

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 Bennett	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Barker - Director, Legislative Services

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll have our silent prayer. Thank you. Please be seated. Mr. Barker, 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. MACEY: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

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: All 15 members are present.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Before we begin this evening if everyone could mute their phones when they're not speaking, it would be appreciated. We'll begin with proclamations and certifications. And all of these proclamations and certificates, obviously, will be just read into the record. 11494-20.

JARED BARKER: A proclamation declaring May 7th, 2020 as Anchored in Hope Day in Allegheny County, sponsored by Council Member Baker.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11495-20.

JARED BARKER: A certificate of recognition presented to the 2019-2020 Chartiers Valley Girls' Basketball upon earning the WPIAL Class 5-A Championship, sponsored by Council Members Pamosina and Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11496-20.

JARED BARKER: Certificate of recognition presented to Tim McConnell, it's the head coach, of the Chartiers Valley Girls' Basketball team, sponsored by Council Members Pamosina and Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11497-20.

JARED BARKER: A certificate of achievement presented to Molly Hoffman of Girl Scout Troop 51395 upon receiving the Gold Award, sponsored --- sponsored by Council Member Duerr.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11498-20.

JARED BARKER: A certificate of achievement presented to Noah Yeasted of Boy Scout Troop 4 upon receiving the rank of Eagle Scout, sponsored by Council Member Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11499-20.

JARED BARKER: A certificate of recognition presented to the Our Lady of Grace Catholic School 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball team for winning the Class B Varsity Championship, sponsored by Council Members Catena and Pamosina.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11500-20.

JARED BARKER: Certificates of recognition presented to Troop 321 upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award, sponsored by Council Member Baker.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11501-20.

JARED BARKER: A proclamation honoring the life, memory and legacy of Donna M. Walker Cook, sponsored by Council Members DeMarco and Duerr.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11502-20.

JARED BARKER: A proclamation congratulating Thomas Lipscak upon the occasion of his retirement, sponsored by Council Member Hallam.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11503-20.

JARED BARKER: A certificate of recognition presented to Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Mary Linhart upon the momentous occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, sponsored by Council Member Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll now have public comment on the listed agenda items.

JARED BARKER: We have two. The first of which is Swaine Uber who lives at 7426 Winhurst Street in the City of Pittsburgh. As you're well all aware, there have now been 20 positive results for COVID-19 amongst those incarcerated at the Allegheny County Jail, an additional five staff members all --- have also tested positive. Limiting further spread of COVID-19 within the jail was paramount, but without taking stock of the current situation other than measures --- other measures will prove to be, at best, inadequate to curb the outbreak. That is why we, the undersigned, are calling for an immediate implementation of a universal testing policy for the ACJ and alternative housing facilities to encompass both incarcerated persons and staff. Social distancing is impossible in correctional jail facilities where individuals are confined to their cells which they often share and frequently recreate, shower, and take meals in communal settings. According to a recent study, closed facilities are more vulnerable to secondary transmission of COVID-19 and promote super spreading events. Robust and extensive testing is critical to any comprehensive plan to address the outbreak, limit its transmission, and mitigate its most harmful effects. Twenty (20) of the 28 positive cases amongst incarcerated persons were announced in the past three weeks. Perhaps more worryingly, the current positive to overall test ratio is 44 percent. The recommended benchmark for such ratio is ten percent. Such a high ratio hints that there are likely positive cases that remain untested, a worrying indication that we will see an explosion of COVID-19 infections in the coming weeks. We saw a similar explosion of cases in Allegheny County Treatment Alternative, an alternative housing facility in the county where 65 percent of the residents recently tested positive for COVID-19, 11 of 17 overall. Today 1.7 percent of the jailed population has tested positive for COVID-19, yet only 3.7 percent of the jail's population has been tested. The county should immediately implement a policy of universal testing, and conduct tests of every individual incarcerated at the Allegheny County Jail and of every staff member who works at the facility. Many other correctional facilities throughout the country have taken great strides to expand testing, with several realizing universal testing within their facilities and greatly increasing their ability to combat the virus in doing so. Just across the state, Montgomery County

