

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Patrick Catena	-	President, District 4
John F. Palmiere	-	Vice President District 6
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 afternoon. I'd like to call Allegheny County Council to order. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance Recited)

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

(Moment of Silence)

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?
MR. MACEY:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?
MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Palmosina?
MR. PALMOSINA:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA:	Here.

MR. BARKER: All 15 members are present.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. We'll begin with Proclamations/Certificates.

12643-23.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Edgar Snyder and his longevity to helping others, sponsored by Councilmember Macey.

MR. MACEY: Well, it's certainly an honor and a privilege to recognize Edgar Snyder for his many, many years of legal expertise, helping others, and of course, being a friend. I first met Edgar when I was a little old steel worker in Duquesne and Edgar had an office up on Grant Street. He was our solicitor. I happened to be on the board of the Duquesne Works, Employee's Federal Credit Union. And as things went, the mill shut down. Everybody went their way. I would see Edgar every once in a while up at the Tea Garden up at Squirrel Hill, because I do like Chinese food. We'd always exchange pleasantries, and he was always a gentleman, and I'm sure he still is.

But what I most remember is this laid off steel worker would call Edgar, because I knew him, I figured, hey maybe he could give me some advice. Maybe he could help me, and he did. I never got a bill in the mail. Imagine that. It's a lawyer. A lawyer that is very philanthropic, and his helping others just goes on to this day.

Edgar, whereas we have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you. That was a quote from the English writer John Bunyan, and it personifies. Personifies. Is that a word? Personifies (corrects pronunciation), yeah. Sorry, I'm still learning. The talented attorneys that Allegheny County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have to contribute invaluable to our communities. And whereas Edgar Snyder's father, a Russian immigrant, and his mother, a Pittsburgh native, stressed the importance of hard work and good education. They gave him and his siblings two options for their future employment, asking, are you going to be a lawyer or are you going to be a doctor?

Because of his natural winning arguments and his success on his college debate team, Mr. Snyder felt that the legal profession was a good fit for him. After graduating from Pennsylvania State University, he enrolled in the University of Pittsburgh School of Law to earn his juris doctorate degree. Whereas after graduating from law school, Mr. Snyder wrote - opened his own storefront office in Duquesne. Everybody got started there, right? Setting up a shop across the street from the steel mill so the workers would see his light on after their shifts. At

the time, he was also serving as County Council, County Allegheny - don't do that. Allegheny County Assistant Public Defender and rose quickly among the ranks of criminal defense attorneys. He represented several high profile clients, including Stanley Hoss, in what many consider to be western Pennsylvania's trial of the century. And whereas, despite his success, Mr. Snyder's passion was for helping injured people and victims with disabilities through his storefront operation, he got to know many of these clients well, and Mr. Snyder was determined to expand his personal injury practice. And whereas in 1982, Mr. Snyder founded the law firm Edgar Snyder and Associates with the goal of helping injured people in Western Pennsylvania fight insurance companies. Soon after, Mr. Snyder's television ads about a free legal consultation made him a household name across the region. As Mr. Snyder's reputation as a caring but tough injury attorney grew, so did his law firm.

Whereas over the past years of practicing law, Mr. Snyder has made impressive strides in practicing - as a practicing attorney and is proud that more than 40 years later, the firm continues to champion accident victims. He was selected for the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers List an honor awarded to the top five percent of the statewide lawyers, and he has received the Trib Total Media Reader's Choice Award for Best Attorney in the City from 2010, 2016.

Mr. Snyder was awarded with the lifelong title of Penn State Alumni Fellow, which was given in recognition of his professional accomplishment and is an award of the highest honor given by Penn State Alumni Association. He also received a 225 anniversary medallion from the University of Pittsburgh for his outstanding contributions to the professional fields as an individual who continues to contribute to the success of the university and the students, whereas not only Mr. Snyder was passionate about practicing his law, he is devoted to serving, like most of us do, the community.

He is an active member of the Allegheny County Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Pennsylvania Association of Justice, and American Association for Justice. He also is a President's club member of Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association. And whereas, Mr. Snyder has lived by his words, in which he believes that

if you are fortunate enough to be successful in business, you have a responsibility to give back to the community.

The law firm represents many victims of accidents and sees firsthand the devotion and devastation that happens with these accidents. Mr. Snyder and his firm established the Edgar Snyder Associates Foundation, which partners with local organizations to help keep western and central Pennsylvania communities safe and supported. Whereas, due to the philanthropic efforts of the community, Mr. Snyder has received PNC's Community Builders Award and the Emanuel Spector Memorial Award, which recognizes exemplary service to the community.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Allegheny County Councilmember Bob Macey and all of the members, do recognize Attorney Edgar Snyder for his unwavering dedication to his clients and enhancing the law practice in Pennsylvania. And I must say, all of his philanthropic work he has done in all of our communities. It doesn't matter who you are, where you live, he's there to help. Congratulations.

