

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Patrick Catena	-	President, District 4
John F. Palmiere	-	Vice President District 6
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-at-Large
Bethany Hallam	-	Council-at-Large
Jack Betkowski		District 1
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Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Tom Duerr	-	District 5
Nicholas Futules	-	District 7
Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis	-	District 8
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
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, Legislative Services

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 Recited)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Please remain standing for a moment of silent prayer or reflection.

(Moment of Silence)

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

MR. BARKER:	Ms. Bennett?
	Mr. Betkowski?
MR. BETKOWSKI:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Duerr?
MR. DUERR:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Filiaggi.
MS. FILIAGGI:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Hallam?
MS. HALLAM:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?
MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Palmosina?
	Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA:	Here.
MR. BARKER:	At the moment we have 14 members

present.

PRESIDENT CATENA: At this point, we're going to have proclamations and certificates. Obviously, we have a good bit of them to get through tonight. I just remind everybody to please keep your comments to a minimum so we can get everyone recognized this evening. Pictures will be at the end of all of the proclamations. We'll do

pictures rather than keep bringing people up in between and what have you. So we'll do it at the end.

We'll begin with 12595-23.

MR. BARKER: I apologize. Mr. Palmosina has now joined us by phone. Correct? And Ms. Bennet is with us well.

MR. BARKER: 12595-23 is the certificate of recognition to the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for their efforts in organizing the 2023 parade, sponsored by Council Member Catena.

We have another one being presented, also by Mr. Macey. Would you like me to read that one now as well?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Thank you. 12599-23 is a certificate of recognition - certificate of recognizing this Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade. Irish Society for Education and Charity. Also sponsored by Council Member Catena.

MR. MACEY: The committee is first; is that correct? Okay. May I have members of the committee up here, please?

Well, hello, everybody. First of all, I want to tell you I'm embarrassed. I have no green on, but I can brag that I have five Irish kids. Children, that is, and six Irish grandchildren. I'm not Irish, but their mothers were, so they took that side. First of all, since its inception, the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has been the driving force behind the annual parade, coordinating and managing all efforts in bringing the community together to ensure the success of this treasured event. Pittsburgh's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates Pittsburgh's Irish heritage and is normally attended by 200,000 plus people, all Irish, for that day. The parade is one of the oldest, largest St. Patrick's Day Parades in the nation.

The 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade will feature numerous marching units, including bands, floats, several police, fire and emergency services agencies elected leaders along with many groups from Pittsburgh's Irish Community, Allegheny County Council, Commends, the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and the Parade sponsors, Seubert and Associate, Trebuchet Consulting, Fort Pitt Capital Group, Rome Monument, Baird Financial, Allegheny County Airport Authority, Teamsters, Local 249, Impact Consulting Solutions, Skyworks Equipment

Rental, Moran and Moran Attorneys at Law, Snyder Automotive Group, Irish Design Center, Guinness - what's that? Guinness Brewing, Priority Hospitality Group and Straub Brewery.

Therefore, be it resolved. Allegheny County Council commends this committee for a magnificent job from the past and hopefully Saturday. Would somebody like to speak? You. You're stuck with me, buddy. You have to understand, we're all friends here, so if we throw a jab, it's only because we're friends.

MR. GOODRICH: We've known each other for a very long time. I've been walking the streets of Allegheny County, the city, since 1983, when I started law school at Duquesne, so I've made a lot of friends throughout the years through the DA's office to currently working for the sheriff of Allegheny County and the non-profits St. Patrick's Day Parade that I've been the fundraising chairman since 1991.

Colleen Bowers has been right beside me. Carmela Mullins, Timmy Finnerty, Mike McGiver. That's too shy. It's the first time he's ever been camera shy. He won't get up. He's probably worried somebody will ask him a question about the Prothonotary. Anyway, if what the Prothonotary is, you've been here too long, because now it's the Department of Court Records.

Anyways, we are very proud to be here. I just want to talk very briefly because we have this in the Irish Society for Education Charity, Inc., which is the mother company, the corporation that oversees it.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade first started in 1869. There's only been two rain outs or snow outs, once in 1904 and once in around 1950 when Davy Lawrence, beloved governor, commenced the parade again. Even through COVID, we marched small and proud. Not as big as we were in September of '22, but we were there. This year, we're looking at having over 20 bands, over 20 to 25,000. That's thousand marchers, not people watching, marching. This is an endeavor of a very large scale that takes no public money. We truly give back to the community. Not one of us. We have to buy our own St. Patrick's Day buttons. We don't even get a comp. Okay? I mean, it's truly a labor of love. We've been doing it for a number of years.

This year, I just want to point out one of the three patron saints of Ireland, St. Bridget honors our

button. This year you have St. Patrick's, St. Bridget, and St. Columba. St. Columba was very instrumental in doing the Book of Kells that came out in the 8th century, which is what my tie represents, something from the Book of Kells.

And this year we have a commemorative Pittsburgh Allegheny County lapel pin, which we took the emblem from the city, and we sell these. Everything we sell goes right back into the parade committee. It is with quite a bunch of humility, which a lot of, is tough for me to say. Thank you. It's nice to know that our efforts are appreciated, and we thank you very much.

