

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. DeFazio	-	President, Council-At-Large
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Samuel DeMarco	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Edward Kress	-	District 3
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Dr. Charles J. Martoni	-	District 8
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
DeWitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Denise Ranalli-Russell	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Barker	-	Director of Constituent Services
Joseph Catanese	-	Director of Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski	-	Budget Director
Rich Fitzgerald	-	County Executive

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. Will you please rise of the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection. After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance Recited.)

(Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: All 15 members are present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Proclamations, 9834-16.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation declaring the month of October 2016 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Ranalli-Russell, Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere and Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Who is ---? Oh, there she is.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Good evening. Tonight we have three board members from the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Will Judy Herstine, Nathan Rost and Lisa Sturiale please come up? Oh, there's only two; okay.

I'm going to read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month was founded in 1985 to promote mammography as a weapon in the fight against breast cancer in 1991. The Susan G. Komen Foundation first utilized the pink ribbon as a symbol for the cause in its New York City Race for Breast Cancer Survivors.

AND WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen For the Cure is the world's largest grass-roots network of breast cancer survivors and activists who fight to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all, and energize science to find cures.

AND WHEREAS, despite considerable progress made in screening, early detection and better treatments and although mortality rates are steadily decreasing, breast cancer is still the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the country.

AND WHEREAS, knowing the risk factors for breast cancer, including family and personal history, obesity, genetic changes and prior exposure to radiation, as well as exercising regularly, maintaining a healthy balanced diet and body weight and regular diagnostic screening may lower or mitigate the development of breast cancer.

AND WHEREAS, Allegheny County holds the health and safety of its citizens as a permanent concern during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We stand with our mothers, daughters, sisters and friends, and we recognize all who have joined their loved ones in fighting their battle as well as the advocates, researchers and healthcare providers who care, and hard work gives hope to these living with breast cancer. By educating ourselves and supporting innovative research, we will improve the quality of life for all Americans affected by Breast Cancer and one day defeat this terrible disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby join the nation in proclaiming October 2016 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We commend the efforts of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Susan G. Komen For the Cure, and we encourage all citizens to join in

activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent and control breast cancer.

And it is sponsored by myself and Council Members Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere and Walton, presented this 5th day of October 2016.

(Applause.)

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Would you like to say a few words?

MS. HERSTINE: I just want to thank you for not only recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and for promoting it to the public and the Allegheny County Residents, but for recognizing Komen as well and the work that we do every day to fight breast cancer and support those that have breast cancer. Thank you.

MS. KIRK: Another organization associated with Breast Cancer Awareness, is a Glimmer of Hope. Diana Napper, are you here? Okay. She might be delayed. Then we'll switch. We have another organization, the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Cancer Project Foundation. Kip? This is another organization who also is keen in preventing and working toward a cure. So I'll read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, organizations across Allegheny County and the United States come together every October to spread the important message of breast cancer awareness.

AND WHEREAS, the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project, NSABP Foundation, Inc., located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a not for profit academic research organization with a nearly 60-year history of conducting groundbreaking research studies in breast and colorectal cancer. The Foundation is an outgrowth of the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project instituted in 1958 as part of the National Cancer Institute's clinical trials program.

AND WHEREAS, the founder of the NSABP, Dr. Bernard Fisher, a local guy here, was one of the first cancer researchers to realize the value of the randomized clinical trial in answering questions about the development, progression and treatment of breast and colorectal cancer.

AND WHEREAS, in its history, the NSABP has enrolled a 110,000 women and men in clinical trials in breast and colorectal cancer. They have research sites at nearly 700 major medical centers, university hospitals,

large oncology practice groups and health maintenance organizations in the United States, Canada and in Ireland. And at those sites and their satellites, over 5,000 physicians, nurses and other medical professionals conduct NASBP treatment and prevention trials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby proclaim the Month of October 2016 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Allegheny County. We commend the efforts of the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project Foundation, Inc., and we call upon government officials, businesses, communities, health care professionals, educators, volunteers and the residents of Allegheny County to continue our community's strong commitment to preventing, treating and ultimately curing breast cancer. Sponsored by the Council. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. KIRK: This is Kip Goldberg. So this is Mrs. Goldberg. She's CEO of the project. Would you like to say a few words?

MS. GOLDBERG: Thank you. I would like to thank you sincerely for this honor on behalf of the Foundation and also on behalf of all the researchers in the City, in the County and across the world who are working to cure breast cancer. Thank you. And we appreciate your recognizing us.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We need the first group to take a picture up front. And is this considered the 9835, this one?

