

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Patrick Catena	-	President, District 4
Robert J. Macey	-	Vice President, District 9
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-At-Large
Bethany Hallam	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Tom Duerr	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Nicholas Futules	-	District 7
Paul Zavarella	-	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 of Legislative Services
Jack Cambest - Allegheny County Council Solicitor
Kenneth Varhola - Chief of Staff
Sarah Roka - Budget Assistant

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.

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

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

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

Ms. Kirk? Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Pالموسينا?

MR. PALMOSINA: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella.

MR. ZAVARELLA: Here.

MR. BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Here.

MR. BARKER: We have 14 members present at the moment.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. This evening I'd like to welcome County Executive Rich Fitzgerald on his 2021 Comprehensive Fiscal Plan and Budget Address. Welcome, Mr. Executive.

(Applause.)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. Before I get started I'd like to present this to the Clerk, The legislation asked this be placed on the agenda. This will be the operating budget, the capital budget and the grants and special accounts budgets, to place those on.

First of all, thank you. Thank you for those of you who are here and those of you remotely. Obviously, these are very challenging times.

Before we get started, I really want to single out the folks who have been coming to work literally every day.

And I want to thank my Chief of Staff, Jennifer Liptack, Willie McCain, Amy Downs, Darla Crovatama, Alissa Way, Jessica Mooney, and Patricia in my office, who literally every day are keeping the --- and among many other people. And I want to thank Mary Cirocca, a budget director, for really doing a yeoman's job throughout this entire time, dealing with obviously the CARES Budget and then the budget that's being presented tonight. You know, there have been a lot of people doing a lot of good work, and you see Dr. Bogan every week and Director Brown and so many others who have just really stepped up during this very, very difficult time.

But let me present the budget. And then we'll open it up for any questions. The budget I'm going to be presenting to you this evening has no millage increase. This will be the 19th time in the last 20 years that we're presenting a budget for the residents of Allegheny County, for your consideration, that their millage will not increase. And again, in most years that would actually be a little bit of a decrease, because it doesn't even adjust for the cost of living. This year, again, being a little bit differently, we're not sure where that will go.

The operating budget that we're going to present to you tonight is actually a little bit of a decrease from last year's budget that you passed. That'll be a 942.5 operating budget, which is about \$17 million less than the budget you approved for 2020, almost a two percent decrease. And you will see that many of our revenues did decrease over this year, and understandably so during the COVID pandemic. Our pour drink tax revenues are down. Our car rental tax is down. The casino tax is down. The hotel/motel tax is down. And our court fee collections are also down. Relatively stable, and surprisingly so,

are the RAD sales tax numbers, have been relatively stable. And also our property tax has actually seen a little bit of new construction, which has continued, which it talks a lot about this region right now that people have continued to invest, continued to work, continue to move forward in this region.

There's going to be a few items that will be increased. Probably you'd be expecting that health and human services, we're going to --- introducing a slight increase for that. We will also be increasing slightly administrative services. As you can imagine, running elections right now is extremely expensive. We've been given an unfunded mandate, all 67 counties in the Commonwealth have been given an unfunded mandate by the legislature to run mail-in balloting as well as keeping all the polling places open. It's very labor-intensive, very expensive, so we had to put a little more money in the administrative services budget for next year.

You will see some decreases along the lines of things like court records, arcades, jail, public works, facilities, miscellaneous and Shuman. And one of the biggest decreases you'll see, and it's a good one, is our debt service. And I want to thank all of you for passing the refunding, the bond financing that you did a couple of months ago. With interest rates being as low as they are it was a real opportunity for us to save money on our interest and our carrying charges. So that was something that was very helpful.

I also want to thank our congressional leadership in the County, Congressman Doyle and Congressman Lamb for delivering the CARES money to us earlier this year. It allowed us to increase spending, investing in health, contact tracers, PPEs, testing equipment, et cetera, et cetera. Also, we were able to invest in some technology for our workers to work remotely and then try to keep our facilities, obviously, as safe as we can during this time.

The County Manager had instituted a hiring freeze when the pandemic hit, and we're going to be proposing that --- that hiring freeze remain in effect for the first six months of 2021. We're not anticipating at this point that we'll be needing any layoffs. Nobody had gotten laid off through this time. And again, we're hopeful that that can continue on through next year, at least the first six months of next year.

