

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Patrick Catena	-	Chair, District 4
Robert Macey	-	Vice-President, District 9
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-at-Large
Bethany Hallam	-	Council-at-Large
Jack Betkowski	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Tom Duerr	-	District 5
John Palmiere	-	District 6
Nicholas Futules	-	District 7
Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis	-	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

MR. PALMIERE: All right. Call this meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. PALMIERE: Silent prayer or reflection please.

(Moment of Silence.)

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Roll call, Mr. Barker.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Here.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: 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: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: 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. Catena? Mr. Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Here.

JARED BARKER: Thank you. And Mr. Palmiere presiding tonight.

MR. PALMIERE: Here. Thank you. The following proclamations will be presented. 12177-22.

JARED BARKER: A proclamation declaring the month of February as Black History Month in Allegheny County and commending the efforts of A. Phillip Randolph and Fred Redmond for the efforts they have made in helping not only African Americans but all Americans particularly

in labor sponsored by Council Member Walton and all other members of council.

MR. WALTON: Secretary Treasurer Redmond and his beautiful wife, could you come up please? It is with a significant, true amount of pleasure that I'm standing here tonight. This is my seventh year as a member of county council and each year we presented a Black History Month proclamation and tonight is a very special night for me particularly both as a member of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute, as a steel worker, as a transplant to Pittsburgh from the region. I've known Fred Redmond for close to 35 years. He's been a friend, he's been an ally, he's been an advocate for justice and equality and so it's really appropriate that we're here tonight. And along with him every step of the way has been Ann Redmond, his better half, who's been an advocate for justice, for equality.

Ann's really learned and educates folks about the diaspora and experience and the challenges that the African American community has faced and how we work collectively to achieve success so it has been a true family effort in this whole piece.

So I'm going to go ahead and get started. Whereas during the month of February we pay tribute to the countless people who stood up and sat in and helped right the wrongs of our past and to extend the promise of the American Dream to all. We honor the contributions of African Americans since the formation of our country and we stand steadfast to reach a new day when all individuals are judged on nothing but the content of their character and whereas the celebration of Black History Month began as Negro History Week which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson a noted African American historian, scholar, educator and publisher. In 1976 it became a month long celebration in the month of February which was chosen to coincide with birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln. And whereas, Allegheny County recognizes the champions of justice along the underground railroad, aboard a bus in Alabama, a sit down at a whites only lunch counter in North Carolina and all across the county, many of which gave the ultimate sacrifice so that one day each person will know the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And whereas, two individuals have been instrumental in the growth and protection of African American men and women in the workplace, Asa Phillip

Randolph and Fred Redmond, and whereas, the A. Phillip --- where Asa Phillip Randolph was a labor leader and civil rights activist who founded the nation's first major black union, black labor union, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in 1925. In fact, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters delivered the Pittsburgh Courier, a newspaper that shared information about black progress, to places in the Southwest and elsewhere. And whereas, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters was the first black union to be granted a charter by the American Federation of Labor in 1934. Congress amended the Railway Labor Act to cover workers in sleeping cars which paved the way for Mr. Randolph and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters to win a collective bargaining agreement that reduced work hours, raised wages. And whereas, in 1963 Mr. Randolph along with Bayard Rustin spearheaded the March on Washington where nearly a quarter million people gathered to hear from civil rights leaders.

It's here that Dr. Martin Luther King gave his famous I Have a Dream Speech. And whereas, the March on Washington helped pave the way for the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Mr. Randolph was rewarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for a career of activism the same year.

Mr. Randolph passed away in 1979, and let me digress just a second. He also led the way for the Voting Rights Act in 1965 which ultimately gives rise to me standing here before you today as a black elected official in the United States which is absolutely critical. Whereas, in 1965 Mr. Randolph --- the A. Phillip Institute replaced the Negro American Labor Council as the primary mode of advancing Mr. Randolph's labor and civil rights goals. The A. Phillip Randolph Institute is synonymous with labor and works intimately with the United Steelworkers headquartered here in Pittsburgh. I DeWitt Walton direct the work out of the United Steelworkers headquarters, and whereas, Fred Redmond, Secretary Treasurer of the National AFLCIO, currently serves as chairman of the board of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute and has since 2007.

Whereas, Mr. Redmond was elected to this position by the AFLCIO executive council on August 20, 2021 and the first African American to hold this office in the history of the labor foundation. He previously served on the federation's executive council since 2008. Whereas

Mr. Redmond went on to work at Reynolds Metal in Chicago in 1973 and became a United Steelworkers Local. He was active in his local union, almost immediately served as a shop steward and eventually vice president eventually serving three terms as local union president and whereas in 1996 Mr. Randolph joined the International United Steelworkers international staff working with local unions in the Chicago area before accepting a position here in Pittsburgh at the international headquarters in 1998.

For decades he served UFW various staff and leadership roles assisting local unions in developing and conducting training programs and bargaining contracts. Whereas, as international vice president of human affairs, a position that Mr. Redmond was first elected to in 2006, he oversaw among other tasks, the union's civil and human rights department and worked with UFW allies across the country in responding to attacks on voting rights and economic inequality.

Whereas Mr. Redmond spent his entire life fighting for racial justice in the workplace and throughout our communities. In 2016 he was appointed to Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf Advisory Commission on African American Affairs. 2020 he was tapped to chair the AFL-CIO taskforce on racial justice, a body focused on taking concrete action to address America's long history of racism and police violence against Black people.

Whereas Mr. Redmond has served on the board of directors of Works America, TransAfrica Forum, the Workers Defense League, the National Endowment for Democracy, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists and Interfaith Worker Justice. In 2021 he was elected president of the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas, a prestigious international post.

Now, therefore be it resolved that we, Allegheny Council members, do hereby proclaim the month of February as Black History Month in Allegheny County and we commend the efforts of A. Phillip Randolph and Fred Redmond for the efforts they have made in helping not only African Americans but all Americans particularly in labor.

In witness thereof, I hereby cause the seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed to this proclamation this 23rd day of February --- this 8th day of February. Typo.

So, Fred, thank you.