MR. BARKER: No, we're still on 9834.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Then that whole group has to take a picture.

MS. KIRK: Diana Napper. Do we want to get a picture?

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9836-16 (sic).

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry, 9835?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Pardon me?

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry, 9835?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, 9835.

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry. I thought you said 6.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation recognizing the 2016 Real Men Wear Pink of Pittsburgh, Making Strides Against

Breast Cancer event and commending the efforts of the American Cancer Society. Sponsored by Council Members Kirk, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

MS. MEANS: Jared? Is my name on there?

MR. BARKER: And I do not see Ms. Means, but I can add you.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

MS. KIRK: One more on Breast Cancer Awareness Month, this time we're focusing on the men who are supporting us. They're our ambassadors of wearing the pink, putting in your mind, make sure you have your test done. And they're also raising funds to help battle breast cancer. So on that note, these are the Real Men in Pink, as they're called. A proclamation.

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is the most common diagnosis in women in the United States, it is the second leading cause of cancer death in women.

AND WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is determined to save lives from breast cancer by promoting early detection and prevention, funding, groundbreaking research and providing comprehensive support.

AND WHEREAS, Real Men Wear Pink is a distinguished of community leaders raising awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society, making strides against breast cancer of Greater Pittsburgh 5K Walk on Saturday, October 15th, 2016 at Highmark Stadium at Station Square. The Pittsburgh campaign members include --- as I read the names, if you just want to indicate if it's you, because there's a few extra names. We have The Honorable Tom Baker for Allegheny County Council, John Bettis from SAVOY Restaurants --- although he did sponsor the Reveal Party which I was at, it was at the SAVOY Restaurant. And I was just all these blank portraits and we didn't know who the real men were going to be until that night. So that as fun. Scott Clark, Mike Gallup, Jeffrey Fuller of Freedom Area School District, Tom Henry, Brian Holzer from Highmark, Todd McCurdy, Michael Neal, Dr. Kiran Rajasenan, Jason Ross from Allegheny Valley Bank and Callan Wilcox from Bank of America, Merrill Lynch.

NOW, WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County does hereby recognize the 2016 Real Mean Wear Pink of Pittsburgh candidates for helping to create a world free from the pain and suffering of breast cancer. We

commend the efforts of the American Cancer Society and we urge all residents, schools, businesses and civic leaders to continue our community's strong commitment to preventing, treating and ultimately curing breast cancer. Sponsored by myself and all members of Council, as we all proudly wear our pink pins. So thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. KEEFER: I'm Dawn Keefer. I'm a staff person with the American Cancer Society. And I would just like to thank Council and Tom for giving us this opportunity to be here tonight to tell everybody about this new campaign for Pittsburgh.

The money that these men are raising is much needed and will be used for research and programs and services right here in Allegheny County. They're doing a fantastic job, not only with their money that they're raising, but also awareness. They're wearing their pink. They are telling people about the things that the American Cancer Society does. And they're really out there in the community letting everybody know these things. And we're very proud to have them for this inaugural year of Real Men Wear Pink. And you'll see more pink guys in the future, so thank you all for having us.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: And it's been a great campaign working with these guys and working with Dawn and Laura has been awesome the last few weeks. And then this whole month we are wearing pink every day. I will admit that I went to Gabriel Brothers and bought ten new pink ties to be prepared appropriately for this month. And I believe the County Executive did change ties midday to support this. He really changed ties. So thank you to Rich Fitzgerald for changing ties mid-day to be supportive. Thanks, Rich.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: But this campaign has been great. The Reveal Party was excellent. It was great to have Councilwoman Kirk there. And I still am blown away by the speech that my mom gave that night. My dad passed away when he was 39. I'm 37 now and my mom told the story of being a 37-year old widow and having a 12-year old son and kind of your world being rocked. And even though it's not directly related to breast cancer, it is related to cancer. That's what my dad passed away from. So just the story that she shared at the Reveal Party was one of the

most impactful moments of my life. And this campaign has been great. Cal and I got to do Comcast newsmakers which you can check out on Comcast if you want to see how we did. And I asked --- it's in your mailbox right now, but I asked Cindy Kirk to be one of the judges at our talent showcase. We do an annual talent showcase in my dad's memory, so we're doing that next Tuesday night. But these guys are all planning such creative fun events, raising a lot of money, but also just doing so much good advocacy and getting the word out. One of the goals is to replace yourself so 2017, Austin Davis, where's Austin, we'll see you up here as a Real Man 2017. You in? Sounds good. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. KIRK: Once again, thank you. And we'll take a picture.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Go ahead up and do it. Go ahead and announce what happened. Announce what happened.