MR. MACEY: I can do this. Yeah. Okay. It's certainly an honor and a privilege to also mention the Irish Society in Education and Charity. I'm a volunteer myself, been involved with several charities, 501(c)(3)s and community foundations. I have to laud people because it's not easy. It takes a lot of work, and I don't know anybody that's a volunteer that's getting paid.

They do it out of their heart. They do it out of the love for their community and the love for others. Since 1992, the Irish Society for Education and Charity, Inc. has provided sponsorship, leadership, and guidance to the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in its efforts to organize and execute what has been referred to as the nation's - now, I don't believe this - it's the second largest St. Patrick's Day Parade. The other proclamation said it was the largest.

MR. GOODRICH: It's per capita.

MR. MACEY: Oh, okay. Only a lawyer would know that. The organization also supports Pittsburgh's Irish community by awarding scholarships to local Irish students and by making donations to area groups and causes. Wonderful. Allegheny County Council commends the Irish Society for Education and Charity for their passionate and tireless efforts to support Pittsburgh's Irish community and thanks them all for their numerous contributions. Thank God for volunteers and nonprofit organizations.

You again -.

MR. GOODRICH: Here, by the way, we're giving you a button. You beg too much. We want to make sure you have something on for St. Patrick's Day.

Again, very briefly. The Irish Society is the parent corporation. The parade of this endeavor costs probably \$40,000 to run. We got to pay for security, bathrooms,

insurance. The bands, every one of the bands, they don't come free. We have to pay for those. Okay? So this is all part of the community give back. We're not looking to have our backs patted or anything like that. Look, we do this because we're Irish and we're from Pittsburgh. That's it. That's simple. The Irish represent 23 percent of all nationality in Allegheny County, which is the largest - sorry, Italians, Greeks, Irish are the number one nationality group in southwestern Pennsylvania. So we're all brothers and sisters.

You said you're not Irish, my friend, on Saturday you're Irish, and everybody else is. Because you look at this parade, there's a lot of people that are not Irish descent that are in the parade. This is truly what Pittsburgh and Allegheny County is about. It's a melting pot of people that we all get together and celebrate everybody's ethnicity and their love for Pittsburgh. So thank you. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Jackie. The Irish Society and Charity, please, and the committee, please, up this way.

MR. BARKER: The next two, 12596-23. A proclamation recognizing the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade. Miss Smiling Irish Eyes Queen, sponsored by Council Member Catena. 12597-23, a certificate of recognition to the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Miss Smiling Irish Eyes Court Maidens, also sponsored by Council Member Catena.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: I have three, Jared. I just want to make sure I'm reading the correct one first. Miss Smiling Irish Eyes Queen.

MR. BARKER: That would be first.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Okay, great. So good afternoon, everyone. It is my privilege to recognize the young women who are going to be honored in the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year. So the first one is the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Miss Smiling Irish Eyes. Queen Mary Grace Murphy. Whereas the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade committee announced that the 2023 Miss Smiling Irish Eyes Queen is Marigrace Murphy, who is the daughter of Michael and Patricia Murphy, and whereas the title of Miss Smiling Irish Eyes Queen is among the most honored participants in the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade, and whereas Miss Smiling Irish Eyes Queen, Ms. Murphy is a senior at Oakland Catholic High School where she is a member of Joan of Arc Society of Scholars, a global

competence initiative scholar, and is also a member of the National Honors Society. Ms. Murphy is a very active senior where she performs as a flutist, is a drum major, belongs to the OC Environment Club, and is a student ambassador.

And whereas after high school, Ms. Murphy plans to attend a four-year college or university to study chemical engineering, and is currently contemplating her college choices. And whereas, Ms. Murphy has an extensive and varied background of volunteerism, including recognition as a recipient of the St. Lucy's Medallion, which requires a minimum of 150 hours of service. She has organized and cleaned her Catholic grade school each summer, worked at a vacation Bible school, tutored kindergarten through fourth grade students at St. Maria Goretti's Parish, and participated in a mission trip to Tucson, Arizona. And whereas, Ms. Murphy's family has strong ties to the Pittsburgh Irish community, which has instilled a strong sense of Irish pride in her father is president of the Ancient Order of Hibernian Division 21 of Pittsburgh, the oldest division in continuous operation in Pennsylvania.

Her great grandparents hail from County Mayo, County Down and County Leitrim. Her maternal great grandfather, James Marner, immigrated from County Down at age 20 looking for American opportunities, preferring to serve in World War I as an American rather than as an English subject.

MS. MURPHY: I would first like to thank the County Council for hosting all of us here today. I am honored and humbled to represent the Miss Smiling Irish eyes Committee as the 2023 Miss Smiling Irish Eyes. I wish to thank the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for the great work they put into organizing this annual tribute to St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland.

I'm incredibly excited about the activities throughout the rest of this week and to reconnect and meet members of the Irish community and Greater Pittsburgh community. I am grateful to my family and friends for sharing my Irish heritage through activities with my father's Hibernian family and attending the St. Patrick's Day Parade over the years.

I hope to always live up to the ancient order of Hibernian motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. Additionally, I'm appreciative of the support and friendship of the 2023 Miss Smiling Irish Eyes Court

Maidens Emalee Eakin and Aibreann Shovlin, my classmate at Oakland Catholic High School.