MR. REDMOND: Thank you. Thank you very much. As DeWitt said, we've been friends for well over 25 years and I value his friendship and I value his leadership within our union and his work throughout this city, throughout this country and through the residents of Allegheny County. So thanks a lot, DeWitt. I also want to thank Rich Fitzgerald, our county executive, and to all of you, members of the county board. You know, this month as we celebrate the contributions of the Black Americans to the fiber --- who have contributed to the fabric of our great country, you know, we have made a lot of progress as people, as a country, but I am reminded today that in 13 states in the United States 33 pieces of legislation have been passed that actually make it harder for people today to vote. I mean, in those 13 states there are people --- most of those people are people of color, women, students who have less voting rights than they did in 1965 when the Voting Rights Act passed so, you know, for those of us in this room who value fairness, who love democracy, although we have come a long way as a people, as a country we have a long way to go. The fight continues.

But I want to thank each and every one of you on this council not only for this proclamation, but for the work you do on behalf of the citizens of this great county, Allegheny County, every day and I want to commend you for being steadfast, for making sure that this region does not fall into the appendages of those 13 states that I talked about, making sure that everybody in the county is treated fairly, so I want to thank you all. I will value this. I want to thank you for all the work that you do and what you've done with love. Thank you very much.

MR. PALMIERE: 12178-22.

JARED BARKER: A proclamation declaring Tuesday February 22, 2022 to be spay day in Allegheny County sponsored by Council Members Kirk, DeMarco and Prizio.

MS. KIRK: Well, as you can see, we have members here from Animal Friends and multiple more you'll see when we have the photo taken, I'm sure. Councilwoman Prizio and I spent a few hours over at Animal Friends and learned a lot and really appreciated the valuable service they do for our entire county and outside of our county. Plus I got to see some surgery done while I was there. Sorry, Anita. She had to leave, but it was very interesting what they can do. Even the dental. You don't think of that and the dental for the animals. They'll take care of it.

Low-cost and free services it's amazing. It's amazing how much services and especially impressed with the ones for the veterans. There's a program there that really matches veterans to animals. Not like a therapy dog, but just loving dog or cat or rabbit.

Litter trained rabbits.

So it's a great program. They provide a lot of services that basically if you think of anything that could do to help someone who has a pet or maintain their pet or get a pet or find a home for a pet, Animal Friends is probably the first stop I would go to. And if they can't do it, they will refer you to someone.

One of those services is trying to maintain the feral population of cats and dogs out there, and to do that, we're here to celebrate spay day which is February 22. So they do a lot and it's really interesting in case you ever come across a feral cat one thing I learned during the surgery is they'll clip the ear and they often leave --- right at the belly they'll leave like a greenish blue tattoo like a line. If you ever see a cat like that, that means it's been previously spay so there is no need to track it and take it to check and that's like a universal symbol so that's so the cat, you know, wouldn't have to go through any unnecessary procedures or dog I guess.

Okay. Proclamation. Whereas, pet ownership in the United States of America has more than tripled since the 1970s, and as of 2022, pets provided companionship to more than 90.5 million American households and whereas 95 percent of pets living in poverty and 98 percent of community which are the feral and the stray cats are unaltered and whereas an estimated 5.5 million cats and dogs in our nation's shelter system each year of which unfortunately only 19 percent of shelter dogs and three percent of cats are reclaimed by their owners and whereas across the United States of America animal shelters are forced to euthanized, sadly, one million cats, dogs and other animals every year many of whom are healthy and adoptable due to lack of critical resources and public awareness.

Whereas this tragic over population of pets cost the taxpayers of this country millions of dollars annually for the annual service programs that must cope with large populations of stray dogs and cats. Whereas spaying and neutering is a proven and humane method of reducing

overpopulation and limiting the numbers of pets that end up in shelters or on the streets. And whereas low-cost and free spay and neuter programs and educational outreach have proven to be wise investments for many communities as these programs gradually decrease the number of stray animals in a given area.

Whereas Animal Friends provided 3,890 low cost or free spay/neuter surgery for cats and dogs of the residents of Allegheny County. And whereas this year marks the 28th annual spay day, and since its inception, participants have spayed and saved millions of animals nationwide including hundreds of thousands in the Pittsburgh region. Now, there be it resolved that we, Allegheny County Council Member Cindy Kirk, Sam DeMarco who's on the phone, Councilwoman Anita Prizio, do hereby declare Tuesday February 22nd, 2022 to be Spay Day in Allegheny County. We encourage all residents to spay or neuter their pets and endeavor to build a compassionate community through a partnership with Animal Friends for low-cost spay and neuter and education legislation. So thank you for that, all you do and all the other services you do. I was simply in awe. Very nice facility. If any of you ever have a chance, I'm sure they'd love to tour you. It's very impressive. You'll be very happy. It's right on Camp Horne, down on Camp Horne Road.

MS. WHALEY: My name is Carol Whaley, and I'm the director of Humane Programming at Animal Friends and I want to say thank you to Council Members Kirk, Prizio and DeMarco and the rest of council for recognizing the work that we do at Animal Friends. We do hope we can continue this relationship to promote more humane solutions to the animal issues that we have at the county, and I'd like to pass this along to our director of Community Resources Kaley Kaczynski. She oversees our clinic and mostly our spay neuter program. She can tell us a little bit more about what you saw when you were on tour and we do invite everybody from council. Come on up. Let us know if you want to come and take a peek at what we do. We'd love to have you there and show you around.

MS. KIRK: And maybe get to see surgery.

MS. KACZYNSKI: Thank you so much. My name's Kaley Kaczynski and, as Carol said, I'm the director of Community Resources at Animal Friends. And over actually I think it's seven to eight years I have been accepting the proclamation for spay day at the City of Pittsburgh

council building, so to be here today I do have to say it's really powerful. It's huge. This is --- you guys too. And that is exactly why it's so powerful and I can't stress enough how beneficial this advocacy is for spay and neuter in general. At our clinic we not only do spay neuter we do low cost and free vaccinations for people in need. We also do mass removals and dental procedures and many, many other general practice, you know, medical treatments as well for our clients. We also have a lot of other resources that not many people know about such as our chow wagon food pantry where we actually distribute pet food to many different human food pantries across the city of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County so not only can someone come to us and get maybe a discounted spay or neuter but they can get food, they can get collars and leashes. If they need it, we've got it so we kind of are your compass. We can direct anybody that is in need, so again thank you so much. This truly means the world to us.

MR. PALIMERE: 12176-22.

JARED BARKER: A proclamation declaring February 2022 to be American Heart Month in Allegheny County sponsored by Council Member Kirk and all members of council.