MS. KIRK: The woman we're waiting for from our other organization just got here. She had a little traffic problem. Go figure. So Diana Napper, Glimmer of Hope, please come over.

MS. NAPPER: I apologize for being late. I was held hostage by Lyft. I'm here.

MS. KIRK: So this is another local organization who is working hard to help ultimately detect cancer early and cure the --- and work to curing breast cancer which impacts so many women. So we have a proclamation I'll read first.

WHEREAS, organizations across Allegheny County and the United States come together every October to spread the important message of Breast Cancer Awareness.

AND WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh based nonprofit A Glimmer of Hope Foundation was established in 1994 by Diana Napper to one of the wishes of her best friend, the late Carol Jo Weiss-Friedman, who lost her battle with breast cancer in 1990. Diana became a jewelry designer and created a pin using a Swarovski teardrop crystal symbolizing the pain and emotion that she and her friend had endured, and completed the design by topping it with a pearl to symbolize the hope for a cure.

AND WHEREAS, a Glimmer of Hope Foundation is a non-profit, grassroots effort with the staff of 50

volunteers committed to the fight against breast cancer through cancer research and programs and studies and pre-menopausal breast cancer.

AND WHEREAS, a Glimmer of Hope Foundation has donated over \$3 million for breast cancer projects to local hospitals and cancer research centers in Southwestern PA including a \$171,000 donation in October of 2014 to the Allegheny Health Network for the installation of a SenoClaire tomosynthesis machine at the Wexford Health and Wellness Pavilion. The machine was the first of its kind in the nation and has revolutionized mammography and breast cancer screening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby proclaim the Month of October 2016 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Allegheny County. We commend the efforts of a Glimmer of Hope Foundation and renew our commitment to fighting this disease, raising awareness and supporting those affected by breast cancer. Supported by myself and the members of Council. Diana Napper.

(Applause.)

MS. NAPPER: Thank you. Thank you very much. I apologize again for being late. But we advocate for young women in western Pennsylvania. Programs that we have started in Pittsburgh are now going to go nationally. So we have great support in western Pennsylvania for these young women. And like I said, the protocol is going to travel across the country that started in Pittsburgh. So I'm proud to accept this and thank you. And I apologize again for being late.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Back to Hollywood.

MR. FUTULES: What are you doing here?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Balance the load here.

9836-16.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation recognizing the Alzheimer's Association for hosting the 2016 Pittsburgh Walk to End Alzheimer's event on Saturday, October 15th, 2016 at Heinz Field. Sponsored by Council Members Kress, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead up and do it.

MR. KRESS: Thank you very much. This Proclamation, we're having a walk for Alzheimer's in October the 15th. And it's actually very important to me because my own mother has Alzheimer's disease. It's a disease which robs the person of their identity. And again, I feel bad for everybody that has cancer and all these other diseases. But again, this is a disease which is really tough on the people who have family members that have it. And it's really important that I think that we need to, first of all, thank everybody who takes care of the people who have Alzheimer's like Kane Hospitals, Area Agency on Aging, all the nurses, all the doctors because it's really a thing that really is a big --- I have to say it's a big commitment from the family, but also from the caregivers. And it's also a lot of cost to people in the future for our government. But again, my heart goes out to anybody that has Alzheimer's, any family members that have Alzheimer's. Also, a lot of famous people from the area have had Alzheimer's. Jimmy Stewart died from Alzheimer's, Perry Como, Joe Massaro. So again, it's something that we, as a community, need to be --- pay special attention to. And we're having this walk on October the 15th, and that's why we're having the Proclamation. Also, we have people here from the Pittsburgh --- Alzheimer's Association of Greater Pittsburgh, Tauffau Wilkes and also Melissa Fereday.

And I also want to say, too, I'm wearing a purple tie because purple is also the color of Alzheimer's. Plus, I actually like the tie, so ---.

WHEREAS, as many as five million Americans including 270,000 Pennsylvanians, who are now living with Alzheimer's disease, a progressive, degenerative disease of the brain causing memory loss and impaired thinking, judgment and behavior.

AND WHEREAS, Alzheimer's, for which there is no cure, is the sixth leading cause of death for older adults in the United States as the most common form of dementia.