We're going to be asking for a new department called Children Initiatives. You may recall a couple of years ago that the residents put a referendum question on the ballot to increase the millage to fund some pre-K and some early childhood initiatives. While it narrowly failed, I think there's a lot of interest in trying to help and provide services to have our kids --- all kids, all of our children in Allegheny County ready for school when they hit kindergarten and first grade. So we are going to be asking for a creation of a couple of positions, and the County Manager will be able to discuss that more in detail during the budget process. And I do note during the process, after the failure, we did put a committee together, and I know Councilman Walton and Councilman Baker participated and were very active in some of the recommendations that you're going to see as we move forward on those areas.

We're going to continue on our capital budget. We're actually going to see a little bit of an increase, a little over \$127 million on our capital budget. Again, being able to fund capital projects with low interest rate bonds that we were able to go out --- again, thank you for the work that you did. It's very fiscally responsible for us to get this work done now when the money is as low cost as it is for us to be able to borrow. So we're going to continue to invest in our infrastructure, our roads, our bridges, our parks, our technology, our buildings to make our services that we provide to the customers, our taxpayers, as efficiently as we can.

We're going to continue to be investing in our parks. I think I might've mentioned this at one of my previous meetings, but we're going to have two parks next year that will go net zero. Deer Lakes and White Oak Park, two of our nine county parks, will actually be able to produce more energy through the solar and wind and the other sustainable energy generations that they have to be able to put more --- put energy on the grid. We're also going to be doing some LED lighting and some more solar in South Park for --- along Corrigan Drive. The new maintenance facility that's going to be off of Corrigan up off of Maple Springs will also have solar panels up on the roof.

The grants and special accounts budget will be about \$1.5 billion. Again, you know, we just heard today that the talks at the federal government with the stimulus

and the next run of CARES are off the table, I guess, at this point. We're certainly hopeful that they get back to the table and provide some of the funding, because as the year comes to an end that funding comes to an end. And I think a lot of not just our government but state government and municipal governments are going to continue to need help until the pandemic is coming to an end.

With that I was going to open it up to any questions. As we present this budget the County Manager and Director Soroka and our team will certainly be available to answer any questions as you go through the budget process. As you go through your hearings and committee meetings we'll be there to assist.

But again, I want to thank you for the cooperation you've given throughout this year to present this budget, to get our bond rating as high as it is. It's one of the highest, I think, in almost 40 years. And it's keeping our costs down.

So with that, Mr. President, I open it up to any questions.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you, Mr. Executive. Are there any general questions? Please hold any specific questions until, obviously, when we hold the budget hearings.

So are there any general questions this evening for the Executive?

COUNCILWOMAN: I have a couple, Councilman Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

COUNCILWOMAN: General question from --- first of all thank you, Executive Fitzgerald for giving this opportunity to speak, it is appreciated.

My first question is you mentioned that the budget was bound for, you know, obvious revenue shortage reasons.

Can you speak to where funding is planning to be cut from?

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, I as I indicated, Councilwoman, I think you're going to see not very many significant cuts, but I think you're going to see, for example, court records. The courts aren't running as many operations, trials, et cetera, as they did before. Our census is down in the canes, so there will be a corresponding reduction in spending that would go on there. We've seen a reduction in jail population, so for

the first time that I can remember we're actually going to have a decrease in the jail budget. We're able to make some cuts in facilities without necessarily hurting what we need to do, moving some of that onto capital budget. The reduction in Shuman, again, on population, we've seen less of a need there because the population has been down. And then, again, debt service, about \$13 million in savings on our interest carrying charges next year because of the bond refinancing that this Council approved a few months ago.

COUNCILWOMAN: Thank you. And then my second and last question, we on Council received about 15 emails ahead of your address tonight, and they were all about one issue. And it was about increasing funding into the health department's air program to take on the legal representation of the major polluters here in Allegheny County.

Is there any plan in the budget to increase funding there?

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, actually we've been increasing that funding for many years, including this year. And that'll be done again next year. They have really ramped up the amount of legal defense and legal services, I guess, if you will, to make sure that that's done. And you know, really, to be honest with you, they've been doing a pretty good job, and I think you're going to see continued improvement. And quite frankly, I think the 88 percent reduction we've seen in PM2.5 over the last decade, I think we're going to continue to see improvement in that. It's a priority of mine, and we'll continue to do so.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Are there any other questions?

Hearing no other questions, I'll ask for a motion to, basically, introduce the ordinance the millage ordinance for 2021 and the resolutions containing the operating, capital and grants and special accounts budget for 2021.

MACEY: So moved.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there a second?

PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded.

Is there any discussion?
Hearing no discussion, all those in favor
signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed?
Motion carries. Thank you everyone.

So Jared, I'll read the bill numbers to
officially --- so you can officially recognize them.
11634-20.

