters for activities undertaken by county law enforcement personnel in the county parks sponsored by Council Member Hallam.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to public safety. 12234-22.

JARED BARKER: An ordinance 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 16 P.S. section 12001 et seq. sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That's health and human services. 12235-22.

JARED BARKER: An ordinance of the Council of Allegheny ratifying amendments to the Allegheny County Health Department's Rules and Regulations Article XV plumbing and building drainage sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That's also health and human services. Now we'll go back to public comment on any of the agenda items which I believe is none?

JARED BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. Approval of minutes 12221-22.

JARED BARKER: A motion approving the minutes of the January 25, 2022 regular meeting of council.

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to approve.

MR. DUERR: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All opposed? Motion carries.
12222-22.

JARED BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022 regular meeting of council.

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to approve.

MS. HALLAM: 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: All those opposed? Motion carries. Presentation of appointments. All of the newly presented appointed are going to be referred to the committee on appointment review. If there are no objections, I'd like to have the clerk read them all now. Hearing no objection go ahead.

JARED BARKER: 12223-22 approving the reappointment of the Honorable Anthony Saveikis to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

12224-22. Approving the reappointment of Janet Craig to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

12225-22. Approving the reappointment of Daria Crawley, Ph.D. to the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 31, 2027.

12226-22. Approving the reappointment of Dr. Edith Shapira to the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on January 12, 2024.

12227-22. Approving the reappointment of Dr. Joylett Portlock to the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on January 12, 2024.

12228-22. Approving the reappointment of Dr. Ellen Stewart to the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on January 9, 2026.

12229-22. Approving the reappointment of Barbara Logan to the Carnegie Library Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

12230-22. Approving the reappointment of Alice Mitinger to the Carnegie Library Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

All sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Do we have any unfinished business?

JARED BARKER: None.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Any liaison reports this evening? Seeing no liaison reports new business ---

MS. HALLAM: Wait I have one. Sorry.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is it related to your constituents?

MS. HALLAM: Yes. It actually is this time believe it or not. This is my liaison from the board of elections meeting. I know that the county executive was here today and spoke about the special elections that are taking place on April 5 for the 19th and 24th legislative district. I just want to remind anyone who is watching that there are different deadlines to register to vote and to apply for your mail-in ballot for the special election than there are for the special election than there are for the regular primary election. So March 21st is the last day you can register to vote in the April 5th special. March 29th is the last day you can request a mail-in ballot for the April 5th special but as Councilman Duerr pointed out and as was answered by the county executive if you do apply for the special election if you live in the 19th or 24th state house district you will also get a mail-in ballot for the primary as well but if you want to vote in that special election you got to register by the 21st of this month and get your mail in ballot on the 29th so thanks.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Anyone else? Seeing no one else and there's no new business this evening, notification of contracts nothing?

JARED BARKER: Nope.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Public comment on general items.

JARED BARKER: We have several. First up is Koa Reitz.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Not here?

JARED BARKER: Not here. Second up is Rick Grejda.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Not here.

MS. HALLAM: Not here.

JARED BARKER: Next up is Al Smith.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Not here.

JARED BARKER: Next up is Brenda Davis.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Not here.

JARED BARKER: Last up is Jacob Poole.

JACOB POOLE: Hello. I'm Jacob Poole. I'm actually trying to raise a human trafficking and homelessness awareness campaign in Pittsburgh given I'm a survivor of human trafficking in Pittsburgh and I'm here and I know this because when I was sent in Europe European police apprehended a human trafficking network and told me that I was being purchased and slave traders in Europe were paid to abduct people Germanic Europeans, European Jews, with a family history of Nobel Prize winners and political connections to hold them captive and to manufacture children from them to sell with altered records. During the government instability of the uprisings in central Europe around the time of the Berlin Wall. I don't like what is going on in Ukraine right now. So this is a time when human traffickers operate heavily, abduct people because people have political connections, families have political ties, congressman, Nobel Prizes in science and things like this.

So I was made by abducted people held captive and sold on the black market and here I am I have a Ph.D. from the university of Pittsburgh, I've worked for the National Energy Lab in Pittsburgh developing technology and patents in a manner where I'm not --- wasn't employed and there's a system for exploitation. Currently I have a Ph.D., and I have inventions. I can't get a job. A plant of National Energy Lab type of employment and nothing works. I am isolated. I don't know my real name. I have not even a person listed as an emergency contact and I have been in the U.S. since I was 12 years old in the 1990's.

Here I am. I'm going to be homeless probably in a couple months. I applied to over a thousand jobs and I'm somehow getting blocked online because there's a human trafficking network that's very intense in Pittsburgh. I don't know how it works. All I know is what I am experiencing. I was directed to work at a local grocery store in Edgewood where I get \$10 an hour and I'm not able

to pay rent besides emergency rental assistance and I'm targeted there and people harass me and I'm isolated offer me to take up additional minimum wage shifts throughout Pittsburgh where there is a human trafficking network that's very strong and very active.

So in fact I saw on the news that some people were trying to bring Ukrainian children to America and I would advocate --- in fact I went online and told them not to do it because they'll be in very grave danger. I've been accused of Russian spy since I was 12 years old because I lived in Hungarian parts of Europe where I was abducted from my family from a German Jewish family to be sold on the black market.

Every single thing. I was at the National Energy Lab in Pittsburgh and people harass me about being a Russian spy every single thing you can think of. I went online last week, and I told every single Facebook post and LinkedIn post do not bring any children from Ukraine to America because they will be in grave danger like I am.

Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Is there a motion to adjourn?

MS. HALLAM: So moved.

MR. DUERR: 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.

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 7 day of June, 2022

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

Jeremy Harris,

Court Reporter