AND WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Pennsylvania Chapter, is active in the battle to eliminate Alzheimer's disease by raising money for the advancement of research, providing care and support for all affected, in reducing the risk of dementia through their advocacy in promotion of brain health.

AND WHEREAS, hundreds of residents from Allegheny County will come together on Saturday, October

15th at Heinz Field on Pittsburgh's North Shore to raise awareness and funds through the 2016 Pittsburgh Walk to End Alzheimer's event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council applauds the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association, its volunteers to raise funds and promote awareness in the fight against Alzheimer's. And we urge citizens to participate in the 2016 Pittsburgh Walk to End Alzheimer's, learn more about the disease and become an advocate to move the Alzheimer's Association's cause forward.

And this has been sponsored by everybody on Council. So thank you, everybody.

(Applause.)

MS. WILKES: On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, I would like to say thank you for the recognition for having us today and for giving us this Proclamation because we serve over 40,000 people here in Allegheny County living with the disease.

(Applause.)

MR. KRESS: All right. Thank you.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: This is the last picture, by the way.

MR. KRESS: It is.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9837-16, and the rest of the proclamations will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 9837-16. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Connor Robert Bookser of Boy Scout Troop 905 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9838-16. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Ian Patrick Bookser of Boy Scout Troop 905 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Also sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9839-16. Proclamation recognizing the Keystone Young Marines Program and congratulating the unit upon the occasion of its 20th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member DeMarco.

9840-16. Proclamation congratulating Dr. David L. Finegold upon his appointment as the 19th President of Chatham University. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Futules,

Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

9841-16. Proclamation congratulating Ken Gormly upon his appointment as the 13th President of Duquesne University. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

9842-16. Proclamation congratulating Dr. Christopher B. Howard upon his appointment as the 8th President of Robert Morris University. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Now, we have the 2017 Comprehensive Fiscal Plan and Budget Address by the Chief Executive.

(Applause.)

MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. I'm pleased to be here tonight to present the Comprehensive Fiscal Plan and the Budget for 2017.

And before I do that, I just want to thank you and --- the great work which you're going to see. I know I've talked to most of you about this, that we're going to be coming with, you know, a really good, progressive investment in our future budget with no tax increase. But I did want to recognize our Budget Department who is sitting here in the front row led by Budget Director Mary Soroka and her team of Mark, Adam, Tim, Mike, Dan, Gina, Adisa (phonetic) and Elliott, and did a really fantastic job under the tutelage of the County Manager.

(Applause.)

MR. FITZGERALD: And you're applauding before you even know what it is, but anyway, that's how good of a job they did.

In any event, so let me begin. The operating budget for this year is going to --- we're going to be proposing to an \$880 million budget which is a 2.9 percent increase over last year, pretty much within the cost of living CPI. There are no one-timers in the budget, no one-time revenue sources. It's a very solid budget. As I mentioned, no millage increase. And this is the 15th time in the last 16 years in which we will be proposing, if the budget passes as recommended, without a millage increase.

And you know, I want to put that in perspective, that people really get a good value for their property tax dollars that they pay for County services.

Going back to the last time we did this in 2002, one of the first reassessments, if you owned a typical \$100,000 home in Allegheny County, you were paying \$422 in county property tax that year. Sixteen (16) years later in 2017, next year, you will be paying \$468, a \$46 increase over 16 years, .7 percent per year, much lower than the rate of inflation.

And just to put that in perspective, we pay a state income tax of 3.07 percent and back in 2002, the average family had an income of \$40,000. With a CPI adjustment every year --- they never raised it, by the way. They never raised it, but you would be paying --- you'd pay \$1,228 back then to income tax. This year, you would be paying \$1,778 or \$550 more, a 44-percent increase. So I think you can see the work that the County has continued to do year after year after year to try to balance the budget, find new revenue sources without raising the millage.

And it also has shown in doing that that property values have gone up because that \$100,000 house from 2002, on average now has a value of about \$180,000. So the wealth increase and the net worth of folks over that time is positive. And we continue to see investment in this County.

In the budget, we are going to see a little bit of an increase because of new construction of almost \$7 million in property tax collections. About \$6.8 million. We did get some money from the Crime Lab from the State. Appreciate that. With Governor Wolf and his team as well as both Houses, the Senate and the House, as well as both parties. It was a bipartisan effort to help us get that.

Also, as you know, we now collect the 9-1-1 fee off of smart phones and cell phones. And that was something we didn't have before. And we were running a pretty significant deficit with landlines not being able to fund the 9-1-1 operations. So that was also very helpful.