MS. KIRK: Yes, this is American Heart Month, Heart Association Month wear red day. I have my red. This is a very important proclamation to me too not only being a nurse and witnessing people with heart disease, but also I lost both my parents to cardiovascular disease. So that said the interesting thing --- the reason why it says we're just going to read into the record while we're doing this American Heart Association the dates weren't working for them and lo and behold we see in the paper a person who's doing all this volunteer work, Kimberly Leo, who's local and --- so we'll tell you a little bit about her too.

Whereas cardiovascular disease affects more men, women and children of every age and race in the United States from 2019 to 2020. Deaths from heart disease has increased by 4.8 percent. The largest increase in heart disease since 2012 and stroke deaths increased in the same period by six percent. Cardiovascular disease continues to be the leading cause of death in the United States, and that's very sad. Whereas in 2015 cardiovascular disease accounted for \$555 billion in healthcare expenditures and

lost productivity and by 20 years later in 2035 cardiovascular disease will account for even more than that 1,093,900 million at that point. What's ever after billion? Trillion. Over \$1 trillion will be just 15 years, less than that, in health care expenditures and lost productivity annually. Whereas the global COVID-19 disease pandemic poses a significant high-risk to individuals with cardiovascular disease and risk factors whereas individuals in the United States have made great progress in reducing the death rate from cardiovascular disease, but this progress has been more moderate with respect to the death rate from cardiovascular disease but this price has been more modest with respect to the death rate from cardiovascular disease in women and minorities.

And whereas cardiovascular disease are the number one killer of women in the United States killing more women than all forms of cancer combined and cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of maternal death in the United States and more simply put heart disease is the number one killer of new moms.

And whereas women especially black and Hispanic women are disproportionately impacted by heart disease and stroke, the research shows heart attacks are on the rise in younger women, yet younger generations of women, Gen Z and Millennials, are less likely to be aware of their greatest health threats including knowledge of the warning signs of heart attacks and strokes. Whereas the American Heart Association signature initiative Go Red for Women is a comprehensive platform designed to increase women's heart health awareness and serve as a catalyst for change to improve the lives of women globally and whereas on Friday February 4, 2022 in celebration of national wear red day women across America wore red to help raise awareness that heart disease is the number one health threat to women.

And whereas Franklin Park Resident Kimberly Leo suffered a heart attack ten years ago at the age of 46. It's not that she's overweight or has apparent risk factors. That is very scary. Yes. Thanks to quick action Kimberly survived and has resolved to become and advocate for women's heart health and whereas Kimberly, an active volunteer with the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign, is dedicated to the power of a little red dress. The symbol of the Go Red for Women's campaign. See the pin? We had smaller ones in the past.

Women are the rocks of the family. They take care of everyone else. Being part of the Go Red for Women is about paying it forward. Now, therefore be it resolved that we on Allegheny County Council, all the members of council up there, do recognize the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke so, Kim, if you'd like to share some of your story.

MS. LEO: Thank you, Cindy. Thank you so much. I am very grateful and honored to receive this proclamation from all of council. You touched on some very important, compelling numbers. It is scary, and having had a heart attack and I had a massive heart attack. The STEMI which is the big one as they say.

MS. KIRK: You had a STEMI?

MS. LEO: Yes, I did. I had a 99 percent blockage of my left main LVAD which is the widow maker. It's just unbelievable how quickly something can come over you like that. I had a very low ejection fraction too which is a term you'll know.

MS. KIRK: What is it?

MS. LEO: 15-20 when I presented to the ER. I had cardiogenic shock and was in left ventricular failure so I was a very sick young woman. I'm very blessed to be standing here in front of all of you.

MS. KIRK: Thank goodness you were in Allegheny County.

MS. LEO: Actually I wasn't. I was in Harrisburg at the time. I'm from Pittsburgh, but I spent most of my life in Central PA so I was at UPMC Pinnacle. But the ties to Pittsburgh are strong. I can't tell you how devastating of an experience it was. Not just for me in my 40's, but for my family. And women are the rocks of the family and they take care of everyone. They tend to put their health on the backburner because they're so busy taking care of their husbands and children so I knew that I was being so blessed to survive. I thought I have to do something because these numbers are compelling. As Cindy said, you combine all forms of cancer, and heart disease is still the number one killer of women, one in three women. And when I'm in a room, it's scary that --- I've been at go red for women lunches and I look around that room and I think one in three. That's too many. That's one too many deaths so I feel that, you know, I have become an advocate. I want to pay it forward. I want to share my experience. I want to help educate and raise the

awareness of heart disease being the number one killer of women because they don't even know it and help them take control, be your own advocate and know their numbers which is their cholesterol, their blood sugar, their blood pressure, know your family history and just be your advocate and listen to your body because that's what saved my life. I was feeling fine one minute, and within seconds I started to feel this extreme wave of nausea come over my body. I felt this tingling in my chest, and I felt very violently ill and I remember thinking what is happening to my body right now. Something is not right.

So I took action, so that is always my final message when I talk --- have the opportunity to speak to a group of people is to listen to your body and take action because it really can be the difference between life and death. And I will say that in the City of Pittsburgh which I absolutely love and am so happy to be back here living here five years, I love the red of the buildings at night so, you know, we just need to do a better job of raising that awareness and letting women know that this is their greatest fear.

MS. KIRK: And to take action.

MS. LEO: And to take action. Absolutely take action. Do not dismiss symptoms because I would rather have a woman go to the ER, call 911, go to the ER, and when she gets there, she's examined, have her be told, oh, it's just heartburn because the symptoms are very different between --- for a woman and a man. Men have the classic elephant sitting on the chest pressure, the pain down the limb. Women can have pain in their necks, their back, their jaw, their stomach, so it's kind of hard to pinpoint sometimes it is a heart attack, but again listen, listen to your body. It can truly make a difference.

MS. KIRK: And call an ambulance. Don't have a family member take you.

MS. LEO: Absolutely.

MS. KIRK: If you go out, they can bring you back. We're talking minutes.

MS. LEO: Absolutely. In fact, as it is only 50 percent of the people that have heart attacks actually make it to the hospital and you're dealing with such a tight timeframe. It's 90 minutes. You have a blocked artery. You got 90 minutes to open that artery and I was very, very close even taking action right away, but ---

and I did have to have an emergency open heart surgery because the stent placement was not successful, but yes.

MR. PALMIERE: 12179-22.