MR. BARKER: That's an ordinance to the County
of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania establishing
the tax levy upon all real property subject to taxation
within the limits of Allegheny County.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11635-20.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of
Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopting an
operating budget pursuant to Article 4, Section 2 and
Article 7, Section 4 of the home rule charter by setting
forth appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the
public business of Allegheny County and for meeting debt
charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2021
and ending December 31st, 2021.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11636-20.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of
Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopting a capital
budget pursuant to Article 4, Section 2 and Section 7,
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,
2021 and ending December 31st, 2021.

PRESIDENT CATENA: And 11637-20.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of
Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopting the
grants and budget special accounts budget and agency fund
budget by setting forth appropriations to pay said
expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1st,
2021 and ending December 31st, 2021.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll now have
proclamations and certificates. All of these are going to
be read into the record.

11621-20.

MR. BARKER: I apologize. Just step back for a
second. All four of the budget bills will be referred to
budget and finance?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Oh, yes. Correct.

MR. BARKER: Okay.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Sorry.

MR. BARKER: 11621-20, a proclamation declaring October 2020 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and commending the efforts of A Glimmer of Hope foundation, NSABP Foundation, Incorporated and Susan G. Komen Greater Pennsylvania, and we encourage all citizens to join in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent and control breast cancer. Sponsored by Councilmember Kirk and all other members of Council.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11622-20.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Dylan Robert Ferrari upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award. Sponsored by Councilmember Futules.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11623-20.

MR. BARKER: A certificate of recognition presented to Ross Township upon being named one of America's top Places to Live by Money website. Sponsored by Councilmember Hallam.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11624-20.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Stephen Wade Snyder upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award. Sponsored by Councilmember Hallam.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11625-20.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation opposing wildlife killing contents conducted throughout Pennsylvania. Sponsored by Councilmember Hallam.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11626-20.

MR. BARKER: Certificates of recognition presented to the 2020 District 1 Difference Maker Awardees. Sponsored by Councilmember Baker.

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

MR. BARKER: Not on agenda items, no.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. The approval of minutes. 11627-20.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 regular meeting of Council.

COUNCILMAN: Motion to approve.

COUNCILMAN: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded.

Is there any discussion?

Seeing no discussion, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed?

Motion carries.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11628-20.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 regular meeting of Council.

COUNCILMAN: Motion to approve.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has --- is there a second?

COUNCILWOMAN: Second.

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

COUNCILWOMAN: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: No discussion. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed?

Motion carries.

Unfinished business. Committee on Budget and Finance, for the second reading. 11615-20.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2020, submission number 08-20. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, Mr. President.

The Budget and Finance Committee met on Thursday, October 1st and affirmatively recommended this resolution that would authorize the acceptance of four new grants. None of these grants to be accepted require any matching funds from the County. I move for approval.

COUNCILMAN: Second.

COUNCILMAN: Second.

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

Is there any discussion?

Hearing no discussion, Jared, would you please take a roll call vote?

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve, Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?
MR. DUERR: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?
MS. HALLAM: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: 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: Mr. Zavarella.
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, nos 0. The bill passes, and please let the record reflect that Ms. Kirk is now present.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. I believe there also may be a motion to pull a bill from committee. Ms. Bennett, is that accurate?

MS. BENNETT: Yes, thank you --- thank you, President Catena. And yes, I would like to make a motion to pull bill 11599-20 from the Government and Reform Committee.

COUNCILWOMAN: I second that motion.

PRESIDENT CATENA: So the motion has been made and seconded. It obviously requires a two-thirds majority vote to pull it out of committee, because it was introduced less than 60 days ago.

So does anyone have anything to say, not about the actual bill but about actually pulling it from committee?

COUNCILMAN: Has it been 90 days?

PRESIDENT CATENA: No.

COUNCILMAN: Has it been --- isn't there a requirement of so many days before you can pull a bill?

MR. BARKER: Can I answer?

PRESIDENT CATENA: You can answer.

MR. BARKER: The requirement, it relates to the number of votes that are necessary. It's a two-thirds majority to pull a bill from committee if it's introduced less than 60 days ago. This one is right around 28 days.

PRESIDENT CATENA: So it would take a two-thirds vote to basically pull it from committee.

So at this point I'm hearing no discussion. So we'll ---.

MR. KLEIN: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes?

MR. KLEIN: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

MR. KLEIN: This is Councilmember Klein.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. KLEIN: Could Ms. Bennett, kind of, reiterate what the essence of the bill is, maybe for the edification of everyone in the room.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Well, we can get to that, but we're actually debating the motion just to pull it from committee at this point. So this is ---.

MR. KLEIN: well ---.