MR. SNYDER: You got that out of the law firm. They wrote it. I think everybody has one of those in the law firm. It's very nice. But first of all, I want to thank everybody here on Council. I really appreciate this proclamation, and I especially appreciate you, Bob, because as we said before this started, I remember - I don't know whether any of them knew you that long. I probably know you longer than all of these people have known you.

MR. MACEY: They know me enough.

MR. SNYDER: They know you now. But I knew you then. And he said I started my law practice in 1966 in Duquesne. In Duquesne, Pennsylvania. I opened up the storefront. I was having the opportunity and looking and say, how can I build a practice and where I can start? I had some family that lived in Duquesne, and they said, well, we're going to let you hang out a shingle at an insurance agency on Grant Street in Duquesne, Pennsylvania. And I remember later, the owner of the agency said, he doesn't know anybody in Duquesne. He doesn't know anybody out here. I'll give him maybe two to four weeks before he'll be gone.

And I wasn't gone. I stayed there, I timed it. So I used to come out. I don't know whether people thought I worked in the mill and then came there and set up my

shingle or not, but it was right out in front of the - at the time when Duquesne Works was there. And that really foundationally started me on the road. People know me now as a personal injury lawyer, advertising over 40 years. But really when you go back and you start to look at where you come from and what makes a difference, Duquesne, Pennsylvania, at that time, the Mon Valley, it really made a difference for me. I laugh because he was a steel worker and he was in the Credit Union and I was the lawyer for the credit unions, a lot of different credit unions in the Mon Valley at that time. And I really got to know everybody. And it really helped me.

When I think now, and I look at this and what you had to say, and I look back and I say, it's really nice to have fame, it's really nice to be well known and it's nice to be on television, but you really have to go back to where it all starts. And where it all started for me was back there in the Mon Valley. And in fact, it wouldn't be fair for me not to - when you're talking about county Council and things of that nature, without the help of Leonard Staisey, I would not have really had the break that I had. He was the county commissioner at that time, and he appointed me. Was one of the first appointees, not as the public defender, but one of the first public defenders that worked in the public defender's office.

It's very interesting at that time, because I think they have now 60, 70, 80 lawyers. We had four lawyers doing all the work in Allegheny County, but that's where I got my experience. And then when I had the opportunity, I was a criminal lawyer for 17 years and then I got into - in the beginning when you were starting to allow to practice law by advertising. I got myself on television, and I remember everybody saying, you better be good because you're not exactly the best looking guy on television. Bill Burns, if anybody - if you all remember. Bill Burns and I used to joke, and he used to say to me, Edgar - I knew him and he used to say to me, I give you a lot of credit for going on television looking the way you do. It's always stuck in my mind.

But anyway, building this law firm - and I really have to pay homage, because I figured it out. But you're all here, and most of you are in the third generation. Michael, second generation, myself and the first generation of the law firm. And it really gives me tremendous pleasure to stand here, not just as a lawyer,

but as a lawyer who started a law firm. And we're still doing really good things in Allegheny County. We stress in that law firm, okay? We stress giving back to the community. I have always believed --- you said it in the proclamation, and it's true. If you are lucky enough to be successful, you've got a duty and an obligation to give back. How can you give back? You can go to community, you can get involved in charitable endeavors, whether it's with professional athletes in Pittsburgh, whether it's on the local level, whether it's in the law firm. We do a lot all the time, because I believe in giving back.

So I am very appreciative. I'm humbled, honestly. I'm humbled to have this opportunity. I thank all of you. I thank you, Bob, for doing this. It means a lot to me. Growing up here, living and me being a lifelong resident of Allegheny County, and to be able to come before the county Council this - it's a true privilege. Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

MR. MACEY: My pleasure.

MR. KLEIN: Mr. Macey, may I be joined as a co-sponsor?

MR. MACEY: Absolutely.

MR. KLEIN: Oh, we all are. Okay. Oh, good.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Paul.

(Photographs were taken)

PRESIDENT CATENA: The remaining proclamations will be read in to the record, as representative from 412 Thrive Day in Allegheny County, sponsored by Councilmember DeMarco, Hallam, Duerr, Catena, Prizio, Bennett, Macey and Naccarati-Chapkis.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12644-23.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing National Vietnam War Veterans Day sponsored by Councilmember DeMarco

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12645-23.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Bethel Park Outstanding Citizen of the Year, Pamela Tiano, sponsored by Councilmember Deurr.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12646-23.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Bethel Park outstanding Citizen of the Year Lisa Jenkins, sponsored by Councilmember Duerr.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12647-23.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing the Honorable Christine L. Donohue for being the recipient of 2023 Judge

Robert E. Dauer Award, sponsored by Councilmembers Catena and Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12648-23.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing County Executive Rich Fitzgerald on being the recipient of 2023 James R. McGregor Award, sponsored by Councilmembers Catena and Macey.

