

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Patrick Catena	-	President, District 4
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-at-Large
Bethany Hallam	-	Council-at-Large
Jack Betkowski		District 1
Suzanne Filiaggi	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Tom Duerr	-	District 5
John F. 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 "Liv" Bennett	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Barker - Director, Legislative Services

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

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Please remain standing for a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection.

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

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

MR. BARKER:	Ms. Bennett?
MS. BENNETT:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Betkowski?
MR. BETKOWSKI:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Duerr?
MR. DUERR:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Filiaggi?
MS. FILIAGGI:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Hallam?
MS. HALLAM:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Macey?
	Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?
	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:	President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA:	Here.

MR. BARKER: We have 13 members present.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll begin with Proclamations and Certificates.

12429-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing September as Love Your Library Month in Allegheny County, sponsored by Councilmember DeMarco and all other members of Council.

MR. DEMARCO: Folks, it's that time of year again. It's Love Your Library Month. I'd like to invite our special guests up this evening. We have from the Allegheny County Library Association their new CEO, Amy Anderson, and we have from the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, the new president and director of the Carnegie Libraries of Pittsburgh, Andrew Medlar, and he's here with Karlyn Voss, who's external affairs and government relations person. I'd like to invite you all to come on up here.

All of us, you know, when we were growing up, all utilized our libraries, you know, going to school. And I'm old, so back then we didn't have computers. If I wanted to learn anything, I had to learn it at the library. Okay. So while some things have changed, so have the libraries, and so has the way that you've interacted with the communities and helped inform, you know, not just all the members of the community, but especially our youngest as they're growing up, how you serve is an incredible resource for those communities. Because of that, we put together a proclamation. I'd like to read it here right now.

WHEREAS, today's libraries are vibrant community centers that provide information access to residents of all ages, offering innovative resources and fueling creativity and civic engagement. And;

WHEREAS, the libraries help children and families discover new and exciting worlds through collections, access to computers, digital resources and special programming. And;

WHEREAS, all libraries in Allegheny County benefit from the philanthropic gifts to supplement annual budgets that enable them to enhance their services and programs that are available to all county residents; and

WHEREAS, the Love Your Library campaign began in 2016 as a way for library lovers in Allegheny County to support their local library and to sustain essential services. And;

WHEREAS, Love Your Library month has helped the Allegheny County Library Association and its member libraries raise awareness about the importance of libraries, library cards and the services available to all people in our communities. And;

WHEREAS, Love Your Library has been generously supported by the Jack Buncher Foundation by providing significant matching funds and promotional dollars to market the initiative; and

WHEREAS, the library donors have contributed more than \$5.4 million during the first six years of Love Your Library; and

WHEREAS, Love Your Library has created more library advocates by encouraging customers, library board members and staff to participate in a unifying county-wide effort. And;

WHEREAS, Love Your Library will once again take place during the month of September 2022, and all donations made to any library in Allegheny County in September will be generously matched in part by the Jack Buncher Foundation; and

WHEREAS, all library lovers in Allegheny County are encouraged to show their library love during the month of September 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that we, Allegheny County Council members, me and all members of Council do hereby recognize the month of September 2022 as Love Your Library month 2022 in Allegheny County. Thank you very much.

Would you folks like to say a few words? Amy, do you want to go first?

MS. ANDERSON: Sure. Sure. Council, thank you all so much for this proclamation. We really appreciate it and we encourage you to go out and love your library this month.

MR. MEDLAR: Thank you. I am very honored to be here with my colleagues to give our thanks to all of you for your support of libraries. And I think many of us have memories of our experience, as you - as you mentioned, Councilman. And the opportunity every day to pass that on to the next generation is such an honor, and we thank you for your partnership and support in that for all of our neighbors across Allegheny County. Thank you.

MR. DEMARCO: No, you don't get off because we have to go take pictures.