Some may say it's a great day for the Irish, and of course it is. It's also a great and beautiful day for the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County by bringing the communities of our area together to celebrate this momentous holiday. Thank you very much.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: This is a certificate of recognition awarded to Ms. Aibreann Rose Shovlin, 2023, Miss Smiling Irish Eyes Court Maiden. Aibreann Rose Shovlin from Pittsburgh, PA is the daughter of John and the late Pamela Shovlin. Ms. Chauvlin is a student at Oakland Catholic High School where she has achieved high honor roll status and participates in various volunteer activities.

She has participated in the Pittsburgh Mission, an Arizona Mission, and has helped at the Red Door Shelter weekly. Additionally, she has served as a tutor at St. Maria Goretti during their afterschool program at Oakland Catholic. She has a leadership role in the Irish Dance Club, participates in Student Council Junior Achievement Campus Ministry, is a fiat mentor while also serving in campus ministry, is a student ambassador, a member of the Prom Committee, and was captain of the volleyball team for two years.

Her involvement in the Pittsburgh Irish community includes playing Gaelic football, dancing for Shovlin School of Irish Dance and participating in Celine Knights Ceilidh nights. She thanks her dad every day for keeping the Irish community a part of her life. Congratulations.

MS. SHOVLIN: Thank you so much. I just want to start off by saying thank you to the Miss Smiling Irish Eyes Committee for selecting me to help represent the Irish community. I have always looked up to the girls who became a Miss Smiling Irish Eyes. Now I get to honor - I have the honor of being one. Secondly, I would like to thank my dad for keeping the Irish heritage in my life, whether it be through Irish dance at my dance academy, the Shovlin Academy of Irish Dance, playing Gaelic football, or getting the chance to travel to Ireland to visit and meet family.

Lastly, thank you to my whole family who loves and shows me constant support in everything I do. Thank you all and I'm very excited to see everybody at the parade.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: This certificate of recognition is awarded to Ms. Emalee Eakin. 2023. Miss Smiling Irish Eyes Court Maiden. Emalee Eakin from Allison Park PA is the daughter of Richard and Carrie Eakin. Ms. Eakin graduated Summa Cum Laude from Shaylor Area High School and is currently studying psychology at the University of Pittsburgh with a minor in ---.

MS. EAKIN: Gaeilge Irish.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: She is a member of the competitive Irish dance team, the photography club, Irish Culture Club, and the Irish Language Club. Ms. Eakin has been a competitive Irish dancer with the Bell School of Dance for 14 years, having qualified for multiple Northern American Irish Dance Championships. She is also the youngest teacher at the Bell School, where she has the opportunity to pass on her knowledge of Irish traditions to children from all over Pittsburgh. Her volunteer activities include raising almost \$15,000 for the Autism Connection of PA since 2014 and providing support at UPMC St. Margaret Hospital in the Women's Imaging Department. Congratulations.

MS. EAKIN: Thank you. Thank you very much. Diodoev or hello, everybody. (Speaks Irish) Sorry. Irish dance is expensive, and I wouldn't have been able to do it without your support, even after your contractually obligated 18 years was over. Give me a second.

This is very exciting. Thank you. I would also like to thank Julia Bell and the Bell School of Irish Dance. After severe injury in my senior year, she allowed me to begin teaching. Sorry. My life has never been the same since. It's truly an honor every day to teach students that I do, and I love them all like my own children.

Finally, (Speaks Irish), my Irish teacher, Marie Young. She's the best teacher I've ever had. You put up with me since my freshman year and I would not be here without your support. I'd like to end with an Irish saying (speaks Irish). What's meant for you will never pass you up.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: And when do you want to do those pictures?

PRESIDENT CATENA: At the end.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Do we have more to do? We have more. Okay, very good. Give everybody a chance to dry their eyes.

MR. BARKER: The next two are 12598-23, a proclamation recognizing the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshall, sponsored by Council Member Catena. And 12600-23, a certificate recognizing the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade, Allegheny County AOH Hibernian of the Year. Also sponsored by Council Member Catena.

MR. DUERR: I'm making sure get the right one first. All right. So I am continuing the proclamation palooza for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. So I want to thank President Catena for allowing me to honor our next two proclamation recipients.

The first one I'd like to honor - we'd like to honor here in county council is the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshall. And as I've been sitting here reading the proclamation for Mr. Werner, I can say it is very duly earned.

So whereas the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade committee announced that in 2023, the parade Grand Marshall is Ray Werner, a dedicated member of the Pittsburgh Irish community and whereas Mr. Werner is a 1964 graduate from Duquesne University and studied playwriting at the Yale School of Drama. Mr. Werner had a love for advertising and he worked as a copywriter and producer and then creative director at a major Pittsburgh agency.

And whereas, eventually he started his own ad agency and after a good run with an award winning staff, he sold it to pursue other writing. In 2002, Mr. Werner was elected to the Pittsburgh Ad Federation Hall of Fame. In his campaign, You've Got a Friend in Pennsylvania was named the best ad campaign in Pittsburgh's history through ad executives polled by the Pittsburgh Business Times Journal. And Whereas, Mr. Werner wrote two songs that were recorded by the late Frank Patterson, one of Ireland's greatest tenors, including one that became the first corporate campaign for Anheuser Busch celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty. And Whereas, Mr. Werner is not only a songwriter, but is one of the original founding members of Pittsburgh traditional Irish band Hooley, along with Bruce Foley, Richard Withers, and whereas, his focus for the past dozen years has been playwriting.

