

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. DeFazio	-	President, Council-At-Large
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Heather S. Heidelbaugh	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Jan Rea	-	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
William Russell Robinson	-	District 10
Terri Klein	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12 (via telephone)
Amanda Green Hawkins	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

William McKain	-	Allegheny County Manager
Joseph Catanese	-	Director of Constituent Services
Jared Barker	-	Director of Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski	-	Budget Director
Jack Cambest	-	Council Solicitor
Kevin Evanto	-	Director of Communications
Richard Fitzgerald	-	County Executive

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: (No response)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Fourteen (14) members currently present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9328-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing and commending departing Allegheny County Council Members; Amanda Green Hawkins, Heather S. Heidelbaugh, Terri R. Klein, Jan Rea, William Russell Robinson and in memoriam, Barbara Daly Danko, for their contribution to the cause of

good government and their dedication and service to the residents of Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means and Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I would like at this time for Jan Rea, for the people who work with Jan Rea, myself, Rich Fitzgerald, Chuck Martoni, Vince Gastgeb, Mike Crossey, Rich Schwartz to go up to the podium with Jan Rea.

MR. GASTGEB: Somehow I got your picture, Jan, and your plaque. I'll hand it to you; if that's okay?

MS. REA: Okay. Thank you.

MR. GASTGEB: John, I guess, I didn't wait for you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's okay.

MR. GASTGEB: Just like old times. I'm not waiting now either. So I'll just ---.

MR. FUTULES: Will you pass the gavel to John --- I don't know ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm fighting with him already.

MR. GASTGEB: Plus you're crowding me. Why don't you back away a little bit? I guess since I have the mike I'll just say that, you know, I guess we're here because there's some of us who started on Council back in 1999 and one of our dear friends is departing. But I also want to mention my thanks to everybody who served who has this honor tonight.

You're departing in a good way because I was thinking I was here a couple of years ago and you were kind enough to say some words about me. But when you serve in office I think what you want to have said about you is, heck, what did you do whether you're there for 4 years or 2 years or 20 years. I think when you talk about Jan Rea there's a lot that she has done. When I was here and I had a bill or there was a bill I wanted Jan's name on that ordinance. I wanted Jan's name on that resolution because she worked well within the party and she worked well across the aisle. And I'm not here to see that any more, but she's the epitome of the example of someone that you want to have upon your team or pushing an issue. And to come in here with Chuck and Don and Rich, I'm sure you'll agree.

In '99 we came in, there was no road map for what we were suppose to do. Our offices, I mean, we were

trying to find telephone books to use as chairs. We had no computers. We had no desks. We had nothing. So we relied on each other and maybe that was a good way to start. And at the time, you know, John, you were the original President and we leaned on each other. And you kind of learn to trust all 15. There are several hundred thousand registrations on the RND side in Allegheny County. But there's only 15 of you. And I think that always resonated with the original group.

So to me Jan was the epitome of the leadership of that group and somebody I was very proud to serve with. And I wish you nothing but the best.

(APPLAUSE)

MS. REA: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Good job, Vince. But I don't know how you started out at first. I'd like Rich Fitzgerald to come up and say a few words.

MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President. And you know, Vince said a lot of things that is absolutely right. When we started and sat in those seats for the first time, for the first time anybody sat in those seats, we didn't have a road map. Most of us had not served in government before. Jan was one of those people that always had common sense and always kind of kept a lot of us in line who would sometimes, you know --- sometimes we would want to fight or sometimes we'd want to go off in different directions, but Jan always had the community at heart. Not just the community that she represents, the North Hills communities, but she really, always looked at the big picture. And this County is going to be a little bit less because she's not there. And that's no disrespect, Cindy. I know you'll do a good job.

But Jan really did bring that voice of reason to all of us. I'm glad she's going to stay on as the airport --- at the airport on the Airport Authority. She's done a great job there for the past four years. And we're going to continue, hopefully, we're going to ask her to stay and continue to do that work there.

