

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:

PRESIDENT CATENA: If you could please mute your phones when you're not speaking, it would be appreciated. At this point, I'd like to call the meeting to order of Allegheny County Council. Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: We'll now have a moment of reflection. Thank you. 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: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein? Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Present.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Pamosina?

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: There are 14 members present for the moment.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

MR. KLEIN: And Paul Klein is here as well.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you, Councilman Klein. At this point, there are no proclamations/certificates so we'll move on to public comment on agenda items. Jared?

MR. BARKER: We have a number signed up tonight. First up is Kannina Reilly (phonetic). I'd like to address the blatant racism and also the lack of cultural competency that is in medical care. I have had many medical professionals, either intentionally or unintentionally, cause harm to the residents of Allegheny County. My personal experience has ranged from my gallbladder stones being undiagnosed for almost a year, not from a lack of access, but because my medical provider chose to ignore my symptoms and use weight as a bias reason to not look any further for what was causing me --- me discomfort. My main symptoms were sudden weight loss, and my provider chose to comment, saying well, you're losing weight is good instead of seeing my symptoms as concerning. Many of my neighbors have had dangers from complications from births such as swelling, blood clots, and other preventable issues after giving birth. Black women are ignored, and it is not because of the lack of care, but the abundance of bias and racism that spews into the medical field. A doctor is only as good as his character.

Next up is Tamara Dixon (phonetic). Ms. Dixon says that she wishes to speak about the racial implicit biases against single, black mothers in regards to family physician, but submitted no more substantive comment than that.

Next up is Sarah Murphy who lives at 1446 Grandview Avenue in the City of Pittsburgh. I have a cousin who has had ten children, but has never been allowed to have custody or even parental rights for any of her children because she was born with a disability. She went into labor on April 1st, 2020. She had to be rushed in for an emergency C-section. Hospital staff treated her so inhumanely, it was heartbreaking. Before she even had the procedure, they were informing that they were required by law to call CYS because she was flagged in the system. When I asked what it said, the nurse replied that they had information that she did not have baby supplies. My cousin was also told that she had herpes. What they do is give them medicine for it, even though both mom and baby tested negative. We tried to help her fight by offering to foster the baby. Myself and a couple of other cousins had been foster parents in the past, but we didn't qualify. Her baby was placed in foster care with complete strangers during a deadly pandemic. The baby was denied

the right to ever drink his mother's breastmilk. He is currently --- she is currently receiving visits through Zoom. How can a person like herself who is born different be labelled as someone who is incapable of love simply because she doesn't have the same mental capacity as everyone else? She's never not loved her kids. She simply has never been given an opportunity to love them. She carried all those kids in her womb, sometimes two at a time, and is yet to be given the opportunity to have a child call her mom. The American's with Disabilities Act was created to protect people like her, but it seems that none of that has ever mattered to anyone but me and my cousins who have tried to help her.

Ms. Murphy also submitted another comment. Racial disparity is a big problem, especially as it relates to women's health. On September 5th, I believed I was going into labor because I didn't feel well. I was a new mom, even though I was older. I had never had a child and didn't know what to expect. When I went to the hospital that night, I was sent home saying it wasn't labor. When I came home, I was sleeping when I felt like I had an accident in my bed. My water had broken in my sleep. I was rushed back to the hospital, and I had my son 28 hours later. I spent the usual 48 hours in the hospital and was sent home. After being home with my son for three days, I didn't feel well so I called a family member and was rushed back to the hospital. I had a serious infection, and almost died at home alone with my son. I will never forget how I was treated, as if I should have known what was going on. I did everything I was told to do as far as cleaning my incision, but it was --- that I --- I was asked if I had washed down there thoroughly. To be that sick after having a child, but then be accused of doing something wrong messed me up that day.

Next up, Ms. Chasity Siplen (phonetic) who lives at 1251 Hollywood Street in the City of Pittsburgh. My children and I moved here almost two years ago from upstate New York. Since I've moved here, I've encountered some of the most racist and discriminatory people I've ever had to experience in my life. I was so shocked and surprised because I never expected it to be this way, but I'd swear to you, we --- you would think we were in Texas or down south the way people act towards people of color here. It's really sad. If I could afford it right now,

I'd move back home. When I am able to, I will. I'm completely afraid to raise my children here, especially my son. I truly wish this is something I would have known before I moved here because I would never have come. It truly saddens me that this is going on here and nothing is being done about it.

