

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Patrick Catena	-	President, District 4
John F. Palmiere	-	Vice-President, District 9
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
Nicholas Futules	-	District 7
Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis	-	District 8
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
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: Please remain standing for a moment of silent reflection.

(Silent reflection.)

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

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

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yeah. 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?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Pamosina?

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: And with Ms. Hallam here, we now have 14 Members present.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Proclamations, slash, Certificates? All the Proclamations and Certificates will be read into the record.

12864-23.

MR. BARKER: Certificates of Recognition presented to the 2023 Shining Star Gala Awardees. Sponsored by Council Member Filiaggi.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12865-23.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation honoring Frances S. Butts on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12866-23.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation honoring Denise White on the occasion of her 70th birthday. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

PRESIDENT CATENA: There's no public comment on any of the Agenda items. The Approval of Minutes. Any minutes?

MR. BARKER: No.

PRESIDENT CATENA: None. Presentation of Appointments, none. Unfinished Business. Committee on Budge and Finance, the Second Reading, 12852-23.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the tax levy upon all real property subject to taxation within the limits of Allegheny County for Fiscal Year 2024. Sponsored by Council Member Palmosina.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Council Member Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, Mr. President. The Budget and Finance Committee met on November 21st and affirmatively recommended this Ordinance. So I move for approval.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Hearing no discussion, Jared, please take a Roll Call Vote.

MR. BARKER: On a motion to approve.

MR. BARKER: 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?
(No response.)
MR. BARKER: 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, no zero. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT CATENA: 12857-23.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a Capital Budget pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 and Article VII, Section 4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses for capital expenditures during the Fiscal Year beginning January 1st, 2024 and ending December 31st, 2024. Sponsored by Council Member Palmosina.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Council Member Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, Mr. President. The Budget and Finance Committee met on November 21st and we affirmatively recommended this ordinance. I move for approval.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Hearing no discussion, Jared, please take a Roll Call Vote.

MR. BARKER: On a motion to approve.

MR. BARKER:	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?
(No response.)	
MR. BARKER:	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, no zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12858-23.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopting the Grants Budget, Special Accounts Budget and Agency Fund Budget, by setting forth appropriations to pay said expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2024 and ending December 31st, 2024. Sponsored by Council Member Palmosina.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Council Member Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, Mr. President. The Budget and Finance Committee met on November 21st and affirmatively recommended this Ordinance. I move for approval.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Hearing no discussion, Jared,
please take a Roll Call Vote.

MR. BARKER: On a motion to approve.

MR. BARKER: 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?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: 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, no zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: This evening, are there any
Liaison Reports?

MR. DUERR: President Catena, I just wanted to ---
the Board of Elections met yesterday at ten o'clock right
here in the Gold Room, and we unanimously voted to approve
or certify the results of the 2023 General Election. The
only thing I wanted to highlight was that the --- I had

some questions on write-in results. Those have been posted on the website. Additionally, I just wanted to, again, remind folks with mail-in ballots, we actually had a little bit over a thousand mail-in ballots arrive late this year that were not counted, those that came after the eight o'clock deadline. So once again, the folks that are applying for a mail-in ballot, please, please, please get those in as quickly as possible to make sure your votes count. That's it. Thank you, President Catena.

MS. HALLAM: Yeah, I just had one question about the write-ins. So is there something else --- is there another process that needs to happen? I know it's something like unofficial, is it because they haven't accepted them yet?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MS. HALLAM: Is that the only thing ---? Gotcha' (sic).

MR. DUERR: So once they --- for the positions, once they accept it, they will --- if they accept, they will be sent a --- the same thing, the certificate of you have been elected official once they accept that.

MS. HALLAM: Gotcha', and thank you for your service, ---

MR. DUERR: You're welcome.

MS. HALLAM: --- Board of Elections.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Anyone else this evening? Seeing no one else, we'll move on to New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions, 12867-23.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 301, entitled, County Council, Section 5-301.09, entitled, Compensation and expenses, in order to eliminate reference to the prohibition on members of Council receiving salaries that formerly existed in the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Duerr.

PRESIDENT CATENA: I believe that Mr. Duerr would like to seek a waiver of the second reading of the bill. Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: I would. I would like to move to waive the second reading on the Ordinance. I had sent --- Mary Coban (phonetic) sent an email about doing this. All this bill would do is to bring the administrative code language in line with the new language that the voters adopted in the Charter in regard to the change from a stipend to a

salary, for the ballot referendum in question that this body put on a few months ago. So we did the same, if folks recall, for those who review, we did the same thing for the Resign to Run ballot referendum. We had to change the administrative code language following that ballot referendum as well. So just trying to get this adopted as quickly as possible. What Jared and I spoke about, everyone that's waiting until after the election to officially certify and this morning, everyone should've also gotten the certification for that ballot referendum we sent them via email as well. So I would like to make the motion to waive the second reading on it.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. We need a --- go ahead, Jared.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to waive the second reading.