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

MR. BARKER: We did have a couple people sign up. First up is Erica Rocchi Busselars.

MS. BRUSSELARS: Good evening. I am Erica Rocchi Busselars. I live on the North Side of Pittsburgh, and my professional background is a retirement plan actuary. I am here today to speak in support of Motion 1264-23, which affirms the need for strong ethical rules and practices for the Retirement Board of Allegheny County. This is an important step to building the trust of plan members and taxpayers. Last month, the Retirement Board of Allegheny County tabled a motion to bring ethical standards of the plan in line with those required for plans receiving state funding. Although our plan does not receive state funding, this change would help close a current avenue for individual board members or staff to personally benefit at the expense of plan members, taxpayers, and the public trust.

Leading a \$1 billion pension fund with promises two times that amount is a huge responsibility. Plan members, residents and businesses of this county need to be assured that those responsible for this plan are always focused on their fiduciary responsibility. Moving forward this motion voices Council support for building the foundational and transparent guardrails to ensure that board members and staff are working solely for the public good. I urge County Council to pass Motion 12641-23. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Next.

MR. BARKER: Next up is County Controller Corey O'Connor.

MR. O'CONNOR: Thank you. I was here for the same motion, but I'm glad Edgar was here. Somebody just hit my car in the county parking lot. No, I'm just kidding. I'm good, I'm good, I'm good.

I'm here to also speak on behalf of that motion. As everybody knows, as a board member, I introduced that

motion at last month's meeting for our board solicitor to consolidate ethics provision as a policy that we could vote on and adopt at, hopefully next month's board meeting. These are simple, common sense provisions that countless other governments across our Commonwealth have had, and I think it's time that we do the same.

These reforms would keep the Retirement Board from employing professional service contractors who contribute to political campaigns for elected countywide officials. Codifying these standards as retirement board policy is necessary to ensure that our employees and retirees, that we're making sound investment decisions for the retirement fund's future and not for our own benefits. This will also allow us to avoid the perception of pay per play politics. We can't keep getting by saying it's always been this way or everybody does it.

When it comes to our basic ethical obligations with taxpayers, first, we can do better and we must do better. Allegations residents benefit from more transparent and open government, including these straightforward efforts, reforms will go a long way in helping us. So thank you very much for your consideration and thank you again for your support.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Approval of minutes.

Right now is a known issue with the COVID sheet on the minutes, the corrected version obviously, has been requested. We will be incorporating this in the minutes when it is received. So is there a motion to approve the minutes?

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MS. BENNETT: 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. Presentation of appointments?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Unfinished business, Committee on Parks for the second reading.

12579-23.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of the Allegheny Land Trust offer to donate 43 parcels of land located adjacent to the County's North Park, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of Council. We met last week, and this is obviously a nice opportunity to extend some of the park out there in the North Park area. And this met with the affirmative recommendations Mr. President, and I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: The motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, Jared, roll call vote, please.

MR. BARKER: On the motion 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?
MR. MACEY:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	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 15, noes 0, the Bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12630-23.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the

continued use of BMX bicycle facility in the County's South Park by South Park BMX, Incorporated, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of Council. Again, this is a partnership that we've enjoyed over South Park for many, many years and just happy to continue on with the good work these people do out there. It's a wonderful facility for the youth of our community. Again, this met affirmative recommendations president, and I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: The motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, Jared, please take a roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: On the motion 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?
MR. MACEY:	Yes.
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 15, noes 0, the Bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12631-23.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of County of Allegheny, City of Pennsylvania authorizing the continued use of real property in the County's Deer Lake Park for purposes of farming by Beacom Farms sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of Council. Again, this is another long-term commitment we've had from these good people out there in Deer Lakes for many, many years. We're happy to renew our opportunity to serve them and to help them serve the people of the - Allegheny County. Again, when this met with affirmative recommendation, Mr. President, I move for approval.

MR. DUERR: Second.

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

MR. BARKER: On the motion 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?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

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 15, noes 0, the Bill passes.
PRESIDENT CATENA: Are there any liaison reports

this evening?

MR. BARKER: I apologize we have one more.
PRESIDENT CATENA: Did I miss one? There it is.

Okay.

12632-23.