JARED BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Goat Rodeo Farm & Dairy for their Bamboozle cheese winning best in show at the 106th annual Pennsylvania Farm Show sponsored by Council Member Prizio.

MS. PRIZIO: Thank you, everyone. I am certainly honored to represent District 3. Last week we had Hampton Championship Soccer team and now I have the opportunity to honor my friends India and Steve for their Cheese Bamboozle which won best in show at the annual Pennsylvania Farm Show. So a proclamation recognizing the Goat Rodeo Farm and Dairy. Whereas, in 2015 India & Steve Loevner founded Goat Rodeo Farm and Dairy and it is a 130 acre family owned farm in Indiana Township which is a beautiful farm that I had a chance to go to and they have a heard of more than 100 alpine and Nubian dairy goats. Whereas, Goat Rodeo Farm and Dairy makes a variety of fresh and aged cheeses using their own goat's milk combined with cow's milk from the Le-Ara Farm in Armstrong County and whereas Goat Rodeo Farm and Dairy participated in the 106 annual Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and whereas the farm's signature beer washed goat and cow's milk cheese Bamboozle was named best in show. This unique cheese is aged for at least two months and washed with Tracks Again an unfiltered pilsner from Cinderland Beer Company in the Strip District.

Whereas Goat Rodeo Farm and Dairy produces a total of six kinds of cheese all of which have been recognized at various farm shows such as the American Annual Cheese Society competition, and now therefore, be it resolved that I, Allegheny County Council Member Anita Prizio, do hereby recognize Goat Rodeo Farm and Dairy for their Bamboozle cheese winning best in show at the Pennsylvania Farm show. Thank you so much.

MR. LOVENER: Thank you, Council Member Prizio and thank you so much, Allegheny County Council, for this proclamation recognizing our farm and award-winning cheese. We're proud to be farming and making our cheese right here in Allegheny County and we're committed to our mission at Rodeo Farm and Dairy to create a delicious product and preserve Pennsylvania farmland one little cheese at a time, so thanks again.

MR. PALMIERE: The following proclamations will be read into the record. 12180-22.

JARED BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Dravosburg Volunteer Fire Department #1 Station 131 upon their 100th anniversary sponsored by Council Member Macey.

MR. PALMIERE: Public comment on agenda items.

JARED BARKER: I don't believe we have any. No.

MR. PALMIERE: Approval of minutes. If there are no objections, I'd like to have a motion to approve all three of the items under minutes.

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to approve.

MS. HALLAM: Second.

MR. PALMIERE: Then have the clerk read the items before we vote. Any discussion?

MR. BETKOWSKI: I'll be abstaining. I wasn't here for these meetings.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: I will as well.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay. We have a motion and second. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

MR. PALMIERE: Nays? Motion passes. Presentation of appointments?

JARED BARKER: We have none.

MR. PALMIERE: Unfinished business. Committee on economic development and housing second reading 12172-22.

JARED BARKER: A resolution approving a project for the benefit of Carnegie Mellon University, a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority by the issuance of the Authority's taxable and/or tax-exempt revenue bonds in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$120,000,000 provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the bonds and declaring the financing of such project as desirable for the health safety and welfare of the people in the County sponsored by the chief executive.

MR. PALMIERE: I'd like to have a motion to approve, please, Mr. Betkowksi.

MR. BETKOWSKI: I make a motion to recommend to council that this resolution be adopted.

MR. DUERR: Seconded.

MR. PALMIERE: Discussion if any? Mr. Barker, please call the roll.

JARED BARKER: On the motion to approve, Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MS. BETKOWSKI: 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: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Pamosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

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

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Committee on government reform second reading. 12166-22.

JARED BARKER: An ordinance or the County of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania directing that a referendum question regarding the amendment of Article III Section 6 of the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County which places restrictions on the ability of certain persons to run for federal, state, county and local elected office be placed on the November 8, 2022 general

election ballot sponsored by Council Members Macey, Catena, Futules, Duerr and Bennett.

MR. PALMIERE: I'd like to have a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: Any discussion? Mr. Barker, please --- go ahead, Ms. Hallam.

MS. HALLAM: No, that's okay. Yeah. So on February 1st, the Committee on Government Reform met and we affirmatively recommended this ordinance to come to the full council for a vote, so I would like to move to approve this ordinance.

MS. BENNETT: Second.

MR. PALMIERE: Second. Mr. Barker, please call the roll.

JARED BARKER: On the motion to approve, Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MS. BETKOWSKI: 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: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: 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: No.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Ayes 14, no's 1. The bill passes.

MR. PALMIERE: Committee on Health and Human Services, second reading, 12171-22.

JARED BARKER: An ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments that revise Section 2105.90 Gasoline Volatility, 2107.15 Methods-Gasoline Volatility and RFG, and 2101.20 Definitions of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations Article XXI Air Pollution Control sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes. At the meeting of the Committee on Health and Human Services on February 3 the committee affirmatively recommended the adoption of this ordinance and at this time I ask for a motion to approve.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

MR. PALMIERE: Motion and second. Discussion if any? Mr. Barker, please call the roll.

JARED BARKER: On the motion to approve, Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MS. BETKOWSKI: 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: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: 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. Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

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

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Committee on parks, second reading, 12167-22.

JARED BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the Oliver Miller Homestead Associates to continue to use a certain portion of the County's South Park for operation of the historical property known as the Oliver Miller Homestead sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. PALMIERE: I asked Mr. Macey to do this. This is my committee. Mr. Macey, please.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President, members of council. The committee met on the 2nd of February 2022 and the committee clearly vetted this particular item and it was sent to the full council with affirmative recommendation. Therefore, I make a motion to approve.

MR. DUERR: Second.

MR. PALMIERE: Any discussion? Mr. Barker, please call the roll.

JARED BARKER: On the motion to approve, Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MS. BETKOWSKI: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Thank you. 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: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: 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. Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

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

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Committee on public works, second reading, 12168-22.

JARED 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 permanent rights of way and easements including, but not limited to property in fee for permanent rights of way and temporary construction easements from two parcels required for the reconstruction of Mount Troy Road, County Road Number 2312-02 located in Reserve Township and the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County 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.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: The Committee on Public Works met last Wednesday, February 2nd and in our committee this ordinance was affirmatively recommended to council for a full vote and so I make a motion for that vote.

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. PALMIERE: Motion and second. Do I have any discussion? Seeing none, Mr. Barker, please call the roll.