MR. BARKER:	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:	No.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Macey?
(No response.)	
MR. BARKER:	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 with one No. The motion to waive the second reading passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Now that we waived the second reading, now we need the motion to approve the actual Bill. Can I have a motion to approve?

MR. DUERR: Motion to approve.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion on the bill itself?
(No response.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Hearing none, Jared, please take a roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: On a motion to approve.

MR. BARKER: 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: No.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
(No response.)
MR. BARKER: 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 with 1 no. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12868-23.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance approving the sale of the County's interest in a three-taxing bodies parcel of property located at Glenn Avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, 15137 and identified as Block and Lot 0232-J-00155, for the sale price of \$400 to Mr. Neil Straub. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to the Committee on Economic Development and Housing.

12869-23.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the conveyance of a 0.88-acre parcel of land owned by Allegheny County that presently is part of the County's White Oak Park in exchange for the acceptance of a conveyance of a 0.89-acre parcel of land owned by A. Keith Staso, Trustee of the A. Keith Staso Revocable Trust Agreement, that is contiguous to White Oak Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

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

12870-23.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution providing for a program of temporary exemption from County real property taxes for improvements, including the payor's construction or reconstruction made on industrial, commercial or business property in a deteriorated area in the City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to the Committee on Economic Development and Housing.

New Business, we have none. Notification of Contracts, none. Public Comment on General Items.

MR. BARKER: We have three. First up is Annette Kroll.

MS. KROLL. Hello, everybody. I'm here on, unfortunately, I have to say, the worst service with Pittsburgh Regional Transit since I've been riding these buses for 38 years. The past three years have made my life difficult as someone who does not have the privilege of driving. I live at the end of the line in Bridgeville. They're planning on cutting the bus that comes up my way in February without any notice to any of us who ride the bus. Everything done in secret.

There's been buses who are shorting the line, where they don't even come all the way into Bridgeville. Nobody is on the bus on Bower Hill before it would turn onto Railroad Street, it goes back to the garage. This has gone on for years, but it has gotten worse in the past three years.

Back in May, when I was waiting for the 31 of the Gray Southern Shopping Center to go back into Bridgeville and go home, the bus did not show up because the driver had to go back to the garage because he didn't want to be late for his next run, so he drove by me and went down to the garage, which is like two minutes from the stop I was at, and that's because of Councilman Kellerman's bonus because she gets on the driver's --- because she --- her bonus is based on them having on-time service.

So it took me three hours to get home that night because of him going back to the garage because he had to be on-time for his next trip. When you call customer service, they tell you lies. Even supervisors, when they eliminated being able to ride around from Wood Street, Sixth Avenue to Smithfield Street, and you can't get on there, I called and asked to speak to a supervisor; oh no, that's not true. That is true. That was a lie by a supervisor. They told me a lie why it's not looping onto Sixth Avenue. They said it was because so the people can connect with the east busway. That wasn't the reason.

I was told when I went in to file complaint against the CEO, I wasn't allowed to do that. I can only file complaints against the drivers. Why --- she's the management and services continually gotten worse.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead. You still have time.

MS. KROLL: Okay.

And I would like to also discuss the bag issue too. I tried to ask yesterday if I could add that on, but I'm someone that works. I feel the past three years I have been made to be a shut-in. I can't get to doctor appointments. It takes me two hours. I got to catch a bus sooner than I would need to, to make sure I don't --- I'm not late for an appointment. I mean, it's on, and on, and on and I've called every level of government. Everyone wants to pass it; well, you need to contact the Port Authority. I've done that. I've put in numerous complaints in the past three years more than I have in my entire life of riding the bus.

She needs to go and so does that Board because nobody cares about the people in the suburbs who ride the bus because we're at the end of the line, of course there's going to be less people on the bus, but when you have drivers who are shorting the routes and the bus doesn't get to you or you're getting on the bus to go home, obviously, and that's why a lot of people already ---. I go out less out in the evenings because of that. I don't want to be stuck. It's too hard to catch an Uber everywhere when you're on a certain limit.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yeah. We have your information. We're going to be --- we'll get in contact with you.

MS. KROLL: Okay.

PRESIDENT CATENA: I'm familiar with the area, so I'm ---.

MS. KROLL: Okay.

I can give you a lot more examples about it.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yeah, I'm very familiar with the area. I'm familiar with some of the issues that occur out there, unfortunately. So we'll be reaching out to you so give us --- probably tomorrow.

MS. KROLL: All right.

Can I speak on the bag issue?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Just real quick.

MS. KROLL: Okay.

Plastic bags, I use them for other things. So it's a lie calling them single use. When you're waiting for a bus, paper bags do not do you any good, and as someone who doesn't have a driving privilege, I don't have the ability to leave bags in my car or whatever. The paper bags fall apart when you're out in the rain, a half-hour waiting for a bus or an hour. The plastic bags; I use them like this (indicating), to carry my bottle of water in my tote bag so it doesn't sweat. I use them to line my garbage cans in the bathroom when I go away on vacation. I use them to separate clean and dirty clothes.