(Photographs were taken.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: So before we go on, if whoever is joining us by phone, if you could mute your phone, it would be appreciated. Also, we're having some technical difficulties with the mics tonight, so if you're not speaking, can you please make sure your mic is off. And obviously, you might need to speak up because of those technical difficulties. We're waiting on some parts, obviously, I'm told. So it potentially could be about a month, so keep that in mind when you're giving a report or when you're speaking. So thank you.

12430-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing and congratulating Pastors' Brian and Dionne Edmonds on their 10th anniversary as pastors, sponsored by Councilmember Bennett.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12431-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing and congratulating Barton's Flowers and Bake Shop on the occasion of their 40th anniversary in business, sponsored by Councilmember Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12432-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation honoring the life of the late Cindy Kolupajlo who was a dedicated EMS service provider, sponsored by Councilmember Prizio.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12433-22.

MR. BARKER: That matter is being held until the 20th. The recipient of the proclamation is able to attend that meeting.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay.
12434-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing September 11, 2022 as National Grandparents Day in Allegheny County, sponsored by Councilmembers Hallam, Naccarati-Chapkis and Bennett.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12435-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing and congratulating Pennsylvania One Call on its 50th anniversary protecting utility lines, sponsored by Councilmembers Macey and all other members of Council.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12436-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation congratulating William Brooks on his retirement fighting for workers as President of Pittsburgh Building and Construction Trades Council, sponsored by Councilmember Palmosina.

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

MR. BARKER: Not on agenda items.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. Approval of minutes.
12440-22.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 regular meeting of Council.

MS. BENNETT: So moved.

MR. PALMOSINA: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed, the motion carries.

Presentation of Appointments. 12423-22.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Jim Pottinger to the Friends of the Park for Boyce Park for a term to expire on September 13, 2025.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to appointment review.

12424-22.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Lisa Carlucci to the Friends of the Park for Boyce Park for a term to expire on September 13th, 2025, sponsored by Councilmember Naccarati-Chapkis.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Actually, for Friends of the Park, in the past we've always passed them at - I mean, we've technically haven't objected to passing some of these at Council. Does anyone object - I mean, obviously I could send all of these -.

MR. WALTON: Waive the second reading.

MR. DUERR: I object.

MS. HALLAM: I'd like to motion to waive the second reading on this chunk of appointments.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there a second?

MS. BENNETT: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been and seconded. Is there -?

MR. BARKER: Yeah, discussion. There may be an issue. Mr. Cambest and I are conferring about the new Friends of the Park ordinance we believe mandates that all Friends of the Park appointments go to Friends of the Park.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay.

MR. BARKER: Go to appointment review. I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay.

MS. HALLAM: I withdraw my motion.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

12424-22.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That's the appointment of Lisa Carlucci to the Friends of the Park for Boyce Park for a term to expire on September 13, 2025, sponsored by Councilmember Naccarati-Chapkis.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Appointment review.

I'm just going to say 12425 through 12428 all go to appointment review. You can read them.

MR. BARKER: Thank you. 12425 is the appointment of Erin Yuhaschek to the Friends of the Park for Boyce Park for a term to expire on September 13th, 2025.

12426 is the appointment of Karly Bitsura-Meszaros to the same body with the same expiration date. 12427 is the appointment of Ed Bouchette to the same body with the same expiration date. 12428 is the appointment of Linda Wilkins to the same body with the same expiration date. All of those are sponsored by Councilmember Naccarati-Chapkis.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Unfinished business. Committee on Appointment Review for the second reading. 12391-22.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of George Janocsko, Esquire to serve as County Solicitor immediately upon confirmation by County Council, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Councilman Klein, can you make that motion since Councilwoman Naccarati-Chapkis isn't here.

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: I'm -.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Are you on?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: I am.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. Sorry. I didn't know you were on. Go ahead.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: No, that's okay. But go ahead, move forward with - I'd like to move forward with the motion.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there a second?

MR. BETKOWSKI: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: The motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion?

