

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Patrick Catena	-	Chair, District 9
Robert Macey	-	Vice-President, District 9
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-at-Large
Bethany Hallam	-	Council-at-Large
Tom Baker	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Tom Duerr	-	District 5
John Palmiere	-	District 6
Nicholas Futules	-	District 7
Paul Zavarella	-	District 8
DeWitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
Robert Palmosina	-	District 12
Olivia Bennett	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services  
Jack Cambest - Allegheny County Council Solicitor  
Ken 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: We'll now have a moment of silence.

(Moment of Silence)

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

JARED BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Here.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Macey? Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Pamosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Here.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?

MR. ZAVARELLA: Here.

JARED BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Here.

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

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll begin with proclamations and certificates. These will all be read into the record. 11654-20.

JARED BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Veteran's Day 2020 and acknowledging the courage and

fortitude of our veterans sponsored by Council Member DeMarco.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11655-20.

JARED BARKER: A proclamation congratulating Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania upon their 2020 campaign, ReMEMBER, ReIMAGINE, ReINVEST sponsored by Council Member Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11656-20.

JARED BAKER: A proclamation congratulating the 2020 graduates of the Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education, Service & Training Scholarship Program sponsored by Council Members Bennett, Futules and Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11657-20.

JARED BARKER: Certificates of recognition presented to the 2020 Service Summit Honorees sponsored by Council Member Baker.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11658-20.

JARED BAKER: A proclamation recognizing Levin Furniture and Mattress as it celebrates 100 years of providing superior quality furniture and services to all its customers sponsored by Council Member Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11659-20.

JARED BARKER: A proclamation congratulating KDKA AM 1020 as it celebrates 100 years of providing constant news to the people of this region sponsored by Council Member Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11660-20.

JARED BARKER: A proclamation congratulating the American Legion of Bridgeville Post Number 54 upon celebrating their 100th birthday sponsored by Council Member Duerr.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11661-20.

JARED BARKER: A proclamation congratulating Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra on celebrating 125 years sponsored by Council Members DeMarco and Hallam.

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

JARED BARKER: We have several signed up.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

KEN VARHOLA: Thanks, Mr. President. We have 12 that signed up --- 13 that signed up. One did not submit any comment and I don't see her in the room. We also had 12 other comments. One urged the challenging of

the non-profit status of UPMC and others in Allegheny County to pay for budget items. We also have 11 in reference for UC funding for police employment towards different items considering affordable housing, healthcare, public infrastructure, transportation and education. However, only 5 of those 11 reference the county budget. Six of them reference the City of Pittsburgh budget, and that's all we have for public comment.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. As we've done in prior meetings obviously we've summarized them since they're on the same issue. They'll be entered into the record obviously verbatim so those will all be in the record, and you all actually received them via email so please take a moment to read through your email and read each of those comments so.

We'll now have the approval of minutes.  
11662-20.

JARED BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2020 regular meeting of council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: So moved.

MR. DUERR: Second. Duerr.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor say aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. Presentation of appointments?

JARED BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Unfinished business. For the committee on budget and finance for the second reading  
11649-20.

JARED BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending the grants and special accounts budget for 2020 submission number 09-20 sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, President Catena. The committee on budget and finance met on October 27 to discuss this bill that will authorize the acceptance of approximately \$2 million in grant funding from the Center for Tech and Civic life for the purpose of planning and conducting a safe and secure election. The committee affirmatively recommended this bill and I make a motion to approve.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

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

MR. BAKER: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Hallam? Ms. Hallam? Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Macey? Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?

MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.

JARED BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ayes 15, No's 0. The bill passes.

MS. HALLAM: Hey, Jared. I'm sorry. This is Bethany. I couldn't get my phone off mute. I'm a yes too.

JARED BARKER: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. We'll now have liaison reports. Any liaison reports this evening?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Walton.

MR. WALTON: I'd like to start by thanking County Manager McKain, the law department, Jerry Tyskiewicz, David Voye and all the hundreds and thousands

of county employees that did a yeoman's job in this past several weeks in ensuring that a free fair and honorable election was conducted. They put in thousands of hours, endured immeasurable complaints and challenges, and yet still they did an admirable, a yeoman's job in making sure that voters got a chance to decide and I'm really pleased to be part of that whole effort and the collaborative spirit that was generated in making all this happen. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Anyone else?

MR. PALMIERE: I'll second that, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll go on to new business, ordinances and resolutions. 11664-20.

JARED BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopting 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 public business of Allegheny county and for meeting debt charges for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021. Sponsored by Councilmember Palmosina.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to budget and finance. Any new business?

JARED BARKER: We have no items.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Notification of contracts? 1163-20.

JARED BARKER: A communication summarizing approved executive actions for October 2020.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there a motion?

MR. WALTON: So moved.

MR. PALMOSINA: 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. Is there any public comment on general items?

JARED BARKER: They were all classified under agenda items.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Is there a motion to adjourn?

MR. WALTON: So moved.

MR. FUTULES: 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. Thank you everyone. Have a nice night.

CERTIFICATE

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Dated the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020

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