Correctional Facility recently tested every individual held therein, 938 in total. They discovered the contagion was 30 times more widespread than initial testing had shown, and a large majority of those testing positive were asymptomatic. Unfortunately, a similar --- a similar dynamic is likely to present in Allegheny County, given the 44 rate percent of positive results. Yet Allegheny County is home to multiple world class hospitals and medical research centers. Just today, testing was expanded to many of the regional and federally qualified health centers in the county. As recently as April 29th, Allegheny County Director of Health Dr. Debra Bogen stated that both testing and our capacity to test have also increased in our county. We estimate that we now have the capacity in our own county to do at least 2,000 tests per day, but we expect --- expect that this will also increase. She affirmed that with regard to testing, there is availability and capacity in our community as needed. Funding cannot and must not be a limiting factor. Under federal guidance for the use of the CARES Act, received funds can be used for cost in providing COVID-19 testing, including serological testing, as well as COVID-19 related expenses of maintaining state prisons and county jails, including as it relates to sanitation, improvement of social distancing measures to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. In case you're watching the live stream of our meeting, we're having technical difficulties with the video streaming so you might not be seeing a picture at this point in time. The audio still should be working. Hopefully it comes back up, but I just wanted to let everyone know in case you're seeing a blank or a black screen at this point in time. So, thank you. Mr. Barker, go ahead with the second one.

JARED BARKER: The second one is Autumn Redcross who lives at 1235 Duff Road in Sewickley. Given that the county has a legal and ethical obligation to prioritize the health of people who are directly under the care or control of the county, what has been done to obtain test kits for people under county care, whether it be ACJ, Kane, or elsewhere? And why the 5,000 test kits that were reportedly attained this week are not being used for the people directly under county care? And that's the extent of it.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll now have approval of minutes. 11509-20.

JARED BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the May 5th, 2020, regular meeting of Council.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Do we have the motion?

MR. MACEY: So moved, Macey. So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: You got that?

JARED BARKER: I have it.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay.

All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. We'll now have presentation of appointments, 11504-20.

JARED BARKER: Approving the appointment of Steve Johnstonbaugh to serve as a member of the Council of Friends for North Park for a term to expire on May 19th, 2022, sponsored by Council Member Prizio.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Does someone want to make that motion?

MS. PRIZIO: I'd like to make the motion, Anita Prizio.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you, second?

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

MR. WALTON: Second.

JARED BARKER: Got that.

MR. WALTON: Mr. --- and Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes?

MR. WALTON: And this is Councilman Walton. Unless there are some concerns, I'd like to move that --- that all appointments that have formal recommendations for passage, that we have --- that we pass them all in one motion if it's possible.

MS. HALLAM: I second that motion, Bethany Hallam.

MR. PALMIERE: I'll third.

MR. FUTULES: I second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Does anyone have any concerns with that?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Hearing none then, so the motion to approve and has seconded. So all those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? And just so, for the record, I'll let you read. We'll do, I'll read these. So it's 11504-20, which we already said. Then 11505-20.

JARED BARKER: That's appointing the reappointment of Sharon Svitek to the Council of Friends for Harrison Hills Park for a term to expire on May 19 of 2022.

PRESIDENT CATENA: And 11506-20.

JARED BARKER: That's the appointment of Nicholas Svitek to the Council of Friends for Harrison Hills Park with a term expiring May 19, 2022.

PRESIDENT CATENA: And 11510-20.

JARED BARKER: Approving the appointment of Linda Bennett to the Council of Friends for Round Hill Park for a term expiring on May 19, 2022.

PRESIDENT CATENA: And that has been voted on, and --- and basically affirmed. All of those, four of those. So we'll begin with unfinished business, committee on appointment review for the second reading, 11472-20.

JARED BARKER: Approving the appointment of Stacie Ann Brown of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council for a term ending on December 31st, 2022, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Mr. Walton, would you care to make the same motion as you did before?