MR. WALTON: Yes. I anticipate that this will be a unanimous vote of Council, but if it's not, so be it. I applaud the appointment, and in the appointment review meeting Mr. Janocsko just overwhelmed us all with his integrity, his character, his diligence, and the joy that

he gets from serving. So it's a real pleasure for me to tell everyone that I'm going to vote yes, and I'm glad to have him on board.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Anyone else? Does this need to be a roll call vote or are we okay with a voice vote?

MR. WALTON: Do roll call.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. Roll call vote, please, Jared.

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

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi.

MS. FILIAGGI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: 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: Me being the colorful person I am, a resounding yes.

MR. BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, noes 0 with one member absent. The appointment passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12392-22.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Reverend Mary Ann Trifaro to the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire on December 31st, 2025, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: I'd like to make a motion to move forward with this appointment.

MR. DUERR: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. DeWitt, do you want a roll call on this one, too?

MR. WALTON: No.

PRESIDENT CATENA: You're good with a voice vote on this one? I just wanted to check.

All those in favor - a motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries.

Committee on Budget and Finance for the second reading.

12420-22.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the grants and Special Accounts budget for 2022, submission number 3-22, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, Mr. President. The Budget and Finance Committee met on September 7th and affirmatively recommended this bill that would allow for the acceptance of approximately \$4.75 million in grand funding from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for the Use by Election Division for the administration of elections. I move for approval.

MR. DUERR: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: A motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion?

MR. BETKOWSKI: I'm not sure if the mic is working. Everyone here knows that there's no free lunch, and this money - it's a lot of money - does come with conditions, and two of them have given me some pause. The first one is that in Act 88, it says the county cannot begin pre-canvassing until 7:00 a.m. on the day of election. And I'm not comfortable that I understand what impact that might have on our ability to cure ballots.

The second issue is that the county shall begin canvassing mail-in ballots at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. And my understanding, which may be incorrect is that current county practice has been to begin the pre-canvassing in the morning, but then actually to begin canvassing during the day so that shortly after 8:00 p.m., many if not most of the absentee ballots might be made available.

And my reading of Act 88 is that that process could not begin until 8:00 p.m. So thank you, President Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.
Councilwoman Hallam.

MS. HALLAM: A point of privilege, President Catena. I have similar questions. And I know Jerry's in the room, Jerry Teskavich. I don't want to put you on the spot, but if President Catena will just allow us - can we clarify for Council what restrictions this grant would place us under that are different than the restrictions that Pennsylvania laws governing canvassing and pre-canvassing a mail-in ballot already place us under.

Like, what additional restrictions are we agreeing to by way of accepting this grant funding? President Catena, I would like to ask your permission for an answer from someone in the county.

Oh, is that Alan? I'm sorry, I thought that was Jerry sitting next to him, Alan. I can't see that far. I thought that was Jerry sitting next to you. I can't see that far.

MR. SIDNEY: The only change - Alan Sidney from the Law Department. I do a lot of the election stuff.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go to the podium.

MS. HALLAM: Thank you so much, Alan.

MR. SIDNEY: Okay. The only difference is that under Act - I think it's 88, that we're obligated to canvas continuously until done. That's not going to be an issue. And the pre-canvas by definition isn't until eight o'clock, then it turns into a canvas.

And I think Sam would agree and Bethany as board members, nothing's going to change. We're going to approach it and do things as we've always done since Act 77 since 2020.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

MR. SIDNEY: Okay.

MS. HALLAM: Sorry, Alan.

PRESIDENT CATENA: So the motion has been made and seconded. Any other discussion? Hearing no other discussion, Jared, please take a roll call vote.

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

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi?

MS. FILIAGGI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: 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: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 13, noes 0 (sic)

with one member absent. The bill passes. I apologize, it was noes 1. Thank you, Mr. Duerr.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Committee on Economic Development and Housing, second reading. 12397-22.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance approving the sale of the County's interest in a parcel of property identified as Potomac Street, Oakmont, PA 15139 block and lot 0362-F-00087, for the sale price of \$1,000 to Mrs. Donna Deturck and the sharing of the sale price with Oakmont and the Riverview School District, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: Yeah. The Committee on Economic Development and Housing met and affirmatively recommended council approve this ordinance. And if I could just add a pre-commentary.