PRESIDENT CATENA: This is just to remove it from committee. So if we remove it from committee, yes, she can talk it about it at that point in time.

MS. HALLAM: I think what Councilman Klein is asking is if you could tell him what piece of legislation this is.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Oh, I'm sorry. Is that correct, Councilman Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes. Thank you, Ms. Hallam.

PRESIDENT CATENA: This is the ordinance amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2 entitled County Government Operations, Chapter 215, entitled Boards, Commissions and Committees, Article 5, entitled Human Relations Commission in order to clarify the applicability of existing county-wide, nondiscrimination requirements in the context of discrimination based upon hairstyles. Does that clarify it, Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes, that ---

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay.

MR. KLEIN: --- that does.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Sorry about that. Okay.
Hearing no other debate, then we'll move to a
roll call vote. Jared?

MR. BARKER: On the motion to pull
bill 11599-20, Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: No.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella.

MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 9, Nays 6. The motion to pull
the bill from committee fails.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. Since the motion has
failed we're moving on. It stays in committee, obviously.

MR. FUTULES: Point of privilege, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead, Mr. Futules.

MR. FUTULES: I was planning on looking at this
bill again next week in my committee. We haven't
announced it yet, but it will be discussed in my next
committee meeting that we will be scheduling. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you, Councilman Futules.

At this point we'll have liaison reports. Any liaison reports?

Hearing none, we'll move on to new business, ordinances and resolutions. 11629-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County through the creation of a new Chapter 820, entitled Technology Acquisition and Use, in order to provide budgetary and other safeguards for the civil and other rights of County residents. Sponsored by Councilmembers Hallam Bennett.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to public safety.

11630-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the county of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Netflix Productions, LLC to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with filming a television series. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to the committee on parks.

11631-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing South Park Theatre, Incorporated to use a structure on Brownsville Road in the County's South Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will also go to parks. We also have new business. 11632-20.

MR. BARKER: A motion Council of Allegheny County authorizing the President of Council to conduct public hearings, pursuant to section 801.05 of the Administrative Code on Tuesday, October 27, at 5 p.m. and Thursday, October 29, at 5 p.m. in the Gold Room of the Allegheny County Courthouse. Sponsored by Councilmember Palmosina.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Mr. Palmosina, I believe you wanted to make that motion?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes. I move for approval, please.

COUNCILMAN: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded.

Is there any discussion?
Hearing no discussion, all those in favor
signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of Ayes.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed?
Motion carried.

We'll now have notification of contracts
11633-20.

MR. BARKER: A communication summarizing
approved Executive actions for September 2020.

PRESIDENT CATENA: We need a motion to receive
and file.

COUNCILMAN: So moved.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there a second?

COUNCILWOMAN: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been ---.

COUNCILMAN: 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?
Motion carries.

We'll now have public comment on general items.
There's 17 public comments on the same topic. I wanted to
make sure everyone received them in their emails, because
they were sent to the general mailbox, which goes to
everybody. Because I was going to ask if anyone had a
problem with asking, since they're all on the same
subject, if we could group them together and summarize
based upon the 17 individuals, basically, submitting
similar type comments or similar type emails. If anyone
has a problem with that in the sake of time since the jail
oversight committee, obviously, does something similar
when they have the same type of email situation.

Hearing no objections to that, then, Mr.
Varhola, if you could summarize each of those we'd
appreciate it.

MR. VARHOLA: Yes, Mr. President. Most of them
are --- or all of them are dealing with the air quality in

Allegheny County. They're supporting the funding of the Clean Air Program. The poor air quality in our County has been a scandal for decades seriously hampering Pittsburgh's resurgence by scaring away top flight companies from our area. Wanting the County to put more money into the Clean Air Fund and fund programs that can be supported through that program.

PRESIDENT CATENA: And that's the general synopsis of all 17 of them?

MR. VARHOLA: Yes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. Thank you.

And to remind everyone, these are, if you haven't read all 17 of them yet, they've been coming in over the past week or so into all of our emails. So they are out there, so please take the time to read each one of them. Because they are, obviously, very important regarding the air quality issues.

So at this point in time we need a motion to adjourn.

MR. WALTON: So moved.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed?

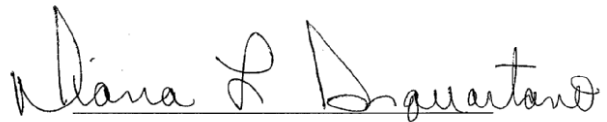
Motion carries. Thank you, everyone. Have a nice evening.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:28 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 26th day of October, 2020

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana L. Inquartano". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Court Reporter

Diana L. Inquartano