Next up is Valienson (phonetic) Walker Montgomery who lives at 3509 Mayfair Street in the City of McKeesport. This is huge for various reasons. First, it covers things from a countywide perspective and not just Pittsburgh. The common practice of ignoring middle, suburban neighborhoods such as the Mon Valley has gone on for years, leaving us with instances of unaddressed racism, police lines --- violence, LGBTQIA discrimination and harassment, unsolved homicides of peoples of color, sexism, and any other ism you can think of. This comes out in how children of color are treated in our schools, the lack of diversity in leadership, poverty level for black and brown residents, household income, et cetera. Let's not forget that just in year in 2019, the ACLU had to sue McKeesport Area School District to let the kids get a black student union, which by the way a BSU is not a revolutionary act. In addition, while the recent gender equity report with Pittsburgh focused, it pointed out the inequalities that black women and girls face in the middle communities. When the topic of racism even comes up, people over here get uncomfortable. Mostly because no one here really talks about it, and when they do, the response is intimidation tactics, increase of systematic racism, and all out harassment. I'm speaking from experience. If we want change to take place, we must be open to being uncomfortable.

Next up is Alyssa Snyder who lives at 848 Kennedy Street, Apartment One in Carnegie. From the CDC Health and Human Services study, the impact of racism on the sexual and reproductive health of African American women, published in 2016, quote, in both historical and contemporary context, race based mistreatment has been shown to place African American women at increased risk. Moreover, widespread health implications of racism are evident and exist at the individual and personal, community and society levels. In this regard, African American women appear to be situated in contexts in which racism is rarely avoidable. A societal --- a socioecological model that considers the historical

influences of racism may improve understanding of the present day sexual and reproductive health outcomes of African American women. In addition, such a model can strengthen reproductive justice efforts that acknowledge the historical context of sexual and reproductive mistreatment, and promote social justice. End quote. Also, as discussed by Frieden's health and impact pyramid, interventions that address societal level factors have the greatest potential to achieve public health impact across disease outcomes, and need governmental support to be effective. According to Frieden, although societal changes may be costly, the main obstacle to addressing these changes are the lack of political will. To specify about historical impact of racism on health for African American citizens in the country and Allegheny County from a trauma informed perspective, please remember, Tuskegee experiments, Henrietta Lacks, uninformed forced sterilization of black women in the 20th century, separation for family via mass incarceration practices, generational trauma for those whose ancestors were enslaved, financial impact on those enslaved due to the separation of family systems during --- during slavery, health impact of trauma and living in fear, witnessing hangings, Jim Crowe practices, treatment of civil rights era, and current black leadership, lack of access to grocery stores and the health industry, rate of African American men incarcerated at the county jail versus actual residency demographics in Allegheny County, disproportion in school disciplinary actions experienced by black students, environmental trauma of living near industry and manufacturing centers, trauma of complicated grief from early or unexpected losses or inability to be present for funerals due to mass incarceration/cash out barriers, the juxtaposition of primarily white, shelter at home protestors armed and up and yelling safely into law enforcement's face with the images of black men and boys gunned down by law enforcement, the death rates of LGBTQIA persons of color, especially trans women especially locally. Alyssa's family while in Pittsburgh on 9/16/2019. Respectfully and hopefully submitted, Alyssa Snyder.

Last up among the agenda items in Amber Thompson who lives at 3822 and a half Hally (phonetic) Street, also in the city. Ms. Thompson submitted a very brief comment that merely says racism is the health crisis

impasse. What would the next steps be in holding folks accountable in responding to this motion, black women living and trying to drive in the city?

And that is it for the agenda items.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll now have approval of minutes, 11486-20.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the March 21st, 2020 regular meeting of council.

MR. PALMIERE: So moved.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. A motion has been made and seconded. Is there any comment? Hearing no comment ---.

MR. MACEY: Do you think ---?

PRESIDENT CATENA: I'm sorry?