I appreciate seeing these, because it brings properties that have been long abandoned off and, you know, overgrown and misused and brings them back on the tax rolls and puts them in the hands of a responsible home owner to help to eliminate some blight. So I make a motion for approval.

MS. FILIAGGI: Second.

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

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

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER:	Mr. Betkowski?
MR. BETKOWSKI:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Duerr?
MR. DUERR:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Filiaggi.
MS. FILIAGGI:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Hallam?
MS. HALLAM:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Macey?
	Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?
MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS:	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:	President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ayes 14, noes really 0

this time with one member absent. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Committee on Health and Human Services, second reading.

12400-22.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Section 2102.03, permits generally, Section 2102.04, installation permits, Section 2103.11, operating permits applications, and other sections of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations, Article XXI, air pollution control, related to permit hearing advertising

notice and permit petition requirements, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. At its meeting on September the 8th, the Committee on Health and Human Services affirmatively recommended council approval of this ordinance. And at this time I will entertain a motion to approve.

MR. DUERR: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion on this one? Hearing no discussion, Jared, please take a roll call vote.

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

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi.

MS. FILIAGGI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: 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: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, noes 0 with one member absent. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12401-22.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments that revise Section 2104.08, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, and Section 2101.20, definitions of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations, Article XXI, Air Pollution Control, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. At its meeting on September 8th, the Committee on Health and Human Services affirmatively recommended council approval of this ordinance. And at this time, I would move for its approval by council.

MS. BENNETT: Second.

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

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve - to approve. Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi.

MS. FILIAGGI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?
MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: 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: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, noes 0 with

one member absent. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Committee on Sustainability & Green Initiatives for the second reading.

12402-22.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the creation of a separate county department within Allegheny County Government effective as of January 1st, 2023, to be known as the Department of Sustainability, setting forth the duties, function and responsibilities of the Department of Sustainability within Allegheny County Government, and amending Chapter OC of the County Code of Ordinances entitled organizational chart to reflect the creation of the Department of Sustainability, sponsored by the Chief Executive and all members of Council.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilwoman Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Thank you very much President Catena. On August 31st - I would like to note that all members of Council sponsored along with the Chief Executive. I am so thrilled that the Committee recommended to establish a department and I'd like to entertain a motion.

MS. BENNETT: Second.

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

MS. HALLAM: Just one thing.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

MS. HALLAM: Yeah. I, just before we vote, want to make sure we all tip our hats to Councilwoman Prizio, because I remember when you started the fight for this, and it's now happening tonight, and I know all of our names are on it, and I'm glad that we're all pushing this forward together, but I just know that it wouldn't have happened without you, and so I just wanted to thank you for all of your hard work on this.

MS. PRIZIO: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: You have done a fabulous job with the committee, Anita. Thank you.

MS. FILIAGGI: I would also like to say congratulations to you and to all of the residents of Allegheny County for your efforts. I've only been on this committee - or this council a short time, and there's some things that are tough to get done, but you've done it. Congratulations, and I understand - we are all behind you, truly. So good luck and keep us all informed and on our toes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: A motion has been made and seconded. Jared, please take roll.

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

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi.

MS. FILIAGGI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?
MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: 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: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, noes 0 with

one member absent. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Are there any liaison reports this evening? Hearing none, we'll move on to new business, ordinances and resolutions.

12442-22.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department, to convey by quit claim deed, one parcel of County-owned land identified as block and lot 15-C-202 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to Public Works.
12443-22.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department, to donate a portion of block and lot 375-C-191 and a portion of block and lot 375-C-185 located in the Borough of North Braddock, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to Public Works as well.

12444-22.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of a donation of the county of approximately one-half acre of land located contiguous to the County's White Oak Park, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

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

We now have new business motions. 12438-22.