In 2019, the Pic T Irish Classic Theater premiere of Run Rabid Path marked 14 plays and 12 productions, most with Pittsburgh playwrights, theater founding and

producing artistic director Mark Clayton's Smothers. And as a result, Mr. Werner's direction and passion. His narrative writing has been published in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, the Tribune Review, the Jewish Chronicle and the Pittsburgh Quarterly. And whereas, aside from being a well known Pittsburgh playwright, Mr. Werner continues to fill his lifelong mission to get back to his city. He has been a board member of numerous Pittsburgh nonprofits, including the Pittsburgh Public Theater, PICT Irish and Classic Theater, the Pittsburgh Symphony and --- sorry. A lot of stuff. And the Ireland Institute.

Mr. Werner chaired the Anne Mullaney Fund to build a school in Anne's name in Haiti, and he is also currently on the Marketing Committee for the Heinz History Center and a board member of Move Amount Admissions and the advisory board for the Brother Andres Cafe. Whereas, due to his position as a board member of the Move and Mountain Missions which supports Brother Andres Cafe, the special employees of Brother Andres Cafe, many of whom are individuals with intellectual and disability disabilities, intellectual and developmental disabilities will be falling close behind Mr. Werner on Parade Day.

Mr. Werner is thrilled to be accompanied by the special group of individuals during his important and celebratory event. And whereas Mr. Werner's newest musical, Shantytown the Ballad of Father James Cox will be the inaugural production of Pittsburgh Playwrights Theater at Madison 341 Milwaukee Street in the Upper Hill their exciting new theater and permanent home. The opening happens to fall on the Parade Day itself, Saturday, March 11, 2023. For three weekends, there is a tailback plan to raise awareness for the Red Door that feeds the homeless every day and a talk back about the antisemitism, and whereas, the St. Patrick's Day Parade ends at the Red Door, which first opened in 1929, the same year as Shantytown takes place. There will be an auction after every performance of Shantytown for gift certificates for merchants in the Strip district, with all proceeds benefiting the Red Door.

And whereas, as a proud family man, Mr. Werner is indebted to Susan, his wife of 56 years, and their four children, seven grandchildren for their never ending love and support, each of them giving back to the community in different ways. Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Allegheny County Council President Pat Catena, along with

all members of council, do hereby congratulate Ray Werner upon being named the 2023 Grand Marshall for the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade. I, therefore, I witness hereof, unto the call the seal of Allegheny County to be fixed the 7th day of March 2023.

MR. BARKER: Wow. That is incredibly ---.

MR. WERNER: I should just say thank you and leave that's. I didn't realize they're going to say all that. Really, it's not necessary. Everything I have I owe to my mother and dad in Freedom, Pennsylvania growing up and learning how to gather things. We borrow from everybody in our lives. We borrow from everybody from our parents, from our teachers, from your constituents. You know, that. That's why we're here. We're making history here today. All of you, ladies and gentlemen, make history for Pittsburgh. We thank you for that. This is one of the greatest cities in the world, and we don't have to brag about that among ourselves. We just know it. We're making history with this parade and all these people here helping us make new history. As Annie Masik, the history center, says, history is fun and history is alive. And it's today.

And here's what's happening today with this great parade committed and everything that's happening with the green lights going excuse me. The green lights going on for the first time in the city. Behind me in the parade for the first time will be these wonderful, beautiful, challenged employees of brother Andre's Cafe marching in the parade, first time in any parade maybe in America, in the second largest parade in America. They are so excited. Subaru jumped in and said, we'll give you the cars. Molly's Trolley said, we'll give you our trolley, and they're going to be right behind. So it's not about leading the parade. It's about who is behind me, these wonderful young people.

When you go to brother Andre's Cafe, it's filled with joy you don't want to leave. We're making history also with the red door. It's amazing to me providentially that the parade ends at the red door. That's where it ends. It opens its doors in 1929. It feeds the homeless every day. Our father Chris Donnelly and Father Joe Friedi and the gang, you know, they do a great job there.

So our musical about Father Cox, he fed --- he was the mayor of Shantytown parish of the poor in 1929. He's created over 3 million meals. He was one of the most

amazing men in America. From Pittsburgh. A forgotten story. So we have a musical about him. He marched 40,000 guys, jobless men to Washington, you know, for the jobless and got in Hoover's face. So we have a musical about him with 18 new songs based on his life. Four black and four white actors in the new gem of an arts center. The Madison Arts are opening this Friday for the first production at the Madison School in the Upper Hill. My good friend Mark Clayton saw there's four black and four white actors playing 24 different roles. They're amazing.

After every performance, the Strip District merchants are giving us items to auction off for The Red Door. And it's history. We're making history come alive. We want to take this musical outside the city to tell people about the great history in Pittsburgh by taking it to off Broadway and to other cities. That's our dream to do this. We think we can do it. So help us make history by coming to our musical and cheer these young people behind me, because that's what it's all about. It's not about us. It's about all the young people.