JARED BARKER: On the motion to approve, Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MS. BETKOWSKI: 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: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?
MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: 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. Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
JARED BARKER: Ayes 15, no's 0. The bill

passes.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. 12169-22.

JARED BARKER: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to acquire by condemnation a permanent right of way in fee and a temporary construction easement from one parcel required for the Crawford Run Road Culvert replacement, Crawford Run Road over Crawford Run, East Deer Township, Allegheny County 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.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: The Committee on Public Works met last Wednesday, February 2nd, and in our committee this ordinance was affirmatively recommended to council for a full vote and so I make a motion for that vote.

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. PALMIERE: Motion and second. Any discussion? Mr. Barker, please call the roll.

JARED BARKER: On the motion to approve, Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MS. BETKOWSKI: 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: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: 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. Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

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

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Liaison reports anybody? Okay. Seeing none, new business ordinances and resolutions, 12184-22.

JARED BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending and supplementing the administrative code of Allegheny County Part 9 entitled Competitive Procurement and Contracting by the creation of a new Article 921 entitled Sustainable and Socially Responsible Procurement in order to implement a unified Sustainable and Socially Responsible Procurement policy sponsored by Council Members Prizio, Naccarati-Chapkis, Bennett and Hallam.

MR. PALMIERE: We'll refer to Committee on Sustainability and Green Initiatives. 12185-22.

JARED BARKER: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to acquire by condemnation temporary construction easements from two parcels of land required for the reconstruction of the Kenmawr Avenue Ramp Bridge located in Rankin Borough and Braddock Borough Allegheny County 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.

MR. PALMIERE: We'll refer that to the Committee on Public Works. 12186-22.

JARED BARKER: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to acquire by condemnation a permanent right of way in fee and a temporary construction easement from one parcel of land required for the Montour Run Bridge Number 15 Transportation Improvement Project, North Fayette Township, Allegheny County 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.

MR. PALMIERE: Refer to the Committee on Public Works. 12187-22.

JARED BARKER: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to acquire by condemnation a permanent right of way in fee from on parcel of land required for the reconstruction of the Thompson Run Culverts Number 2 and Number 3 County Road number 2303-00 Thompson Run Road located in Ross Township, Allegheny County 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.

MR. PALMIERE: Refer that to the Committee on Public Works. New business motions. 12189-22.

JARED BARKER: A motion of the Council of Allegheny County embracing the goals and provisions of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and urging the President, administration, and congress to engage in fiscally responsible defense modernization programs that

are geared towards current needs rather than the outdated and unacceptably risky doctrine of mutually assured nuclear destruction sponsored by Council Member Prizio.

MR. PALMIERE: Refer to the Committee on Government Reform.

MR. FUTULES: Mr. President?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes?

MR. FUTULES: I have a motion to introduce this evening.

MR. PALMIERE: Go right ahead.

MR. FUTULES: It okay if I pass it out?

MR. VARHOLA: You can make the motion to amend the agenda. You don't have to wait for this.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. I just want to make a motion to amend the agenda.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: Motion and a second?

MS. BENNETT: Second.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay.

MR. FUTULES: I just want to send this to committee actually. I don't want to discuss it this evening.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay.

MR. WALTON: We have to vote on the amending the agenda.

MR. PALMIERE: On the agenda?

MR. WALTON: Yeah.

MR. PALMIERE: We have a motion and a second, and remember now this is just to put this on the agenda period, right?

MR. FUTULES: Correct.

MR. PALMIERE: Do you want to call a roll call vote?

JARED BARKER: Absolutely. On the motion to amend the agenda, Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Sure. Yeah.

JARED BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MS. BETKOWSKI: 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: No.
JARED BARKER: Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK: Yes.
JARED BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. PALMIERE: Mr. Klein had to leave.
JARED BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
JARED BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?
MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: 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: No.
JARED BARKER: Mr. Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
JARED BARKER: Ayes 12, no's 2. The motion to amend passes.
MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. We'll refer that to the Executive Committee. Notification of contracts. 12188-22.
JARED BARKER: Communication summarizing approved executive actions for the month of January 2022.
MR. PALMIERE: May I have a motion to receive and file, please?
MR. MACEY: So moved.
MR. DUERR: Second. Duerr.
MR. PALMIERE: Motion and second. All in favor, please signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)
MR. PALMIERE: Any nays? Motion passes. Okay. Now public comment on general items. Do we have anyone present to offer comment tonight?
MR. VARHOLA: We do not, Mr. Chairman.
MR. PALMIERE: Okay. Seeing none, may I have a motion to adjourn?
MR. WALTON: So moved.
MR. DUERR: Second.
MR. PALMIERE: This meeting's adjourned. Thank you.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Matthew Rubin City of Pittsburgh. My name is Matt, and I live in Pittsburgh. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for Bill number 12162-22 which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. The impacts of fracking on public health are well-documented. Fracking chemicals have shown up in blood samples from children in our region. Rare cancer clusters have surfaced near fracking sites. Negative health outcomes increase with proximity to oil and gas development. Our air quality is already among the worst in the country with residents in 2021 experiencing 52 days where the air was not healthy to breathe even for residents with no medical conditions according to the group against smog and pollution (GASP). In an era where a highly transmissible virus is compromising the ability of people to breathe particulate matter in the air can mean the difference between life and death for vulnerable residents. Public parks are one of the few parts of American life that are not designed for profit. They are common spaces we share with our neighbors and our families. They are one of the only places people can congregate without spending money. They should not be turned into industrial sites where petrochemicals are extracted.

Please pass Bill number 12162-22 into law. Thank you for your time.

Stephanie Rawal McCandless Township. Bill No. 12162-22 is common-sense legislation which should become law as soon as possible. Our air quality is already among the worst in the country, with residents in 2021 experiencing 52 days where the air was not healthy to breathe, even for residents with no medical conditions, according to the Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP). In an era where a highly transmissible virus is compromising the ability of people to breathe, particulate matter in the air can mean the difference between life and death for vulnerable residents. As the mother of a 5-month-old son, I don't want to worry about fracking occurring in our parks and jeopardizing his health. Fracking is toxic for air quality, water quality, and our economy. It shouldn't be allowed in our parks.