MR. MACEY: This is Bob Macey. On April 7th minutes, they --- they had your name misspelled in various locations. It was spelled as Castena. Just note it for the record.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. That's pronounced Catena. Thank you. We'll now go to a voice vote. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries.

MR. BARKER: 11487-20, a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7th, 2020 regular meeting of council.

MR. PALMIERE: So moved.

MR. MACEY: Second.

MS. BENNETT: Second, Olivia Bennett.

PRESIDENT CATENA: A motion has been made and seconded. Any comment? Hearing no comment, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. Presentation of appointments, there are none?

MR. BARKER: Correct.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Unfinished business, 11484-20.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2020, Submission Number 04-20, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Palmosina.

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes, Mr. President. Thank you very much. I hope everybody is doing well. Can you hear me very good?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes. Because I was having trouble hearing. There was a committee meeting held on April 28th to discuss this resolution that would amend the 2020 Grants and Special Accounts Budget to create a new Allegheny County demolition fund in the amount of \$2 million to be used for the collection of a new \$15 fee on each mortgage and deed recorded from the County. Revenue collected will be administered by the economic development in accordance with state law. The committee affirmatively recommended to send to full council. I make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any comments? Hearing none, all those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: I --- I'm sorry. We need --- I --- I need to do a roll call vote on that since it's monetary. So Jared, would you please take roll?

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: And President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, no's zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Are there any liaison reports this evening?

MR. FUTULES: I have one, Mr. President. Nick Futules.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

MR. FUTULES: I'm not sure if this is a liaison report, but I want to take this opportunity to send a message to both Council and the administration. We're not having any discussions about the future of our county. I understand that our country, our states are in a state of panic. When this becomes to an end, us as elected officials, need to recognize the RAD tax will be in jeopardy. The drink tax will be in jeopardy. Casino money will be in jeopardy. It's going to fund all of these programs that we have in this county that are going to be shortfalls. I have not heard one person discussion that. I think it's a bigger issue that we can all imagine. We're on the verge of businesses in our county claiming bankruptcy, foreclosures. We haven't talked about that much. I think we should be focusing as a council and the administration on what are we, as this county, going to do to help these business people. Tonight, we're going to do motions on transparency and racism, which I hold second to nothing compared to what's going to happen to us in this county. I feel that we all should get together and sit down, and we're going to start to figure out how we're going to cope with this. Thank you.

MR. MACEY: Amen.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there any other comment --- or liaison report, I should say? Hearing none, we'll move on to new business. 11488-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral 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. I apologize.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. That will go to Committee on Budget and Finance. Under new business, 11489-20.

MR. BARKER: A motion of the Council of Allegheny County amending and supplementing the Rules of Council, Article II, Rule F by the inclusion of a new Rule F.13 in order to establish a uniform mechanism for fostering transparency by recording meetings of the committees of Council. Sponsored by Council Members Hallam, Prizio and Bennett.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That's going to go to the Executive Committee since it's a rule change. 11490-20.

MR. BARKER: A motion of the Council of Allegheny County recognizing racism as a public health crisis, sponsored by Council Members Bennett, Walton, Prizio, and Klein.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Council Member Bennett, and I believe you're the prime sponsor on this. Would you like to speak on the subject?

MS. BENNETT: Thank you so much, President Catena. I won't be long. I just want to thank my fellow Council Members, Councilman Walton for coming alongside and --- and helping me get this bill pushed and also, Council people Hallam, Ms. Prizio and Klein for co-sponsoring this and recognizing that this is just not a black issue. This is a humanity issue, as we heard in the many statements that came before prior to us getting here in the --- in the agenda. So I appreciate the confidence and the recognition that this is important work that needs to be done throughout the county. And --- and I just look forward to beginning that work. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Council Member Walton, would you like to say anything?