And you know, I said this to others, finish with this, that living in a city with great diversity is like living under a rainbow. At the end of that rainbow is not a pot of gold, but there's a pot of possibilities for all of our young people, like these great young people here, that I applaud and all the work that they've done. So finally, may your days be long and full of song. May your children be many and full of health. May your roof never fall in and those under it never fall out. Thank you very much for this honor. I'll have these for you here. Absolutely. Thank you.

MR. DUERR: All right. Tim has confirmed that this one will not be as long so ---.

MR. REGAN: Blessed.

MR. DUERR: I have the next honor to present a proclamation for the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade Hibernian of the Year, which is going to Tim Regan. Regan?

MR. REGAN: Yes, Regan.

MR. DUERR: So whereas, the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee announced that in 2023, Allegheny County AOH Hibernian of the Year is Tim Regan. He's a dedicated member to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 32, located in Carnegie, PA. And whereas Mr. Regan was born on the north side of Pittsburgh and later

moved to Mount Lebanon, where he attended Lincoln Elementary. Yeah, District Five, Lebo. Jefferson Junior High and graduated from Mount Lebanon High School in 1983. In 1988, Mr. Regan graduated from University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Science in business. And whereas Mr. Regan became a member of AOH Division 32 in 2012, and a year later received his major degree of the Order with his uncle, Marty Regan, as his sponsor. From there, held numerous offices in the division, such as vice President, and is currently the treasurer. Whereas, aside from his involvement with AOH, Mr. Regan is a member of the AUC member of the Gao Art Society on the Irish Monument Committee and is co-chair of the AOH County Bylaws Committee.

And Whereas, Mr. Regan is the chair of the Irish Open Golf Tournament and the Division 32 fish fry, which are the two biggest fundraisers - which are the two biggest division fundraising events. He also is the chair of the Hospitality Committee for the AOH and LAOH National Convention, co-chair of the Ad Book Committee, and the co-chair of the Icebreaker. And whereas in 2013, Mr. Regan was awarded the Service Award for Division 32 and the Division Hibernian of the Year in 2014 and 2021. Whereas as a proud family man, Mr. Regan is indebted to Debbie, his wife of 18 years, and their two children, Thomas and Nick, for their never ending love and support, each of them giving back to the community in different ways.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Allegheny County Council President Pat Catena, along with all members of Council, do hereby congratulate Tim Regan upon being named the 2023 Allegheny County AOH Hibernian of the Year. Allegheny County Council congratulates Mr. Tim Regan for his this honor bestowed upon him and thanks him for all his contributions to better our community. In witness hereof of here unto calls the seal of Allegheny to be affixed the seventh day of March, 2023. Congratulations.

MR. REGAN: Thank you very much. I'd like to thank County Council for taking their time out of their day to honor the Irish today during Irish Heritage Month. I'd also like to thank the parade committee for putting on another fantastic year of parade festivities. The month of March is the month of Green. I'm going to take President Catena and a good friend of mine, Tim Fenerty's

words, blessed be the brief. So yeah, the great thing about baton cleanup is all the girls and the Grand Marshall said everything I needed to say. So thank you.

MR. DEMARCO: Is this the end? Can we take pictures now?

MR. BARKER: No, there's one more to be presented.
(Photos were taken)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. We're going to get back to the meeting, everyone, so if you can please be quiet. We'll mile move on to 12601-23.

MR. BARKER: That's a proclamation recognizing the week of March 5th through the 11th as Women in Construction Week sponsored by Council Members Hallam, Betkowski, DeMarco, Prizio, Catena, Duerr, Palmieri, Naccarati-Chapkis, Macey, Bennett, Palmosina and Klein. You're not listed now, but I can add you.

MS. HALLAM: All right.

So this is a proclamation declaring Women in Construction Week. And with me to accept this proclamation, we have the National Association of Women in Construction, Pittsburgh, Chapter 161. We have the chapter president, Natasha Vaccaro, vice president of Construction Caliber Contracting. We have board member Kyra Sarver, assistant vice president at Tedco Construction. And we have board secretary Amanda Kraft of counsel McNees Wallace.

This is a proclamation declaring Women in Construction Week. Whereas Allegheny County, as well as the region of western Pennsylvania, continues to strive for higher levels of construction and development growth, and whereas, Allegheny County is committed to reaffirming the goals of fair opportunities for women and minorities in the construction industry. Whereas, the National Association of Women in Construction is a nonprofit and international organization that promotes and supports the advancement and employment of women in the construction industry. Whereas, NAWIC, founded in 1955 in Texas, now serves approximately more than 4,000 members in 115 chapters in the United States and Canada, as well as affiliates in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

And whereas, the Pittsburgh area, Chapter 161 of NAWIC was first chartered on March 29th, 1969, with 33 founding members, and now includes women who are actively employed in all aspects of the construction industry, such as business owners, managers, consultants, trades women,

operators, architects, accountants and attorneys. And whereas, during the week of March 5th through 11th, 2023, NAWIC chapters throughout the United States and Canada will be holding special events to celebrate the annual Women in Construction Week.

Now therefore, be it resolved that I, Allegheny County Council Member Bethany Hallam, along with Sam DeMarco, Jack Betkowski, Anita Prizio, Patrick Catena, Tom Duerr, John Palmiere, Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis, Bob Macey, Olivia Bennett, Robert Palmosina and Paul Klein, do hereby recognize and commend the women who participate in the construction industry throughout our region. And we proclaim the week of March 5 through 11th, 2023, to be Women in Construction Week in Allegheny County.

