Fitzgerald Submits Six Bills for Council Consideration at August 31 Meeting

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald submitted six bills to Council for its referral or consideration at its upcoming August 31 meeting:

- Ordinance ratifying amendments of the Health Department’s Rules and Regulations, establishing a new article, Article XXIV, “Paid Sick Leave,” that addresses the necessity for certain employees performing work within Allegheny County to have access to paid sick days;

- Ordinance ratifying amendments of the Health Department’s Rules and Regulations Article XXI, “Air Pollution Control,” to establish a new section entitled “Mon Valley Air Pollution Episode” and providing revisions to the “Open Burning” section; the new regulation sets emissions mitigation requirements for industry operating in the Mon Valley during weather-related pollution episodes and also provide notice to citizens in the Mon Valley communities of the concerns;

- Ordinance ratifying amendments of the Health Department’s Rules and Regulations Article XXI, “Air Pollution Control,” to update sections “Installation Permit Application and Administration Fees,” and “Administration Fees” to makes its fee structure consistent with that of the PA Department of Environmental Protection;

- Ordinance authorizing Highmark Health to use designated sites on county property for healthcare-related educational advertisements, specifically at locations in North and South parks for an 18-month period;

- Ordinance authorizing Picrow Streaming Inc. to use county property in and around the County Courthouse and North Park in connection with the filming of a television series currently referred to as “Sprung;” and

- Resolution amending the 2021 Grants and Special Accounts Budget to accept (1) $32,594,000 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury to be utilized by the Department of Human Services to provide an Emergency Rental Assistance Program to offer rental and utility assistance to eligible low-income households impacted by the coronavirus pandemic who need financial assistance to avoid eviction or loss of utility service; and, (2) $99,750,000 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury to be utilized by the county to provide support for government response to the economic and public health impacts of COVID-19.

County Manager William D. McKain CPA announced that Victor Joseph has been named Assistant Superintendent of Police. Joseph began his career with the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police in 1995 as a beat officer. He received numerous promotions, ultimately retiring from the bureau as Commander of the Major Crimes Division. He is a resident of the City of Pittsburgh.

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