MR. WALTON: Very briefly. This is not an issue, as --- as --- as Councilman Member Bennett shared, this is not just a black issue. This is an issue that impacts the totality of Allegheny County and our nation as a whole. Because while it has health implications, it also has economic implications. And it places greater burden, greater --- greater disparity on all of our society. And this gives us an --- this legislation gives us an opportunity to move forward on a host of issues that improve the --- the quality of life of all residents of Allegheny County. And we appreciate the support in moving this forward tonight. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Councilman DeMarco, I believe you wanted to add something on the subject?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, President Catena. You know, my colleagues Councilwoman Bennett reached out to me on Friday to let me know that she was putting forth a motion. I told her that I would look at it and --- and when I looked at the things that she's looking to take into here in the motion where she talks about, you know, incumbent upon the county to create --- to be creating internal policy, the procedures to ensure racial equity, you know, I can agree with those. And I can agree that it should be the policy of Allegheny County to continue identifying specific activities to help increase diversity and incorporate anti-racism principals. And so, I can agree with a number of those things. I do have a problem with the language up top. It states that they're calling out whites as a collective and claiming that whites are responsible for this, what do they call it here, racial classification and things like that. And I'm sorry. It --- that language, I just can't support. You know, to the folks on the right, you know, we believe that white privilege is something that's just been created by the left to try to create division. I mean, Martin Luther King in 1964 with his I have a dream speech talked about he lived for the day where his children will be judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin. Here we are, 50 years after the civil rights movement, and we're still --- we're claiming and fighting racism, and then we're blaming it all on whites. And I just thought we could put something forth to help better

serve our underserved communities, to help ensure that everyone, regardless of race, were treated equally within Allegheny County. But unfortunately, the language here at the top of the motion, I can't support and that's why I'll be a no. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. At this point in time, I'm going to go through the rest of the roll across the board from --- from --- starting with --- with Councilman Baker if anyone else wants to comment. So Councilman Baker, you have the floor if you want to make a comment.

MR. BAKER: No thanks, President Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Councilman Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes. I just --- very quickly I wanted to thank Councilman Walton for reaching out to me to, you know, to --- you know, we talked about this briefly. And thanks --- thank you, Councilwoman Bennett, for putting this forward and all the other co-sponsors. I am --- you know, so I'm supportive of this bill and what it represents, so I look forward to voting in favor on it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Councilman Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah. I'm --- I'm okay with the content of this as well, but I do have some language barrier that I --- I'm happy with in --- in this motion. But I'm going to put that aside because you can always find something that you don't like, but I will support this as a whole because of the way Mr. Dewitt Walton has explained it, and it's not a black issue. It's --- it's everybody. And I will support it for that reason, but there is some language that, as I said, I'm not happy with. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Councilwoman Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: I'm on board for this. I'm ready to go. Let's vote.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. Thank you. Councilwoman Kirk?

MS. KIRK: I'd have to sort of echo what Councilman DeMarco said, and actually what Councilman Futules said. Although, I cannot put the language aside. I'd rather have that corrected and not be blasting one side based on the color of their skin and have the side war. And I'd just like to just help everyone who's having

difficulty in the healthcare field. I personally have never witnessed anyone in 40 years, based on anything --- when it comes to the healthcare workers, I have not seen anything in 40 years working in several different hospitals and outpatients. So that's why I would like the wording a little bit different at this time.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Councilman Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, President Catena. I --- I think that one thing that this pandemic obviously has laid bare is that is our vulnerability as a society, as a nation in terms of dealing with --- in dealing with the fact that there continues to exist this large underclass who carry the greatest burden as we try to move through this very strange land right now. So I stand in support of --- of Ms. Bennett's motion, and I would also say that looking at it from a business perspective, through a business lens, I don't know who said it, but it's very difficult for businesses to succeed in a society that is failing. And it's a great societal burden, and it's something that is not new. But now in the face of the catastrophe that we're living through right now, our burden will be all the greater. So I think that it's something that we ought to get behind and not worry so much about, you know, what the mechanisms will be for making this real. I think that what we need to do is make a start, and we can have a large conversation about that moving forward. So thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you, Councilman Klein. Councilman Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. The --- yeah, the language of this particular motion has me troubled. You know, we in Allegheny County have been studying gender and equity. We also work towards equity and inclusion. And I believe that, you know, we're doing everything we can to make things right, and I mean for everybody, Asians, Indian --- whoever you are, whatever nationality, color of your skin or whatever. I find the motion is a little ambiguous and actually self-intimidating because, you know, just like the old adage do you still beat your wife? But if you say no or you say yes, you're still incriminating yourself. So if I vote for this, then it seems as if I'm a racist --- a racist. But if I vote against it, somebody could say I'm a racist. So I think that we --- we should come to a committee meeting, and we should discuss this. And --- and let's