Congratulations.

MS. VACCARO: Thank you very much. It is an honor to accept this on behalf of NAWIC. Women have made a lot of strides in the construction industry over the past year. We have surpassed a million people in the industry for the first time. We are also at the highest levels of construction employment at 14 percent. However, until we're at 50/50, there's still more work to be done. This is going to be our inaugural year of Camp NAWIC, which is a program to introduce young girls in high school to the construction industry and that application is out now. So if there's anybody, local schools or anybody that you know that's interested, feel free to let them know that we will be hosting Camp NAWIC. And thank you very much.

MR. MACEY: May I, Mr. President? Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to say that people in the trades, women and men, make 50 --- make more money than their college counterparts. Sixty-five (65) percent of the people in the trades are making a lot of money, and we need the trades people. Thank you, women.

(Photos were taken.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: The remaining proclamations will be read into the record. 12602-23.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation celebrating John and Kathy Wagler on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary, sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12603-23.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation honoring the heroic actions of Sergeant Patrick Vroman and wounds received in the line of duty, sponsored by Council Member Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12604-23.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing John Giammarco for his decades of service to basketball programs and students in the Sto-Rox, Montour and Cornell communities, sponsored by Council Member Palmosina.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. We're going to have public comment on agenda items.

MR. BARKER: We have two. First up is Alan Guenther.

MR. GUENTHER: Hi, my name is Alan Guenther, and I'm with the Pittsburgh Peace Is Possible Coalition and the Quaker Working Group Against Racism. And I just want to say, two weeks ago, we had Quakers, Tim Stevens of BPEP and representatives of 24 community groups addressing this council asking you to carefully reconsider the idea of reopening the Shuman Center as a private facility. Tonight, we thank you for introducing a motion to create a juvenile justice study group. We think you're doing the right thing.

Look, on March 2nd, the Post Gazette ran an editorial asking the county to take the time to get it right. It's a very complex and difficult decision to make. According to the Post Gazette - and I accessed the Post Gazette story on a borrowed commuter, a borrowed computer that gave me the article for free. So according to my free Post Gazette story, reopening the Shuman would take six to nine months and cost \$20 million.

So Allegheny County should not act without knowing all the necessary facts. When the Shuman opened in 1974, it was built to hold 120 people. When it closed 18 months ago, only 20 people were in the facility. The questions that you need to explore are how big should the facility be? Or should there even be a facility? If there isn't, what array of programs could replace a detention center? We strongly support the motion to form a juvenile justice study group as a way to learn the facts and eventually get the support of council for whatever spending needs to be approved. Whatever you do, please do not hand over the keys to a private jailer who will be motivated to keep the center or the detention center full. Thank you to Councilwoman Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis. Did I pronounce your name right? Good. And Council President Catena and the other council members who are sponsoring or co-sponsoring this motion. It's important. It's the right thing to do.

Please let us know how we can help. Let the community be heard as you consider your decision.

Anything you need, please contact some of the groups that are in the community. We'd be happy to connect you with some people who have experienced the juvenile justice system directly. Thank you for introducing this motion tonight. Thank you very and thank you for letting me speak. And my time is up. There you go.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Tim Stevens.

MR. STEVENS: Good evening, Council. Good to see you on a sunny day. We have been very blessed, have we not, on the weather by the way. We will be blessed by the decisions of County Council as you deliberate and think about the future of our kids. It is so important with all that we hear in the news every day, every few days and what's happening with our young people that they be given as many services as they need to hopefully keep them out of a Shuman Center or out of any center.

But as we said two weeks ago and this came back to reinforce, if there is a center it needs to be as sensitive, as comprehensive and as services as possible, as professional as possible, as clean as possible, as of service as possible. We appreciate the fact that you listen to us and you're looking at a task force to think about this because it's a big decision. And you know, what happened in Luzerne County. We do not want a replication of that or anything close where our kids are sold in a sense, their time is sold. This cannot be a privately run facility. It's inherent conflict of interest. If I have a facility I want more kids. If I want to just serve kids, I want less kids in the facility and I want to serve them in a way that they stay out.

And again, in terms of the jail issues, we've been in the same room for several months. Any way you can assist us? I don't know if you had a chance to see or talk to the University of Pittsburgh as yet. The social work schools report. I hope if you haven't that you will and that you'll listen because that report was not made up by some wild-eyed radicals in the community. It was analysis that showed deep problems. And as council persons I hope each of you, each of you would want to make sure that if one of your relatives or if you ended up in that jail, the jail would be an appropriately handled, professionally handled facility. And as council members I'm hopeful that you will take that as your responsibility. Even though there is an oversight board, we're asking you to oversight

those who have the oversight responsibility in any way you can.

We thank you. We hope to get a good report going forward on both issues, the future of our young people and the future of our jail. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll now move on to approval of minutes. 12605-23.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. DUERR: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. 12606-23.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of February 7th, 2023 regular meeting of Council.

MR. DUERR: So moved.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries.

We'll now have presentation of appointments. There are none. Unfinished business committee on appointment review for the second reading. 12567-23.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Bhavini Patel to the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2024 sponsored by the Chief Executives Council.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilwoman Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: President Catena, the Committee on Appointment Review met on March the 2nd, 2023 and affirmatively recommended Ms. Patel to the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee, and I'd like to make that motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and second. Is there any discussion? Are we all right with a voice vote on this one? Seeing that we're okay? All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? The motion carries.