MR. BARKER: And ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing continued use of real property in the County's White Oak Park known as Angora Garden by UPMC Western Behavioral Health at Mon Yough, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Again, these people do wonderful work out there. It's been going on for quite a while and we're glad to renew our contract with them in ensuing years. And again, we met with affirmative approval and recommendation and I move for approval.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: The motion has been and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none, Jared, please take roll.

MR. BARKER: On the motion 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?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
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 15, noes 0, the Bill passes.
PRESIDENT CATENA: Now liaison reports. Does anyone have a liaison report?
MR. DUERR: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

MR. DUERR: Two. First, I am not a member of Parks, but I wanted to thank the members of all of the friends groups who attended the last Parks meeting was the first annual review of those groups in accordance with the rewritten ordinance that Councilmembers Prizio, myself, Palmiere and then Councilwoman Kirk rewrote. So I wanted to thank all the friends groups who came, a couple of new groups that showed up. So I wanted to thank them for their attendance and their participation and their work better on county parks.

Second, I wanted to give the Liaison report as the now only County Councilmember on the Board of Elections. I had my first meeting with Elections Director Dave Boyd, getting me up to speed about everything before the May 16 primary. I just wanted to highlight a few things. First and foremost, poll workers, I know that's always a big deal. Right now there are 4,741 individuals already assigned to polls across the county.

According to Dave, the poll worker recruitment is going very, very well but we could always use more, specifically in the city Tarentum, Turtle Creek, Upper St. Clair, West Mifflin, Westview and Whitehall. So if any of those areas are in your district, upper St. Clair is mine. If anyone who'd be interested in working at the poll on election day, I'd ask that you please reach out inside

your communities to help fill those spots. In addition to that mail and ballot timeline. Right now, everything is set to go. We are still, however, waiting on a couple of unresolved litigation for some of the potential folks appearing on our ballots. Some of those cases could go to the Commonwealth Court. Until those cases are resolved, we cannot send out the mail-in ballots yet, but once they are, we will be getting out the mail in ballots as soon as possible. So I just wanted to give those updates. Thank you, President Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Anyone else this evening? Hearing none we'll move into new business.
12637-23.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing the referendum question regarding the amendment Article 3, Section 5(b) of the normal charter of Allegheny County terminals only the Chief Executive be placed on the November 7th, 2023, general election ballot sponsored by Councilmembers Duerr and Filiaggi.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to government form.
12638-23.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing the referendum question regarding the amendment of Article 3, Section 7A of the Honorable Charter of Allegheny County, which establishes a permitting site and pay structure for members of Council be placed on the November 7th, 2023 general election ballot sponsored by Councilmember Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to government reform.
12639-23.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to the Allegheny County Health Department's rules and regulations, Article Two, entitled Needle Exchange Program sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to Health and Human Services.
12640-23.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to the Allegheny County's Health Department's rules and regulations,

Article 23 entitled Universal Blood Lead Level Testing sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: New business, motions.
12641 -.

MR. BARKER: I apologize, on that last Bill. Health and Human Services for that one as well.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Health and Human Services. Sorry.

New business, motions.
12641-23.

MR. BARKER: A motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing the opinion of Allegheny County Council regarding the Retirement Board of Allegheny County's ongoing review of potential alterations to the Board's ethical standards and/or best practices, sponsored by Councilmember Duerr.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Duerr and I talked before the meeting. That's going to go to Executive Committee, but I'm going to recognize him at this point in time for a few comments.

MR. DUERR: Yeah, President Catena, we had a couple of speakers speak on this tonight about a number of constituents in my district talk about the ongoing conversations, the Retirement Board. I'd like to thank everyone on that board for taking a look at the ethical standards practices of that body. What this motion would do, just as an FYI for my members of Council, it doesn't signal one way or the other whether Council supports or does not support any specific initiative or change in practices, simply that we are asking them to continue those conversations. And that, for me, that was an important signal to them, given all of the constituent outreach I've received on that subject. This motion does not set the Council's position one way or the other simply says, hey, we think these conversations are a good idea. We appreciate you for taking them up and urge you to continue them. That's it. Thanks president.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Notification of Contracts.

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Public comments on general items.

MR. BARKER: We had two individuals sign up timely, and one, I believe who I believe is a non-county resident sign up untimely.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. And no one's here
though?

MR. BARKER: The first is Rodney Poteat. The
second is Jacob Poole.

PRESIDENT CATENA: At this point then, a motion
to adjourn.

MR. DUERR: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: 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.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:34 P.M.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify, as the stenographic reporter, that the foregoing proceedings were taken stenographically by me, and thereafter reduced to typewriting by me or under my direction; and that this transcript is a true and accurate record to the best of my ability.

Dated the 4 day of May, 2023

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Allison Walker,

Court Reporter