MR. WALTON: It's so moved, sir.

MS. HALLAM: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Is there a second?

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. We'll run through the rest of these, and then we'll take the vote. 11473-20.

JARED BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Christine Michaels to the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term ending December 31st, 2022.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11474-20.

JARED BARKER: The appointment of Eunice Nelson to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term ending December 31st of 2023.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11475-20.

JARED BARKER: The appointment of Regina Andrews to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council with a term ending December 31st, 2023.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. All these --- all those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. We'll now move on the committee of budget and finance for the second reading, 11488-20.

JARED BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral debt by and through the issuance of one or more series or subseries of federally taxable or tax-exempt General Obligation Bonds or Notes known as Series C-78 or known by such other names as designated by the County, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$172,180,000 and the issuance of one or more series or subseries of federally taxable or tax-exempt General Obligation Refunding Bonds or Notes known as Series C-79, or known by such other names as designated by the County in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$390,015,000, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Councilman Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: And I'm having --- I'm having a very difficult time hearing you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: I believe your committee basically met on 5/12 and affirmed --- affirmatively recommended this to all of Council, correct?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yeah. Yeah, you mean the ordinance that --- posing the two separate bond issuances? You mean that one?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yeah, correct.

MR. PALMOSINA: I cannot hear you hardly at all. Okay. Thank you, Mr. President. This ordinance would authorize two separate bond issuances, the proceeds of the first totaling just over \$172,000,000 and goes towards funding the County's 2021 and 2022 capital budget. The proceeds of the second totaling just over \$309,000,000 would go towards refinancing existing County bond obligations in order to take advantage of the current interest rates. The county savings from the refinancing transaction is estimated between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000. The committee met on May 12th and affirmatively recommended to full council and I make a motion to approve.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

MS. HALLAM: Second.



MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been ---.

MR. PALMOSINA: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes, go ahead.

MR. PALMOSINA: I just want to make a note here that I'm having a very difficult time hearing anything that you --- you or Jared say.

MS. HALLAM: I am as well.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is everyone having difficulty?

MS. HALLAM: Yes, very. It's like you're underwater.

MR. PALMOSINA: President --- President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes?

MR. PALMOSINA: I can hear my colleagues fine. I can hear colleagues, but I can't hear nothing that Jared and you are saying.

PRESIDENT CATENA: The computer's too far away. I have --- we'll need to bring the computer back here. Can you hear me any better now?

MR. PALMOSINA: Not really.

MR. PALMIERE: And Mr. President, also Jared sounds like he's talking in a tunnel half the time for me.

MR. FUTULES: Well, he does have --- all right. I think it's a matter of not being close enough to the microphone.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Can we bring the computer down here and see if that solves any ---?

MR. FUTULES: You're getting better.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yeah, but my computer ---.

MR. PALMOSINA: My colleagues are all clear. It's just whenever --- whenever Pat or Jared talk, I can't hear nothing.

PRESIDENT CATENA: How about now?

MR. PALMOSINA: That's good.

MR. WALTON: That's better.

MR. MACEY: That's a little bit better.

MR. PALMOSINA: Now let Jared say something too, Mr. President, to see if that's better.

JARED BARKER: Is it better now than it was?

MR. MACEY: No, not ---.

MR. PALMOSINA: No. You still sound like you're in a tunnel.

JARED BARKER: I think it maybe the laptop.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Hold on second. We're moving the computer around.

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes?

MR. DEMARCO: I would suggest for the future that we have Jared have a computer there where he joins a team app right from where he sits.

JARED BARKER: Yeah.

MR. DEMARCO: And just give him some head phones. That way, he'll plugged in --- he'll be plugged in, and we should all be able to hear each other very well. And you may want to consider the same thing, as long as this --- if this continues to go on.

MR. PALMOSINA: Or they could call in with their phone.

MR. DEMARCO: That maybe that --- that --- that maybe that technology fix.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Can you hear me any better now?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.