12568-23.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Tanya Vokes to the Human Relations Commission of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31st, 2024, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilwoman Naccarati-Chapkis.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: President Catena, the Committee on Appointment Review met on March the 2nd, 2023, and affirmatively recommended Ms. Vokes to the Human Relations Commission of Allegheny County. I'd like to make that motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Does anyone object to a voice vote? Hearing none. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All opposed? Motion carries. 12569-23.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Leslie Paul Jameson to the Human Relations Commission of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2024, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Councilwoman Naccarati-Chapkis.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: President Catena, the Committee on Appointment Review met on March 2nd, 2023, and affirmatively recommended Leslie Paul Jameson to the Human Relations Committee. I'd like to make that motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. Are there any liaison reports this evening? Seeing none, we'll move on to New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions. 12607-23.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania repealing all existing provisions of the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances Chapter 220 entitled Campaign Finance Reports and Statements, replacing them with new provisions in order to

establish updated campaign finance regulations for all candidates for county elected office and making related amendments to Article 1013 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, sponsored by Council Members Duerr and Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to Government Reform. 12608-23.

MR. BARKER: And ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances Chapter 220 entitled Campaign Finance Regulations in order to clarify the permissible uses of campaign funds by candidates for county elected office sponsored by Council Members Duerr and Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to government reform as well. 12609-23.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance to the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances Chapter 220 entitled campaign Finance Reports and Statements in order to establish a schedule for filing campaign finance reports by all candidates for Allegheny County elected office and to require publication of such reports in a searchable database that is accessible by the public sponsored by Council Members Duerr and Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to government reform as well. We'll now have new business motions. 12610-23.

MR. BARKER: A motion of the Council of Allegheny County requesting the performance of a historical overview of the former Shuman Juvenile Detention Center formation of a juvenile justice study group and a full and transparent overview of the current needs of the county's juvenile justice systems, needs within the context of a juvenile detention facility prior to any final determination regarding the use of the former Shuman Center site, sponsored by Council Members Catena, Palmosina, Naccarati-Chapkis and Bennett.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. That will go to Public Safety. Notification of Contracts, 12611-23.

MR. BARKER: A communication summarizing approved executive actions for the month of February 2023.

MR. MACEY: Receive and file, please. Is there a second?

MR. KLEIN: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes)

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

MR. BARKER: First up is Yvonne Brown.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Next?

MR. BARKER: Next would be Loleda Moman.

MR. WALTON: There's Ms. Brown. She just walked back in.

PRESIDENT CATENA: You can go ahead, Ms. Brown. If you could wait?

MS. BROWN: My name is Yvonne F. Brown. I live in K. Leroy Irvis Towers up on the top of the hill, Bedford. I have this sign because I'm saying that today they're having a special -.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Can you lower the mic a little bit? I'm sorry.

MS. BROWN: 90.0 - 90.5 FM radio station is having a fundraising - fundraiser. They're trying to raise money to keep the radio station going. I'm sorry, I was rushing. I listen to this station every day. The reason why I'm saying to listen to this station or donate, if you can, before 7:00 and you can win a prize. This station tells us a lot about how we can follow the law. There's different things they tell you about the law, a lot of times we don't know. It's not explained to us. That's the one part about this.

The second part, I heard that you went over to the jail and then you found the mice running around and the mice in the food and the mess in the food. Beth, I don't know whether you would do it or not, but I wish you would come to City Council, because after I left the meeting, I went to city council, and I was explaining about the half cooked mouse.

Well, when I got finished, Mr. Burgess said, oh, no, he was on the committee and that he's eaten there. I also asked him, do you walk in line with the prisoners as they're getting that food, or do they bring you a plate from the back? Because I used to work at St. Agnes, and that's what we did in case any of the priests came. We had special dishes. I'm really upset because he called me a liar. You know something? I've been coming down here - coming downtown for over 27 years, fighting for our

rights. Everybody's right. It don't matter what color you are. We are human beings. That's the way I want to be treated. I come down here, we have Mr. Dewitt. You know what? If K. Leroy Irvis was living, he would not get elected again. I'm going to help if I can for him not to get elected, because anytime he can tell me, no, they don't need a bus, they need security. Who are you? You don't live there. He rides - he has a car. We have transportation - we got to take public transportation. You live in a home. I live in the building. You talk about those people over there. You know what you remind me of? I don't know what about history. There was a Willie Lynch. There was the white slave owner came down and tell the northern - the southern slave owners that -.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Thank you.

MS. BROWN: My time is up.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Your time is up. Thank you.

MS. BROWN: But I mean what I'm saying. I'm going to keep coming.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Next.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Ms. Moman.

MS. MOMAN: Good evening. My name is Loleda Moman, and I have not been here before, so I thank you for taking the time to listen to what I will have to present today. I come with a background of Master's of Social Work degree with a focus and community organization. I'm also a current Ph.D. student at Point Park University focused on community engagement and leadership. So my topic of discussion today is focused on systems.

