

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
Ken Varhola - Chief of Staff

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 silent prayer or reflection.

(Silent Prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Please be seated everyone. 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. Klein? Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

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: We have 14 members present for the moment.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll start with proclamations and certificates. Each proclamation will be read into the record. 11597-20.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing September 7, 2020 as Labor Day in Allegheny County sponsored by all members of Council.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11598-20.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Matt Lutz upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award sponsored by Council Member Macey.

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

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Approval of minutes?

MR. BARKER: Also none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Presentation of appointments.
11596-20.

MR. BARKER: Approving the re-appointment of Ed Eichenlaub to the Council of Friends for South Park for a term to expire on September 8, 2022 sponsored by Council Member Duerr.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Council Member Duerr, did you have anything you wanted to add to this?

MR. DUERR: Yeah sure. I spoke with the chair of the Friends of South Park Jason Fincke. Him and I are close, and I've worked with Ed on a number of things with my professional job outside of council. I know he's dedicated a lot of his time to the Friends of South Park and also to the, you know, South Hills communities and I think he's going to continue to do great work there.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. So you're making the motion to approve?

MR. DUERR: Yes, I am.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

MR. PALMOSINA: I 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. Moving on. Unfinished business. Committee on Public Works second reading 11574-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to acquire by condemnation certain real property located within one of the parcels included in the Campbell's Run Road Bridge No. 6 Project located in the Township of Robinson and the Township of Collier and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including but not limited

to the Eminent Domain Code sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Councilman Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, President Catena: We - the public works committee met on September 1st and this was sent to the full council with affirmative recommendation. I move for approval.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

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. 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 14, noes 0 with one member absent. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11575-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to convey by special warranty deed two parcels of land described as 12,989 square feet of land being all of Block and Lot Number 375-C-185 and 13,986 square feet of land being all of Block and Lot Number 375-C-191, both parcels of land being situate in the Borough of North Braddock, Allegheny County, to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania acting through its Department of Transportation sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, President Catena. The public works department committee met on September 1st and this was sent to the full council with affirmative recommendation, and I would like to make the motion to approve.

MR. PALMOSINA: I second.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing no discussion, roll call vote please, Jared.

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: Aye.

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. 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 14, noes 0 with one member absent. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Are there any liaison reports this evening?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. PALMIERE: I just wanted to mention I was just informed that out of 536 nursing schools, CCAC was just ranked number 10, and I just wanted to congratulate Dr. Bullock and his staff. It's a wonderful achievement. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Anyone else this evening? Councilman Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to touch base on 9/6 of last week on Sunday we had a cleanup in our neighborhood District 12 county council and District 2 city council sponsored by Theresa Kail-Smith and the Allegheny Fayette Central Labor Council President Darrin Kelly along with Craig Romanovich, a host of the unions, and the job was to clean up the war memorial at the corner of Obie and Steuben Street along with neighborhood residents and some veterans that came out. We cleaned the monument. We weeded it. We took down some bushes. We mulched it, and it was my honor - it was one of the greatest things in the last couple months with everything going on that I had a chance to participate in. Theresa Kail-Smith set it all up.

Along with Craig Romanovich we had the carpenters, SCIU Electrical, 1058 Steamfitters, Senator Iovino, Congressman Lamb, Alice Creager from the mail carriers, State Representative Dan Deasy, our own county councilman Tom Duerr. Thanks for being there, Tom. Steamfitters, SCIU, if I forgot anybody - but the most touching thing on that was we had a veteran that came out from my neighborhood that I have known for about 30 years. Al Burokowski.

Al lost his wife several years ago, and it was the first time I got a chance to see him since she passed away. So I wanted to give him our deepest sympathy

from our council to the Burokowski family, but Al was also having and battling some of his own health issues. He has several health issues that are related to Agent Orange, and I just think what a day with the laborers and the veterans and I think this country needs to realize how many folks have gone through a lot to get us where we're at with Labor and the veterans to live in this great country. That being said, I just want to reach out to everybody out there and say happy Labor Day and thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll go on to new business ordinances and resolutions. 11599-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances Division 2 entitled "County Government Operations," Chapter 215, entitled "Boards, Commissions and Committees," Article V, entitled "Human Relations Commission," in order to clarify the applicability of existing Countywide nondiscrimination requirements in the context of discrimination based upon hairstyles sponsored by Council Members Bennett, Prizio, and Hallam.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to government reform. 11600-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 1009, entitled "Personnel Policies," in order to establish a paid holiday structure for all County employees sponsored by Council Members Bennet and Hallam.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to government reform. 11601-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance amending the definition of rental vehicle set forth in the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 1, the Allegheny County Administrative Code, Article 808.B entitled "Rental Vehicle Taxation," sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to budget and finance. 11602-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance approving the sale of a parcel of property identified as McWinney Street, Borough of Munhall, Pennsylvania Block and Lot 182-A-9, for the sale price of \$1,500 to Gregory Baranowski, an adult individual and Munhall resident sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to budget.
11603-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing Allegheny County Budo-Kai to use a structure on Brownsville Road in the County's South Park sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to parks.
11604-20.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing Mon Valley Express Drum & Bugle Corps, also known as Mon Valley Express, Inc., to use a structure on Brownsville Road in the County's South Park sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 11605-20.

MR. BARKER: I apologize for 11604, refer to parks as well?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Oh, parks. Sorry.

MR. BARKER: 11605-20. A resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny authorizing the County to adopt the Rules and Regulations of the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission in order to effect the policies and provisions of Chapter 215 Article V of the Allegheny County Code sponsored by the chief executive and council members Duerr, Klein and Walton.

PRESIDENT CATENA: On that one, I believe Council Member Bennett and Council Member Hallam also want to be added as sponsors. Is that correct for the both of you?

MS. HALLAM: That's correct.

MS. BENNETT: It is.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there anyone else that would like to be added as a sponsor? Hearing none, that will go to government reform. Notification of contracts. 11606-20.

MR. BARKER: A communication summarizing approved executive actions for the month of August 2020.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there a motion to receive?

MS. BENNETT: Motion to receive. Liv Bennett.

MR. DUERR: Second. This is Duerr.

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. Councilman Klein, was that you that I did hear? Maybe I didn't hear Councilman Klein. I wanted him to be added if it was. Okay. Is there any public comment on general items?

MR. BARKER: There is none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. Motion to adjourn?

MR. PALMOSINA: I make a motion.

MR. PALMIERE: So moved.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Have a wonderful evening. Committees adjourned.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:17 P.M.

CERTIFICATE

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Dated the 23rd day of September, 2020

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Jeremy Harris,

Court Reporter