MR. WALTON: I can hear you better, Pat.

MR. PALMOSINA: I can hear you better, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Jared, can you take a ---?

JARED BARKER: We'll try it again. Is this any better?

MR. PALMOSINA: No. No.

JARED BARKER: No? Try your mouse --- pull your mask up.

PRESIDENT CATENA: We're --- we're de-masking Jared.

JARED BARKER: Okay. How about this?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is that any better for Jared? Try again.

JARED BARKER: Any difference whatsoever here?

MR. WALTON: You're still --- not --- not very much, Jared. Jared, you --- you haven't improved.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. We'll fix --- we'll get this. Well try to improve this for next time obviously.

JARED BARKER: I'm going to try a different mic, see if it ---.

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you.

JARED BARKER: How about now? Is there any improvement now?

MR. WALTON: That's much better, Jared.

JARED BARKER: Okay.

MR. PALMOSINA: A little bit better.

PRESIDENT CATENA: We're going to try a different mic to see if that works.

JARED BARKER: I'll shift down and see if I can grab it from here.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. So I believe we have a motion and a second on that one, so we'll need to do a roll call vote on that one, Jared.

JARED BARKER: On the motion to approve the bond issuance ordinance, 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: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

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: Okay, yes.

JARED BARKER: Ayes 15, noes zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll now have liaison reports. Is there anyone that wishes to report anything?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President ---.

MR. WALTON: Yes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Walton, go ahead.

MR. WALTON: I'll defer to --- I think I'll --- I think that was Mr. Palmiere.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay.

MR. PALMIERE: Hi, thank you.

MR. WALTON: And I'll ---.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. Walton. I appreciate that. I just wanted to --- I just wanted to give our --- our county people a shoutout here. I think they've done a wonderful job of keeping the --- the chaos and everything at --- at a level that's reasonable. And they do --- they really exercise good judgement in keeping us all safe. And I just wanted to, for myself, I just want him to know, I really appreciate it and I hope they continue to do the --- the good job and the good deeds all the way through this. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you, Councilman Palmiere. Councilman Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. Walton.

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. Palmiere. Today, I had the privilege and the pleasure of dropping off a number of masks and extenders to the County Council Office. And these masks were made by the Pittsburgh Public Schools CTE department. And they were --- they were --- they were manufactured for the purpose of delivering to the Glenn-Hazel Kane operation, because of the --- the COVID pandemic and the high incidence of --- of contamination at that facility or infection at that facility. Those CTE operators put in the effort and time to do what they could do to help. It is just a demonstration of a commitment of members of the CTE operation and Pittsburgh Public Schools and their commitment to the city itself. And I'd like to thank Angela Mike, the Director of Pittsburgh Public Schools CTE Department and the rest of her staff and the team to do that and --- good work, and we hope we can continue to improve and get through this crisis with no continued loss of life. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Does anyone else have a liaison report?

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead, Councilman DeMarco.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. The Board of Elections met earlier today before this meeting here from, it's starting at 3:00. And we covered a number of items here that I'd like to share with the public. Number one, in the new polling places, there's been a polling consolidation because of the reduced number of workers willing to work the polls here due to COVID-19 concerns. Because of that, that's led this to consolidation, one --- to one to each municipality. The polling places have been finalized. The state has given its approval. If anyone wants to go to [alleghenyvotes.com](http://alleghenyvotes.com), there's a find your polling place link where you put in your ZIP Code, street name, and house number and it will tell you where your polling place is going to be as well as allow you to take a look at a sample ballot. Okay? So we want to make sure that folks have the ability to do that. Also, to give them an update. I believe we received about 225,000 requests for absentee and mail-in ballots. For the folks who have applied that are still awaiting their ballots, we've been told there's about an 80,000 ballot backlog here that they intend to get out as soon as possible. So I wouldn't panic if I were anybody. If they said the ballot's been mailed, they just haven't gotten to you yet. They plan on getting those out. However, if you have applied back in the April timeframe and you still have not seen anything, then they recommend that you call the office for them to check and confirm. So I just want to pass those things along from the Board of Elections meeting.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

MR. DEMARCO: Thanks.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there anyone else?