And we've seen an increase in the one percent sales tax because of some of the economic growth that's happening in the County and the region. So we're very, very pleased at that.

The Fund Balance at the end of last year was \$41 million. And as I mentioned the last time I was here, you know, we were able to weather the storm of the budget impasse of a year ago at the state with human services. Because we had that rainy day fund we were able to keep the doors open. Director Cherna and his team did a wonderful job of being able to juggle the money and keep all the services going. Not every county in this Commonwealth could say that, because quite frankly, they didn't have that kind of a reserve.

We're hoping this year, as we close the books that it will be somewhere over \$45 million, somewhere around that number. And again, that will be above the five percent threshold that the rating agencies would like to have us --- have us be at.

Because of some of the work that we've all done together, the budgets that you have passed over the past few years, we've had four upgrades to our bond rating by the bond rating agencies Moody's and Standard and Poor's. And that's something we can be pretty proud of.

Across the board, it's --- again, it's an investment in our future. We're going to be seeing a little more spending on the roads as we did last year. We want to thank you for the work with the State enabling legislation giving us the \$5 fee. We typically, in this County, because we own 400 roads, 400 miles of road that we're responsible for, and the Civil Engineers Society would like you to do about ten percent per year, which is about 40 miles of road that we should be paving. We were typically doing between 20 and 30 miles of road. Well, this year, again, because of the work you've done and the great work that Director Shanley and his team, George Thompson and those folks, have done, 50 miles of road we're going to be doing this year. And as we go back through the history, nobody in Public Works can remember the last time we did 50 miles of road in Allegheny County. And the work that they've done --- and I know a lot of you have heard this, and I certainly hear that people really appreciate the fact that the roads are getting done in a more timely manner. So again, you'll see a little bit of an increase on the Public Works budget and that's where that's going.

You'll also see a little change in our Facilities and Parks Budgets. Again, as we kind of maneuver some of the personnel around putting some in the

parks, dedicating some of the former Public Works workers into our parks and facilities, we're able to see an improvement in our buildings as well as our parks. We see some of the shelters that are being upgraded, some of the playgrounds that are being upgraded, trails, et cetera, some of the facilities in our parks. And I think it's really adding to the quality of life that we see here in Allegheny County.

You'll also see in the budget one of the things we added --- and we talked about this over the past couple of cycles was stats and data. A data center that we're working to combine with the City and the University of Pittsburgh so that the County Manger and his directors can make data driven decisions with respect to the Health Department, with respect to the Kanes, the Jail, Public Works, et cetera. It allows us to be much more efficient and to save money. And we appreciate the fact that R.K. Mellon and the Heinz Endowments funded this. A lot of the infrastructure over the couple years. Now it's going to come onto our budget, and it'll be in the County Manager's Budget. So you'll see that reflected in some --- increase of a couple of people in personnel who are doing the data work in there.

You'll probably see some reductions in areas like the Budget Department. Not that we're cutting back, but what they're able to do with software that they've put in place is that they're able to do more with less. And the same thing is happening in our Court Records Department under Director McGeever. They've been able to utilize personnel in a more efficient manner. And we're able to hold down some of the costs and actually save a little money off of the budget in doing that. So those are really the big items.

On the capital budget, we're going to be proposing a \$106 million capital budget. The big projects you will see, the biggest one will be the Rachel Carson Bridge. It's about a \$25 million project, as we do the three sister bridges crossing over the Allegheny River into the North Shore, the Rachel Carson Bridge, the Andy Warhol Bridge --- I'm sorry, we're doing the Andy Warhol Bridge this year. I said that --- I said that wrong. We're doing the --- got that wrong. That's the next one, I think, on the list. And then the Clemente Bridge. All three of them are going to get done over the next five years. So that is the biggest project.

The other project that you will notice is we're going to be doing the roof of this building. It's about a \$6 million line item you'll see in the capital budget. The roof is 100 --- this building is 128 years old, and the roof has never been replaced. It's the original roof. So I know a few of you have probably taken the tour up there. I know Public Works Chairman Macey has done it, and he's been able to see the sky through the roof. And that's something that we have to address.

So those are really the big items that we will be working on and looking at as you go through your budget process over the next couple of months. And certainly any questions that you have on that budget, the Manager and Director Soroka will be available to do that.

And I guess on my final thing, I would ask Mr. President that I could submit the budget tonight to be placed on the agenda for your consideration.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. FINNERTY: I second that.