Systems that I see from my perspective as being oppressive to the marginalized population, those with lower socioeconomic status, those who are struggling daily with mental health crisis. Also those who are unhoused and struggle to advocate for themselves. So I stand here today, although I have 20-plus years of experience in the nonprofit world, I'm here today to represent myself also as a committee woman, vice chair of District 2610 to represent the people who cannot fight for themselves.

Every day there are folks who show up at our doorstep, whether it's within the community directly that I would encounter or in a place that I work. These people need support. The main reason that I'm here today is because we have a system that's called Allegheny Link. Allegheny Link, I'm sure, was intended to be a tool to help move people forward successfully. However, from my

perspective and my own level of engagement, it has not been a tool for success.

I am hoping that this short presentation today would pique your interest enough where you would take some steps forward. I'm also willing to speak further with whoever may be interested to have a further discussion, but the system is not helping. It's more so a barrier and we cannot continue to have that because people are living in crisis day after day. And like many of the populations who have been represented, we are not in those seats, and I would like to see a holistic approach. Thank you.

MR. CHATHAMS: Next is Tamiko Dawkins. Or not. Next up is Andrea Williams. And last is Roy Blankenship.

MR. BLANKENSHIP: Got it right this time. How about that? Okay. My name is Roy Blankenship. That's R-O-Y B-L-A-N-K-E-N-S-H-I-P. Community organizer with BPEP, the Black Political Empowerment Project. I'm here on my behalf as a community organizer, but also on my behalf as a resident. Today I wanted to start out a little different, but with the Irish presentation today, I heard a gentleman mention something about the Pittsburgh communities coming together and the council represents all the districts and all the people in the county, the Irish community.

As my moving to Pittsburgh was actually like there for me. My best friend of about 35 years, we lived in Brookline at the east sides of Woodward Street, David J. Hughes. I mean, like this kid was the first person I met when I moved to Pittsburgh. He literally navigated me through high school in the city and sort of all the way to my job and working with the union where I met a lot of other Irish gentlemen.

So to say this is that my time in the boilermakers and prior experience showed me that not what color you were if you lived in Pittsburgh and you were a Pittsburgher, you know, if we work together, I've actually seen that black, white, Irish, whatever ethnicity you are, we can all do this. There doesn't have to be certain standpoints where people are begging to be heard. I'm not going to say that it's not fair, but a majority of the time it's a lot of African Americans screaming or Latinos screaming for assistance or they're the, shall I say, the collateral for the systems, you know. You guys have the power.

A lot of things that are being brought to your attention are not hard to make a decision on. If you're any kind of Christian or study something through faith, live by that. It's that simple. Your interest or whatever side interest that'll get covered down there, give to God what's God and Caesar with Caesars, please. Thank you.

MR. BARKER: That's it.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. So at this point, is there a motion to adjourn?

MR. WALTON: So moved.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes)

MR. POOLE: I signed up yesterday, but it didn't work, so I called in this morning into the council.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Does anyone object? Come on up.

MR. POOLE: I'm Jacob, I'm in Pittsburgh and I want to address the Council in regards to homelessness and human trafficking in Pittsburgh. I am here because I'm in the Pittsburgh area in Allegheny County because I was literally bought and sold as a child and brought here after those things.

I was in eastern Europe, apparently in the '90s after the Berlin Wall and Czechoslovakian breakup. For some reason people targeted my family and they had Nobel prizes in science. Half Jewish families, half Hungarian German families. People from a distance said let's get some Nobel prize children from them families. Because in Pittsburgh we have universities, research labs and those places need good scientists. I was in European police custody when I was ten years old because they were trying to apprehend a human trafficking ring that was literally manufacturing and selling children for money. I'm in the Pittsburgh area because of that.

I'm here alone. I don't know my real name. I have Ph.D.s from University of Pittsburgh. I work for the National Energy Lab discovering things and having scientific inventions and things while I was being held captive with medical sicknesses and foreign forced to do those things in isolation. Currently, I make very little money, and I work pretty much a year at this job site, a year at this job site paid very little. I'm kept isolated, and I'm being badly exploited in this very

intense human trafficking network in Allegheny County. I was first brought to Ligoneer, PA through Church Networks with a pretend rescue, and then Latrobe, Greensburg, Ligonier, and then eventually to Pittsburgh area, where I'm currently. In captivity while I was getting my Ph.D. at Pitt and while I was working for the National Energy Lab in Pittsburgh discovering things for them I was raped for three children, and they were born at McGee Women's Hospital, and they were purposefully hurt to make them disabled. And their pictures were posted online, on Facebook and things for people in Europe to see them hurt, families and people were I was abducted from as a child using rape and all sorts of human trafficking rings, even transported through three or four countries in Eastern Europe to cover their tracks.

So yes, currently I have three children I haven't seen in three years, four years now, because they're being taken away from me, because I was raising concerns on them being poisoned on purpose and posted online for remote extortion schemes and things like that. Yeah, I'm here, and I've been to every police station in Pittsburgh, the FBI station, every consulate. Nothing's changing. I have medical issues. I'm banned from hospitals. I walk alone. I have no family, no one.

I was trying to go to the homeless shelter for Christmas, but it was closed. I watch people go home to their families. I'll never have those things because I was bought and sold for money when I was a little kid, potentially before I was born. Thank you.

MR. WALTON: Motion to adjourn.

MR. DUERR: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed, motion carries. Thank you. Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone.

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