MR. WALTON: I would --- I'd like to --- this is --- this is Dewitt Walton. I'd like to thank the Allegheny County Board of Elections in dealing with this huge influx of mail-in ballots. This is --- this is the first time that we tried to do this in this matter and to this level. And despite the difficulty, they've done a yeoman's job. If we're looking at couple hundred thousand --- couple hundred thousand applications being received and 100 of them --- 120,000 plus being --- being submitted

at this point, and we're two weeks out, those --- that goes a long way I think in terms of the level of participation in primary elections in general. And so I'm --- I'm really looking forward to --- to --- to doing an analysis after this is over and see how this actually works and how it has improved, if it has improved, voter participation at all. So congratulations to the --- to the Elections Department and its work.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Is there anyone else this evening? Hearing no one else, we'll go into new business, 11507-20.

JARED BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requiring that the County test all residents of the Kane Hospitals, all inmates at the Allegheny County Jail, and all County employees and contractors performing work at either location for current COVID-19 infection, sponsored by Council Members Hallam and Bennett.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. I'm going to refer that to the committee on public safety. New business, motions 11508-20.

JARED BARKER: A motion of the Council of Allegheny County urging individuals and businesses within Allegheny County and throughout the Commonwealth to carefully review and remain cognizant of the standards and guidance in place as counties progress in easing restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, sponsored by Council Members Futules, Walton, and Duerr.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Futules or Council Member Walton, is there anything you want to say about this one?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, since I'm the primary sponsor.

MR. WALTON: Yeah, go Nick.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. That's basically what I wanted to let everybody know that the Governor had come out with the different color codes for businesses that were in the non-essential that are now allowed to open with restrictions. I think every business person should make sure that they see the guidelines, and specifically I think the people that actually work in these businesses should also read these guidelines to make sure that their employer is following the guidelines properly for their safety as well. I do notice here on page three, it's a little disturbing to see this because it just hit me in

the face here prior to this meeting. We talk about each employee's temperature must be taken before they enter any business, specifically even office buildings, and safe distance be kept between them. I'm just wondering why this procedure is not in place for the essential stores that are currently open and I see that as a problem. Why do they become exempt? But I also --- I felt --- I know I didn't dream this, but I heard a rumor that during the yellow phase that they will specifically make changes that --- including barber shops and hair dressing salons, to open under certain guidelines during the yellow phase. I hope I'm not speaking out of turn, but I believe I heard this in the news media somewhere. And I have reason to believe, I'm speculating that the same guidelines will fall into place for restaurants, gathering places, and so forth that are not permitted to open, maybe with things like occupancy restrictions, specific following the CDC rules prior to going to the green. So I think it's very important for everybody to be very aware of this ordinance, or this procedure that they're given us. And

--- and we should urge, in fact, I think it should make it very simple on the county website in the front with the COVID-19, there's already there a link to the Governor's office which we can find is [www.governor.gov](http://www.governor.gov). You can find this link immediately. I urge the people to find this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Council Member Walton?

MR. WALTON: Mr. President --- Mr. President, given this sense of the need to address the challenges that we're facing, I'd like to move that we pass this on

--- that we pass this --- waive the second reading and pass this tonight if we can.

MR. FUTULES: I don't think we need a second reading, Mr. Walton. This --- this is a motion.

MR. MACEY: This --- this is a motion, and Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes, go ahead.

MR. MACEY: Bob Macey here. I'd like to be a co-sponsor of that.

MR. PALMIERE: Likewise, Mr. President. John Palmiere.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Does that --- anyone else want to be a co-sponsor?

MR. KLEIN: Paul Klein.

PRESIDENT CATENA: I'd like to add myself as a co-sponsor as well. Okay. We don't need to waive the second reading since this is a motion in the sense of Council, but I will take a roll call vote on this. So Jared, if you could please take a roll call vote?