MR. BARKER: A motion to enter into an agreement for legal services with the law firm of Goehring Rutter and Boehm, sponsored by Councilmembers Palmiere and Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Klein.

MR. KLEIN: Yes. This motion tells us what it's all about, and this is to authorize our entering into an agreement for legal services with Goehring, Rutter and Boehm.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

Is there a second?

MS. BENNETT: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion - do we need a roll call on this one?

MR. BARKER: Your discretion.

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries.

12439-22.

MR. BARKER: A motion to enter into an agreement for legal services with the law firm of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, sponsored by Councilmembers Palmiere and Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. I couldn't have said it better myself. This, again, is a

motion to enter into an agreement for legal services, this time the law firm of Dickie, McCamey, Chilcote.

MS. FILIAGGI: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: A 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.

Are there any other motions this evening?

MR. BARKER: There are not.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. Notifications of contracts.

12441-22.

MR. BARKER: A communication summarizing approved executive actions for the month of August 2022.

MS. BENNETT: So moved.

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 those opposed? The motion carries.

Now public comment on general items.

MR. BARKER: We have four individuals signed up. The first of whom is Nabin Sharma.

MR. SHARMA: Hello, I'm Nabin Sharma. I'm a traumatic brain injury survivor, and I've been in Pittsburgh very long, but recently when I interface with legal system as well as community services, public sector, private sector, as well as non-profit organization, I did not see, like, invisible disability accommodation in county-labeled places.

And I was raising this issue at state level as well as federal level. Finally federal level they passed in August 16, 2022 for TBI and PTSD personnel. They need taken care of by different route by law enforcement people. And I'm requesting - I need that type of

accommodation sooner, otherwise, I jeopardize my own life. Right now I'm going on medication and doctor recommendation, all those are ignoring some indignity I cannot disclose here. And I found there is no setup of invisible disabled accommodation database.

HIPPA lose regulation as well as like safety - I, myself, in this country since 1993 and I'm also - I have two minor children. They're born in Allegheny County, and I have a family here, and I have a safety, security products and issues, and when I tried to deal with the court system, the courts told me go to one other, to one place to do certain task. That place says no, this is not the place, you're supposed to do this one. This is different type of place, and I don't know where I can go and request my trouble. Right now I am placing - there are a lot of people who went to war, Iraq, Iran, they might have this type of situation.

I am just alerting or I am just informing you. People like me, where do we go and get the help? That's all. And this is my first time. I am sorry. I didn't know I come - not formal dress or anything. And plus right now, I'm going on with speech therapy. When I speak I cannot utilize proper word in proper sentence, but I am getting help, very good health professional. I found this county, this place really marvelous. I mean, good place for health treatment. But legal side, I am little bit miscommunication between data pass me from one place to another is not finding safe, secure for problems like me. I just want to alert - or I just want to inform. I have a legal document, that information I got from Children, Youth and Family to Family Court, Family Court to other place called -.

PRESIDENT CATENA: If you could wrap it up.

MR. SHARMA: I'm sorry, I didn't know I have a time limit. I'm sorry, I'm going to wrap it up right away. If somebody give me some direction that will relieve my trouble, so people like me can survive and can work better. That's what I want to do.

PRESIDENT CATENA: We'll have someone get with you after the meeting.

MS. SHARMA: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to talk. Thanks.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Can you get with him after the meeting, please?

Go ahead, Jared.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Jackson Walker. Next up would be Lindsay Fraser.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Can you please mute your phone? Thank you.

Go ahead.

MS. FRASER: Hi, my name is Lindsay Fraser, I'm the Mayor of Brackenridge Borough, Pennsylvania. I registered for this meeting while I was working with Councilman DeMarco on getting funding for the - our body-worn cameras. And so - and I've since been working with him on that, but I still wanted to take this time, first of all, to introduce myself, but also just to advocate on behalf of those outer ring municipalities.