MR. FITZGERALD: And I'll entertain any questions you might have.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anyone, go ahead --- we'll start with Representative Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you for coming, Mr. Chief Executive. The question I have is you had mentioned doing the roof of the courthouse. If you recall a couple of years ago we talked about doing the Walk of Fame, and I was wondering, you know, where we were with that because I think that that would ---. You know, we had talked about the whole courthouse being done and doing all that together.

MR. FITZGERALD: That'll be part of the whole courthouse restoration, which will be a major, major project that will be many millions of dollars as you can imagine. But before we can really start to fix up parts of the building, we want to make sure that the roof is done.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Right.

MR. FITZGERALD: So if we fix up a courtroom, we don't have to do it twice.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just want people to know we haven't forgotten about it.

MR. FITZGERALD: No. No. We have not forgotten it. It's part of --- when we work with the architects and the planners, that's one of things we put in there.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other questions?

MR. FINNERTY: John?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: This might be premature, but how much of the capital budget is going to roads and bridges, just offhand? Do you know?

MR. FITZGERALD: I might have to ask to the County Manager or somebody else to help me out with that. I don't know the answer to that.

MR. FINNERTY: I'm going to know it in a second.

MR. FITZGERALD: You'll know --- yeah, you might know it before I do.

MR. FUTULES: You can answer your own question.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, I can, as soon as I add it all up. I can't add it up that fast. There's too much of it.

MR. FITZGERALD: It looks like about \$15 million on roads. I don't know that the bridge part of it --- and I know we do retaining walls as well. I guess you would consider that part of the road and catch basins as well. I'm not sure what --- again, what those numbers ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah. I see it here. I just --- I'm not a great mathematician.

MR. FITZGERALD: I wasn't ready with that. And I'm sorry, Councilman.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there any other questions? Seeing none, thanks a lot.

MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you. And we appreciate and look forward to working with you over the next couple of months. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hey, there goes our crowd. Public Comment, we have none.

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Approval of Minutes. Do we --- we don't have --- do we have that?

MR. BARKER: Yes, we do. 9843.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9843-16.

MR. BARKER: That's a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23rd, 2016 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 9833-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Dave Brooke to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization, Harrison Hills Park, for a term to expire on October 5th, 2018. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: I move to approve this candidate for Harrison Hills Park.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Liaison Reports. Any reports?

MR. FINNERTY: I have one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'd just like to --- first of all, at Soldiers and Sailors on October the 19th at 7:00 p.m., the U.S. Army Field Band is going to be there in their auditorium. And the concert is free, but they require tickets, so if you would call out there they would have the tickets ready for you.

And also, their website, it's soldiersandsailorshall.org. So you could also go there and find out different information in regard to that.

I'd like to give a shout out, though, to our parks, especially South Park because I'm from the South. On Friday, South Park Theater at 7:30 is doing the play, Little by Little. On Saturday, South Park Hay Day and Public Safety and Health Day. This is from 12:00 to 4:00 and it's at the Fair Grounds. It has a tremendous amount of different venues going on at that time, so if you get a chance to get to South Park on Saturday during the afternoon it'll be well worth your effort.

Also on Saturday the 8th, this is at Deer Lakes, Wagman Observatory, at 8:00 p.m. is a Star Party. And it's --- AARP is sponsoring this Star Party.

And Sunday, the 9th, at South Park, this is our Rangers. From 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. the Park Rangers Campfire Program is going on. And it will be at the Grant Shelter.

So there's a few things that you might keep in mind in regard to the parks. There's a tremendous amount of things going on in the parks. This is just two of our parks. We have seven others. So if you would like to go to the website, which is www.alleghenycounty.us and click on parks, you will get --- the whole event schedule is there for all the parks. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other comment? Seeing no other Liaison Reports, we'll move on to, what is it, 9844-16.

MR. BARKER: Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, authorizing the transfer of custody of certain County photographs to the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania to allow for their maintenance and preservation at no cost to the County under preservation guidelines established by the Society of American Archivists and for public access to these records at the Senator John Heinz History Center. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Education Committee. 9845-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, granting Cranetown Media, LLC, a temporary license to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with filming a television series. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We've been sending that to Public Works Committee, so we'll send it there. New Business.

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: None. Notification of Contracts.

MR. BARKER: Also none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public Comment on General Items.

MR. BARKER: Also none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. MACEY: So moved.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone second it?

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
Thank you. Meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:51 P.M.

CERTIFICATE

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Court Reporter