Zachary Michaels City of Pittsburgh. I would like to comment in support of Bill number L2762-22. Pittsburgh's

air quality is a major public health concern and fracking exacerbates it significantly. This is more true than ever in an era when a virus that compromises people's ability to breathe is creating a crisis. Fracking in public lands would degrade one of the few places that people can visit without being pressured to spend money, and simply enjoy a healthy environment. Please vote for this bill and preserve the health and quality of life for your constituents.

Brittany Bennett City of Pittsburgh. My name is Brittany Bennett, and I am a resident of Shadyside. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for Bill number 12162-22, which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. This city already suffers from horrible air quality. My neighbors experienced 52 days where the air was not healthy to breathe in 2021. It would be a dearth of leadership to not stand up and support this bill to ban fracking in our public parks. Thank you.

Samuel Gespass Wilkinsburg Borough. My name is Sam Gespass. I'm from Pittsburgh, and I've recently moved to Wilkinsburg. I am concerned about fracking in public parks in Allegheny County. I believe it is in the best interest of our citizens to pass bill number 12162-22 which would ban such fracking. Chemicals from fracking have been found in blood samples from children in Western PA, and negative outcomes have been correlated with proximity to oil and gas development. Furthermore, such industries have not brought the jobs promised to their communities. I urge the council to pass bill number 12162-22. Thank you.

Steph Sorensen City of Pittsburgh. My name is Steph Sorensen, and I live in Pittsburgh in Greenfield. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for bill number 12162-22, which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. I was pretty shocked to learn that fracking in public parks is currently allowed. It seems very obvious that we have a responsibility to protect and conserve our public lands, to keep them healthy, beautiful, and accessible to everyone. Fracking on these lands is damaging to the environment, to people's health, and to our society as a whole. We have to be good

caretakers of the land we share, and fracking is not good caretaking. I love the outdoors especially hiking and camping with my family. I have asthma which has gotten steadily worse since I first moved to Pittsburgh in 2007. Living here, I'm already concerned for my own health, and I'm afraid of my son, an active nature-loving eight year old who loves to be outside, could develop asthma as well due to the poor air quality in our city or any number of other illnesses and issues from the poor quality of the water, and so on. Please support this legislation and ban fracking on our public lands. Parks are for all of us, not for private companies to exploit and ruin.

Rachel Neffshade Plum Borough. My name is Rachael Neffshade, and I live in Plum Borough. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for bill number 12162-22, which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. Our parks exist for public recreation and enjoyment. Our parks do not exist to create profits for out-of-state petrochemical companies. As for the arguments about fracking providing jobs, this has been proven to be false. Fracking does not create lasting jobs or economic benefits. When fracking moved into 22 counties across Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, their residents experienced a decline in jobs, average personal income, and overall population, according to the Ohio River Valley Institute, a nonpartisan think tank. This industrial activity has no place in public parks, or any property that belongs to the residents of Allegheny County. Please pass Bill number 12162-22 into law. Thank you for your time.

Sarah Lemanski City of Pittsburgh. My name is Sarah, and I live in Central Lawrenceville in the City of Pittsburgh. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for Bill number 12162-22, which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. As we face an unprecedented disaster facing our whole species and the rest of life on Earth, Pittsburgh has a responsibility to do everything in its power to eliminate the use of fossil fuels, not make it easier to mine and use them. Public parks are a reason I love Pittsburgh. They are a reason I would continue to live in the city, rather than move out to the suburbs or the countryside. They provide much needed green space that allows for

recreation, for the love of nature to bloom, for education, and for a positive impact of reducing our carbon footprint. The impacts of fracking on public health are well-documented. Fracking chemicals have shown up in blood samples from children in our region. Rare cancer clusters have surfaced near fracking sites. Negative health outcomes increase with proximity to oil and gas development. As someone with Asthma and a cancer survivor the idea of allowing fracking in our public parks is not only offensive to me, but also very dangerous. Pittsburgh is already known for bad air quality. If the goal is to have more folks move to Pittsburgh to experience all that it has and to add value to our city, why would your Council allow something that completely goes in the face of making Pittsburgh a better place and adds to the stigma of it being a dirty place? If this were to happen, I cannot say I would continue to live in Pittsburgh and be a taxpayer here.

Please pass Bill number 12162-22 into law. Thank you for your time.

Jeremy Kanter City of Pittsburgh. Hi. As a resident of Bloomfield, I'm writing to voice my support for bill 12162-22, which would ban fracking on public lands. Our air and water quality is bad enough already. Let's not allow it to get any worse for the benefit of the fossil fuel industry.

William Nicks West Mifflin Borough. In light of the significant bridge collapse over Frick Park on 1/28, I want the council to acknowledge my statement as follows. The county executive is responsible for prudent management of taxpayer dollars, however for years has been on public record repeatedly ignoring existing infrastructure in order to woo developers in to gentrifying areas already needed funding for basic infrastructure. The BRT via Oakland runs along this bridge and is precisely the sort of money grab that Mr. Fitzgerald is allowing under his watch, as well as through his influence with the URA. Comes now, I demand the resignation of the executive, who has clearly demonstrated his priorities are self-enrichment and elevation of communities, which he most closely affiliates, while diverting critical funding away from vital public works projects. This is a failure at the highest level of the

county, and Mr. Fitzgerald could have had blood on his hands today, in the event of any fatalities. Resign, as it is the honorable thing to do, especially given your tenure and callousness towards non-affluent communities. I will be unable to attend and wish for this submission to be forwarded to all members of the council.

Jason Plank Wilkinsburg Borough. My name is Jason Plank, and I live in Wilkinsburg. I would like to voice my strong support for Bill number 12162-22, which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. Our air quality is already among the worst in the country, with residents in 2021 experiencing 52 days where the air was not healthy to breathe, even for residents with no medical conditions, according to the Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP). As an asthma sufferer I find this significant and alarming. In an era where a highly transmissible virus is compromising the ability of people to breathe, particulate matter in the air can mean the difference between life and death for vulnerable residents. Furthermore, our parks exist for public recreation and enjoyment. Our parks do not exist to create profits for out of state petrochemical companies. Fracking is toxic for air quality, water quality, and our community. It shouldn't be allowed in our parks. Please pass Bill number 12162-22 into law. Thank you for your time.

Amanda Waxman City of Pittsburgh. I'm writing to voice my support of Bill number 12162-22, which would ban fracking in Allegheny County Parks. It's upsetting to me that petrochemical companies are allowed to set up shop and profit off of our public lands, where myself and other residents go to run, hike, and be in nature. In addition, the public health and environmental risks of fracking are well-documented. I can't believe this is even allowed in the first place. Please pass the fracking ban immediately.