MR. DEMARCO: Mister --- Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes?

MR. FUTULES: You need a second, but I'd like to.

MR. DEMARCO: Can we ask if there's any comment?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes, go ahead, Councilman DeMarco.

MR. DEMARCO: It --- it --- I would just like to --- to mention to my colleague, Councilman Futules, that the --- that the things that he talked about in regard to barber shops and beauty salons and restaurants, none of that is included in a yellow phase here.

MR. FUTULES: No, no, that's not ---.

MR. DEMARCO: And --- and --- and I don't want --- I don't want someone to be misunderstanding and take his comments to believe that something may be occurring or --- or under here that's not going to take place. As a matter of fact, today the Governor actually vetoed three bills, one of which was opening up real estate and things like that which are the motion. So --- and it's not about the motion. I think we can all agree that we want everyone to abide by these rules so we can get out of this yellow phase and move to the green as quickly as possible. But I just want to make sure that the information we're passing along is accurate. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes, so noted. Roll call please, Jared.

JARED BARKER: I actually heard Mr. Walton make the motion. I did not hear a second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Was there --- is there a second?

MR. FUTULES: Futules seconds it. Futules seconded.

PRESIDENT CATENA: All right. Roll call?

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: Sure, yes.  
JARED BARKER: Mr. Duerr?  
MR. DUERR: Yeah.  
JARED BARKER: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
JARED BARKER: Ms. Hallam?  
MS. HALLAM: Yes.  
JARED BARKER: Ms. Kirk?  
MS. KIRK: Yes.  
JARED BARKER: Mr. Klein?  
MR. KLEIN: Yes.  
JARED BARKER: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
JARED BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
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, noes zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll now have notification of contracts.

JARED BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Public comment on general items.

JARED BARKER: We have one from Dixie Tymitz who lives at 4735 Wallingford Street in the City of Pittsburgh. A confession, I have almost always trusted the liberal media. Michael Drohan of the Merton Center for Editorial Collective says there is a danger that one might assume that the liberal media, such as the New York Times, CNN, and MSNBC present us with the unadulterated truth. A good example of this danger was in a March edition of this week with an article titled Sanders his fondness for leftist dictators. It pretty much crucified him as a good choice to run for president. The present democratic presidential debates and electioneering also illustrate a danger to democracy from the liberal media.

Take Chris Matthews from Hardball and MSNBC. After Sanders victory in the Nevada primary, Matthews compared the victory to the fall of France to the Nazis in 1940 and likened Sanders to Adolf Hitler. Although he apologized later for this extraordinary outburst of anger at Sanders recognizing the good outcomes of Cuba's revolution, it was clear where his heart and politics were. Although Matthews represents the most extreme reaction to a truly progressive agenda, he has many like minded --- minded companies in the liberal media. It looks as if they will collude with the Democratic Party machine to ensure that Sanders will not be a general election candidate as they instill fear of socialism in the population. On March 6th, the New York Times entered the Sanders bashing stakes recounting Bernie Sanders' work as Mayor of Burlington in 1988 to establish his sister city agreement between Yaroslavl, Russia and Burlington. Sanders was no doubt trying to tap down the possibility between the Soviet Union and the U.S. during the Glasnost program introduced by Mikhail Gorbachev. One has to ask, why this article now? To make sure democracy does not run amok and let Bernie Sanders become president, and it's done. Now we cannot turn on a television without being attacked by a plethora of money goblin political attacking --- attacks accusing Mr. Biden of being in bed with a new enemy of the people of China. What to do, what to do. To be a good citizen, it is imperative that we have a source of news that we can trust. That's it.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay, thank you. We'll now have a motion to adjourn.

MS. HALLAM: Motion.

MR. MACEY: Motion to adjourn. I'll make a motion.

MR. PALMIERE: I'll make a motion.

MS. HALLAM: Second. Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed?

MR. PALMOSINA: Be safe out there.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Be safe, everyone. Thank you so much. Take care.

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