Ever since I've been hearing adults in my town talk about government when I was a kid out in my area, we've been talking about Allegheny County. And it's one of those things where we feel very disconnected from the county processes that happen more centrally to the city. And so I wanted to take this moment to maybe make some of those of connections. I know we're pretty acutely feeling that right now because we are right across the bridge from New Ken and Arnold and we're seeing that Westmoreland County is doling out those ARPA funds where they just divided by the number of municipalities, and then cut checks. And I know that that's not what we did in Allegheny County, and it really disadvantaged a lot of those smaller municipalities that don't have tens of thousands of dollars to pay administrative staff to put those kind of grant applications and asks together.

So some of the places that needed the most help got the least, because of the way that we doled out those funds. And we're similarly seeing a lot of the checks

from the opiate settlements come online now, but Allegheny County was pulled out of that. And I don't know what the status of that is. It was my understanding that we were not part of the federal settlement, because Allegheny County was seeking their own settlement, and so I just - yeah, I just wanted to take a minute and bring that to your attention.

And also, as Mayor, being aware of the independent police review board that is being put together as well as the alternative emergency response work that's going on with the Harvard - the government performance lab - and I just want to know what I can do as Mayor of an outer ring borough to connect us into some of those opportunities that don't exactly get communicated out to those outer ring municipalities. So thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

Go ahead.

MR. BARKER: Last but not least is Mike Suley.

MR. SULEY: Good evening. It's a pleasure to be here again. I'm Mike Suley. I was a consultant on the common level ratio lawsuit against Allegheny County.

And I'm going to start with - I have good news and bad news. Good news T.J. Watts coming back, yes. Now, I have to get serious. Bad news, there are tens of thousands of people in Allegheny County paying more than they should be paying in property taxes, because of the results of this lawsuit. I was going to be the first witness - somebody has to mute that mic.

I was going to be the first witness. I didn't get a chance because the county solicitor said, hey, we'll do a recount, everything will be good. Everything's not good. For the last six years people have been overcharged in an assessment appeals because of mistakes, and according to our attorney, John Silvestri there is a possible malfeasance in this, because we did talk to a number of the assessors. We have memos where - well, all of you know, Mr. Fitzgerald's goal was to maintain the base year, never do a reassessment. There's a memo from the chief assessor of Allegheny County to people in the

assessment office saying we have to keep it above 85 percent or we're going to have a reassessment. That is not how things are supposed to be done in Allegheny County.

I'm going to ask you two things. Form an assessment committee - I was here in the early 2000s, there was an assessment committee by county council. This happened on your watch, not just Mr. Fitzgerald's. Back in - back in 2005 - I'm going to read from the Pittsburgh Post Gazette. County council President Rich Fitzgerald said he and his fellow councilmembers have a duty to shield property owners from large tax increases, March of 2005.

Now we're going to go back to the future, 2022. We have Rich - the 2022 version of Rich Fitzgerald who just puts up a veil of secrecy. We have no idea why last year people were paying taxes on 87.5 and all of a sudden it dropped to 63.5. I've been saying this for years. I said it a year ago even after the recount, please, two things, set up the committee to investigate what happened and why and make sure - Councilman Walton, you weren't here the last time. I was talking about Wilkesburg, where I grew up.

If a property is over-assessed by \$10,000, that's \$500 more a year that a taxpayer pays. Fix it. Fix it. Open the appeals window this year. I'm sure the administration wants to wait until next year, just do the right thing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. To address your question, and I'll address it right now, I am forming a special committee post haste to look into the assessment process. Obviously there - I have serious concerns about what took place after reading the legal proceedings, and I do believe we have a responsibility to the taxpayers of Allegheny County to not only shield the taxpayers from any unnecessary property tax increases, but also hold people accountable for what took place in the past and what took place in this court hearing. So I will be setting this up post haste, so that will be done I assure you.

At this point in time, since there's no other public comment, is there a motion to adjourn?

MS. BENNETT: So moved.

MR. PALMOSINA: 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? The motion carries.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:39 P.M.

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