Daniel Galvin Millvale Borough. I am a former Army sergeant and veteran of the second American War in Iraq. I am vehemently opposed to all forms of fracking, but particularly opposed to the use of fracking on public land. As a veteran who spent time in Iraq, I am very aware of the impact of toxins on the air quality of local populations. The toxins introduced to the US military

such as the widely decried burn-pits impacted the service members who lived near them, with widely publicized impacts on cancer rates and health outcomes. One can only imagine what must be occurring on the population that continues to live in the areas impacted. I am appalled that toxins are now being actively introduced with the approval and support of local elected bodies, potentially subjecting the local citizens to the same outcomes that many of our veterans exposed to toxic air quality have experienced. I urge you to vote to end this harmful practice.

Emerson O'Donnell City of Pittsburgh. My name is Emerson O'Donnell. I'm a resident of Highland Park in Pittsburgh. I'm writing to ask County Council to support bill number 12162-22, which would ban fracking on public lands in Allegheny County, including our public parks. Unconventional drilling, or fracking, is a risky mode of fossil fuel extraction which pollutes local environments, while continuing to sink resources into fossil fuel infrastructure which worsens global climate problems. The economic benefits of fracking are minimal and temporary, and a study by the Ohio River Valley Institute has shown that jobs, population, and average personal income declines when fracking move into an area. Meanwhile, fracking chemicals harm the health of residents, causing cancer and other disease. This law is common sense, and I hope you all will support its passage.

Stacy Flinn City of Pittsburgh. Hi my name is Stacy Flinn and I live in Greenfield. I'm contacting you to voice my strong support for bill number 12162-22 which would ban fracking and other industrial activity on public lands. Our public parks are there to enjoy with in the community and not there to make a profit on. Also negative health concerns are connected with fracking, for example there are more reported cancer cases in fracking areas verses non fracking areas. Lastly fracking does not create jobs. In fact out of the 22 counties fracking moved to across Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia there was a job decrease. Fracking is toxic for air quality, water quality, and our economy. It shouldn't be allowed in our parks. Please pass Bill number 12162-22 into law. Thank you for your time.

David King Plum Borough. My name is David King, and I live in Plum Boro. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for Bill number 12162-22 which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. Our parks exist for public recreation and enjoyment. Our parks do not exist to create profits for out-of-state petrochemical companies. They are the only places in which people may congregate for free, and they should not be abused or misused, especially not to generate profit. Would you permit any other kind of industrial or commercial activity in public parks?

Brian Hilbert McCandless Township. I would like Sam DeMarco to explain to the tax payers of Allegany County why he signed a fake set of electors that were sent to congress. Are there rules that prohibit Council Members from committing voter fraud? How does this action help or represent Allegheny County? Is he planning on overturning future votes from Allegheny County? Will there be an investigation of this matter?

Elise Silvestri City of Pittsburgh. Today I'm talking about banning fracking in public parks bill number 12162-22. This is common sense legislature. Why are our parks being used for profit under out-of-state companies? Our parks are for enjoyment, not pollution. Considering Pittsburgh and the greater county has some of the worst air quality in the nation and sees health problems like increased asthma rates in the age of COVID. Continuing to support fracking is irresponsible and shameful. Not supporting this bill means that you support profit over the wellbeing of citizens and our environment- a reprehensible stance.

Nebraska Grayson Harrison Township. My name is Nebraska Grayson, and I live in Natrona Heights. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for bill number 12162-22, which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. Our parks exist for public recreation and enjoyment. Our parks do not exist to create profits for out-of-state petrochemical companies. Public parks are one of the few parts of American life that are not designed for profit. They are common spaces we share with our neighbors and our families. They are one of the only places people can congregate without

spending money. They allow us to appreciate the nature around our urban spaces and engage with it in a recreational and educational way. They should not be turned into industrial sites where petrochemicals are extracted. I want the future generations of Allegheny County to have an opportunity to enjoy the same beautiful spaces I enjoy today.

Fracking is toxic for air quality, water quality, and our economy. It shouldn't be allowed in our parks.

Please pass Bill number 12162-22 into law. Thank you for your time.

Judith Koch Etna Borough. Bill number 12162-22. Please pass the Fracking Ban in Allegheny County Parks (Bill L2162-221). Our public parks are a democratic space and not owned by companies to make profits. The negative effects of fracking and other industries on the environment and people are well documented, and the people of Allegheny County deserve a place with clean air, clean water, and without harmful fracking chemicals. Please pass the bill 12162-22. Thank you for your time.

Sophia Smith Sharpsburg Borough. My name is Sophie, and I live in Sharpsburg, PA. I would like to voice my strong support for bill number 12162-22 which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on Allegheny county public lands. It is so ridiculous that this has not been done already. Our parks are meant for recreation and escaping into nature, not for profit of large companies. The presence of extractive industries only hurts residents' use of the parks. Fracking also has extreme impacts on local water and air quality, which are already some of the worst in the country, and increases negative health outcomes, like cancer. Given the COVID crisis, I would hope our legislators would do everything in their power to support the health of residents in whatever way possible. Fracking is toxic for air quality, water quality, and our economy. It shouldn't be allowed in our parks. Please pass bill number 12162-22 into law. Thank you for your time.

Joseph Franckiewicz Mount Lebanon. Bill number 12162-22. The oil and gas industry has walked over Appalachian communities for years, leaving residents to deal with the aftermath of their practices. Allowing fracking in our

county parks is not something we can allow. The residents of Allegheny County already deal with some of the worst air pollution in the nation, and we cannot allow them to suffer any further.

Kelly McQueston City of Pittsburgh. Hi, I am Kelly McQueston, a resident of the Friendship neighborhood. I am writing in strong support of Bill number 12162-22 which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. I find it frustrating that we even have to ask to get a bill like this passed. Fracking is a thing of the past, and it should have no future anywhere in the world especially on publicly shared lands.