When I'm at the bus stop, if it's raining, I may sit on the plastic bag if the bench is wet if there happens to be a bench. So I think this is a tax on the people who do not have driving privilege, people with disabilities and it's a sneaky tax and I think it should not go into effect.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Rachel Nunes.

MS. NUNES: Hello, my name is Rachel Nunes, N-U-N-E-S. I'm the Executive Director of the Thomas Merton Center. We're a peace and justice organization that has been in operation for 50 years in Pittsburgh, and today I want to talk about what's at stake if you all, the City Council and the mayor's office don't act now and move forward with plans for service to homeless campsites. Particularly, the impact prolonged exposure to cold weather will have on our unhoused neighbor's health. These facts are easily found with simple Google search.

Affects on the body, freezing temperature can slow your blood circulation and heighten the body's sensitivity to pain and cause muscle spasms. Cold stress can lead to serious conditions, such as, hypothermia, frostbite and trench foot, but more on hypothermia later. Heart attacks and strokes increase in frequency during the winter months, usually affected those who already have an underlying health problem. A drop in temperature concentrates blood flow in the body core, increasing blood pressure, so placing more strain on the heart. Also, your body works harder to generate additional heat when it is cold. It has been reported colder weather makes blood vessels constrict, which can increase blood pressure and blood clotting, another major risk for stroke.

How it effects the brain and emotional state. Cold weather can make you feel tired, have difficulty sleeping, have a poor appetite and so you lose weight, fatigue, confusion, disorientation, excessive shivering and lost coordination. It can lead to people feeling even more depressed and anxious. Low body temperature due to cold environments can cause unclear thinking, limited body movement, which could spur confused thoughts or irregular responses.

Prolonged exposure to cold will eventually use on your body's stored energy. The results is hypothermia. Body temperature that is too low effects the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well. This makes hypothermia particularly dangerous because a person may not even know it is happening and won't be able to do anything about it. Hypothermia is most likely a very cold temperatures, yes, but it can occur even at cold temperatures even above 40 degrees Fahrenheit if a person becomes chilled from rain, sweat or submerged in cold water.

I'm not exaggerating. People will die if this Body, the Mayor's Office and the City don't act together now. People's bodies will, at the very least, be forever changed, making their lives even more difficult. Making recuperating from being homeless an even steeper climb.

To wrap it up, no more camp evictions; provide for our neighbors now. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

MR. BARKER: And last up is Sam Schmidt.

MS. SCHMIDT: Hi, everybody, I'm Sam Schmidt. I'm a Resident of Bellevue in Allegheny County. I'm also an activist and outreach worker. I work with our unhoused (population here in Pittsburgh almost on a daily basis and I am here to piggyback on what Rachel just said and ask you to support City Council's proposed Bill, it's number 2023-2197, and that's the Zoning Amendment to help us establish these temporary city-maintained homeless shelters which are, in the case, heated tents with some proposed services.

So yeah, I really, really need you to work together with City Council on this and with the Mayor's office, I know there's going to be some pushback, and to be very clear, the long term solution to this issue is affordable housing for all, period, but we're not there. So in the meantime, Rachel and I and other outreach workers in the City area losing people and losing limbs because it's cold and trench foot is a real thing, even in these temperature.

So I just want you all to think about that. Think about maybe the amount of money that we could save in healthcare cost, for one, but also, you know, arbitrary arrest and ACJ operations, all of those things that happen to unhoused people. We can avoid all those costs and actually save money by getting these people into more stable shelter. I've looked over zoning areas with City Council and there are sites where we can do this. So it's possible, it just takes that funding to come together with that legislation and I think collectively, that we can do it.

Let me think what else do I want to say. I have, like, a whole minute left. So yeah, I'll just come back to the tents, as proposed, we really need your support on both this bill and the ones that will follow, but City Council members did reach out to outreach workers to get in touch with the encampments and figure out exactly what

folks need to be safe, to be stable, to be setup for success. So we have worked together with them on that and while there's still a lot of work to be done with that bill, if we get the funding there, I promise you, I will follow through and we will make this a reality and we will improve it and we will continue to improve it and we will get people into shelter.

The alternative to that is literally, as Rachel just mentioned, we are going to lose lives. Sadly, people are already hospitalized every week. We now have a medical team on the street every week giving care. A doctor is out there with us, volunteering her time to help take care of these folks because legislatively, we are failing. So yeah, that's it. Just thank you so much for your time and please, please, consider working together with City Council to get this legislation passed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

Before we adjourn this evening, I'd like to take a moment to recognize somebody. This individual has been with the County now for 45 years, and his last day is coming up on Friday. He's going off into retirement. So thank you for your service for 45 years, County Solicitor George Janocsko. Stand up.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: We wish you well in your retirement. You deserve it for 45 years, so thank you for your service to Allegheny County.

Is there a motion to adjourn?

MR. WALTON: So moved.

MR. DUERR: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed?

Motion carries. Thank you, everyone. Have a wonderful evening.

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 8 day of December, 2023

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

Deanna Heckel

Court Reporter