get a lot of stuff off our chest because this last minute stuff on Friday just doesn't sit well with me, motions don't have any teeth. I mean, I agree that we should help the underserved. I agree that we should help the --- the people who are downtrodden. But to put a --- a motion together and use the term whites, I don't know. It's a little racist to me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you, and Councilman Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. I too have a little difficulty with some of the wording here, but I'm --- I'm going to support this in the spirit of trying to heal this county and try to move things forward the best we can. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you, Councilman. Councilman Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes, Mr. President. Thank you. I just want to thank Council Member Bennett for reaching out to me and also Council Member Walton and Prizio and Mr. Klein --- Councilman Klein for sponsoring this, and I am ready to vote in full support.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Councilwoman Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: I don't really have so much to add. I think we need to get this done. I am fully behind this motion. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Councilman Zavarella?

MR. ZAVARELLA: Thank you, President Catena. I think enough has been said, and subsequently I'm in favor of it.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. My only comment, based upon what I heard from the comments, the public comments, obviously, the --- the votes are there to pass it. I didn't know if you wanted to reconsider and send it to committee based upon some of the language and see if you get unanimous support. I just wanted to put that out there, Councilwoman Bennett, to see if you'll consider that. It's entirely up to you.

MS. BENNETT: I would --- I would prefer to vote on it tonight and get this done so that we can move forward with the work that needs to be done throughout the county as far as equity.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. The motion has been made. Is there a second?

MR. WALTON: Second.
PRESIDENT CATENA: A motion has been made and
seconded. Roll call vote please, Jared.
MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve, 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: Yes.
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: 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 12, no's three. The motion
passes.

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

MR. BARKER: 11491-20, communication summarizing
approved executive actions for the month of April 2020.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there a motion to receive?

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. WALTON: Received.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Motion has been made and seconded. Any --- any comment? Hearing no comment, all those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. We'll now have public comment on any general items.

MR. BARKER: I have only one registered speaker. That is Gabriel Monroe (phonetic) whose residence is 322 on Mall (phonetic) Boulevard, number 213 in Monroeville. Childhood sex trafficking survivor. Thanks for providing an accessible path to submit comments to County Council during this stressful time. As a person living with disabilities, I encourage you all to explore keeping this platform moving forward as it provides the most accessible path Allegheny Council has ever provided to your constituents. Proud of you all for taking these steps. Moving on, I've added a few new requests to my long list. We are requesting sensitivity training for staff of Allegheny County Council. During the comment reading on April 21st, the reader read my words as substance users, and instead read it as substance abusers. We urge County Council to provide proper sensitivity training for any and all staff and Council Members who need the sensitivity training. My request is to hold a Zoom and/or Signal meeting as those are the platforms available to me. My request to use Zoom as a meeting platform was questioned. So let me clarify my request for the record. I'd like to hold a Zoom and/or Signal group meeting for the County Council Members to discuss childhood sex trafficking, adult sex trafficking, and prostitution in Allegheny County. Perhaps two meetings of six members would work well, individual meetings with the remaining three members, or we could do five meetings of three members, three meetings of five members. Any member unable to attend a group meeting, my schedule --- schedule is flexible. I'd like to request a one-on-one meeting. The resolution I represent is national. We represent sex workers and sex trafficking victims in all districts. I request these meetings of all Allegheny County Council Members to protect folks in your district. Is my request clear enough, or do I need to brush up on my Hookered On Phonic skills? I'll summarize the rest, you've heard it all before. Give whores rights, resources and protections, give sex trafficking victims and survivors

rights, resources, and protections. Please reach out via email, text, or Facebook to schedule meetings, group and/or individual. You do have my contact information. If you need to call, text first as I screen calls for safety. Thanks for understanding this. Have a great evening, and remember whores love. Yours, Gabriel Monroe.

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

MR. WALTON: I make a motion ---.

MR. PALMIERE: So moved.

MR. FUTULES: Motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Second?

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. WALTON: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

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

CERTIFICATE

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