Alexander Downing Hampton Township. My name is Alex Downing, I am a resident of Hampton Township. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for bill number 12162-22, which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. I spent many of my summers working at North Park as a kayak attendant and have enjoyed many of the county's wonderful public parks. That public enjoyment is the purpose of these parks not profit for out-of-state oil and gas developers with years of violations and damage to the environment. It is common sense to ban oil and gas development in our parks. The economic benefits that may be cited such as temporary jobs and tax money do not outweigh the damaging effects of fracking on the land on communities' health. In Deer Lakes Park, the most common example of funds being used to improve trails and facilities, there is evidence of hydrocarbons and dangerous chemicals from fracking in the water and soil. There is simply no way to allow fracking while following the state's commitment to clean air and water for all which should be this council's first priority when it comes to the mission of its public parks. I hope you will all bring bill 12162-22 to vote and pass it so our incredible parks will be preserved for generations to come. Thank you.

Taiji Nelson City of Pittsburgh. My name is Taiji Nelson, and I live in Pittsburgh. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for Bill number 12162-22, which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. Fracking poses a clear threat to human health, the

environment, and our climate. This ban would be an important step in communicating that Allegheny County is not willing to sacrifice the wellbeing of our people and planet for short term profit for fossil fuel execs. Allegheny County should instead be leading in renewable industries that will prepare us for the future. It's also important that we stand in solidarity with communities opposing fracking outside of Allegheny County.

Danielle McGuire City of Pittsburgh. Bill number 12162-22. Frankly, I'm horrified that such a law is not already in place. Public lands should be preserved for the benefit of all people, not exploited by the few to make a quick buck. We know that fracking is hazardous to our health, especially to the health of the most vulnerable who are not able to move away. We know that it does not create economic prosperity for the people who live near it. We know that our air quality is already atrocious, and that making it worse will lead to long-term disability and death. The choice is simple; vote to preserve a space for all people or vote to allow that space to be destroyed and our air and water poisoned, in the name of short-term profits that will largely not benefit this community. Please pass bill 12162-22 into law and ban fracking on public lands. Thank you for your time.

Max Sussman City of Pittsburgh. This is on Bill number 12162-22. I am commenting to voice my strong support for Bill number 12162-22 which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. Our air quality is already among the worst in the country with residents in 2021 experiencing 52 days where the air was not healthy to breathe, even for residents with no medical conditions, according to the Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP). In an era where a highly transmissible virus is compromising the ability of people to breathe, particulate matter in the air can mean the difference between life and death for vulnerable residents.

Matthew Nemeth McCandless Township. I am voicing my support for Bill number 12162-22 which would prohibit industrial activity in Allegheny County's public lands. These lands are becoming increasingly more fractured and valuable as private business in cooperation with local governments develop more commercial and residential

infrastructure in the suburban and rural areas of our county. We are already regularly ranked among the worst counties in the country for air pollution due to our numerous industrial facilities, particularly in the Mon Valley. This is only projected to worsen as nearby Shell cracker plant and greater regional petrochemical hub come online. Our parks are not zones for profit driven exploitation and destructive extraction practices. One of the greatest dangers our parks currently face is fracking, a process that requires immense quantities of water, creates immense quantities of toxic radioactive waste, and frequently leads to waterway contamination. We have over a decade of history that proves corporations are unable frack without polluting the environment and poisoning people whether in the shadow of well pads or near wherever the waste is dumped. We have over a decade of history that proves state and local governments are incapable of properly regulating the fracking industry to keep residents safe. Even local studies in Deer Lakes Park have shown water there has been impacted by fracking. We do not need to prioritize the creation of jobs that poison us and pollute our air and water. Clean air and water is not optional. There are alternatives to dirty industry, but there are no alternatives to clean air and water. The public should not have to be forced to choose between clean and water or job opportunity and, shame upon the politicians and industrial leaders that work to divide us by pitting workers against environmentalists. We all deserve living wage jobs with workplace democracy and clean air and water. I call upon my County Councilperson Cindy Kirk and her fellow council members to do what is right for all people, wildlife, and parkland in our county by voting to pass bill 12162-22. Thank you for this opportunity to submit comment.

Katie Taylor Port Vue Borough. My name is Katie, and I live in Port Vue. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for Bill number 12162-22, which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. I was surprised to learn that this isn't already the law. It is well documented how detrimental fracking is to public health. Fracking chemicals have shown up in children's blood samples in our region, rare cancers are found to be more common near fracking sites, and fracking would further degrade our already poor air quality, which

we already have some of the worst air in the nation. Further, a study from Duquesne University researched the water in Deer Lakes County Park and found that the water quality had been impacted by the past and present fracking activities there, and what do we get in exchange for the harms to our health? Fracking doesn't even create lasting jobs or economic benefits. Throughout Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, residents have experienced a decline in jobs, average personal income, and overall population. Fracking is toxic and it shouldn't be allowed in our parks. Please pass Bill number 12162-22 into law. Thank you for your time.

Trevor Southworth Millvale Borough. My name is Trevor Southworth, and I live in Millvale. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for bill number 12162-22, which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. Living in an urban environment, I absolutely depend on the few nearby parks to provide connection to the fresh air, plant life and wildlife that make our state such a rich and pleasant place to be. I see children thriving in these spaces; again some of the few places where they can explore and expend energy in a safe and healthy environment. During the pandemic, parks have become invaluable to myself, my family and friends as a safe space to meet. Parks provide us the vital space we need to exercise, socialize and inhabit our community without having to pay to do so. To allow the dirty habit of fracking in these environments sends a very clear signal to community members about what our government deems important: corporate profits over community wellbeing. Fracking is toxic for air quality, water quality, environmental health and our economy. It shouldn't be allowed in our parks or really any land we respect and deem valuable for ourselves and future generations. Please pass bill number 12162-22 into law. Thank you for your time.

Clare Joyce Upper St. Clair Township. Currently, fracking is legally allowed in our public parks in Allegheny County. The consequences of such are seriously harmful to the community's health. The impacts of fracking on public health are well documented. Fracking chemicals have shown up in blood samples from children in our region. Rare cancer clusters have surfaced near fracking sites,

negative health outcomes increase with proximity to oil and gas development. Public parks exist to benefit the community and health, not to harm children and residents of the area. Additionally, fracking in parks does not offer the benefits of employment and economic opportunities that are claimed. When fracking moved into 22 counties across Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, they experienced a decline in jobs, average personal income, and overall population, according to the Ohio River Valley Institute. Fracking is toxic for air quality, water quality, and our economy. It should not be allowed in our parks, and it is time to ban it for good. Fracking does not belong in our public parks. It is time to ban it and pass bill number 12162-22.

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 26 day of February, 2022

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeremy Harris", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeremy Harris,

Court Reporter