But you know when I think about the 15 of us that started and now there's going to be two, John and Chuck, who continue the legacy of what this Council really is about and it's really about public service. It's certainly not about that big salary that they get, but it's about a labor of love and it's about a labor of working for the people.

So Jan, you've done a terrific job. People should be very, very proud, particularly your family. We appreciate that your boys and Don gave you up every Tuesday night to allow us to have you do the work of the County. And I just wish you nothing but the best. But don't go far. We still need you at the airport.

MS. REA: Thanks Rich. Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. SCHWARTZ: Did you get that newspaper article that I sent you?

MS. REA: I did. Thank you.

MR. SCHWARTZ: I found a newspaper article from our first year at Council. And it was an article about Jan and her adjusting. I think they did them on all of us. I can't remember. But I remember I was probably not, in the very beginning of it, I wasn't very complementary. I just said, I don't believe she'll have any compassion, her background, everything else. And you saw that; didn't you? I know you read it. Yeah, well, I came to eat those words. And I ate them in public. I ate them in the newspaper article. And I said, if anything, she is the most compassionate on Council and she is the most even voiced. And I also am proud that I believe that one of the first bills that was sponsored, co-sponsored by a Republican and a Democrat together was a bill we co-sponsored.

So yeah, I'm really glad to be here. I wanted to say County you're losing one of the last pieces of the original form of government, so ---. Thanks, Jan.

MS. REA: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I guess I'll say the last few words. Everything that was said so far I agree with. I mean, one thing I can say, Jan Rea, we didn't always vote the same way, but at the end of the day there was never a problem. Never no bitterness. I knew she voted in her heart what she thought was right and I did the same so I never really had any fights with her. And she has a right to her own --- she always had a right to her own opinion. I always said that. Like we all do. And you should never take this personal. Everybody has the right to vote the way they're right. And you can't take everyone's not right or stupid because they voted the other way. You got to respect everyone. Jan always did that. I've never had a problem. I don't think anyone on Council has ever really had a problem with her.

And she did a heck of a job and she's going to miss, be missed on Council. And rather than me reading this Resolution, I mean, read this Proclamation, we basically said almost everything that's in there so with that I just want to say good job, Jan.

MS. REA: Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

MS. REA: I think most of you know me as a woman really of few words. But I need to say thank you to my District 2 constituents who elected me for --- to four terms. Thank you to my esteemed colleagues. To the Chief Executive, to the County Manager, to all the directors, to our staff and to my family. Thank you very much.

(APPLAUSE)

(PICTURES TAKEN)

MR. CATANESE: The next presentation will be Councilman Mike Finnerty presenting to Council Member Amanda Green Hawkins.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, everyone. Amanda Green came on Council and she's been a voice of reason, sometimes I'm unreasonable. But she always seems to straighten me out here. But she has a number of --- I'm going to read the Proclamation for her because it's quite extensive.

Whereas, throughout the history of Allegheny County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, talented officials who possess great knowledge and determination to exhibit exemplary leadership in elected positions and contribute invaluable to our community, our country and our world.

And Whereas, Amanda Green Hawkins was appointed on March 18th, 2008 to serve as a member of Allegheny County Council representing a 100,000 Pittsburgh residents and the residents of Bellevue. Because of her leadership, competence and community presence she was elected in November 3rd, 2009 by the residents of District 13 to serve as their representative.

And Whereas, during her tenure on Council, Ms. Green Hawkins worked tirelessly to promote the quality and justice for women and minorities. She authored legislation that established the County's first Human Relations Commission and prohibits discrimination based on gender, identity or expression. Since 2011 she has served on the Port Authority of Allegheny County Board of Directors advocating for a viable and reliable public

transportation system. She has served as a member of the Appointment Review, Budget and Finance, Government Reform and Market Committee and as Chairwoman of the Economic Development and Housing Committee.

And Whereas, Ms. Green Hawkins is the Director of Civil and Human Rights and Assistant General Counsel for the United States United Steel Workers and has represented the union throughout the United States Federal Court System. She is a member the Democratic National Committee and is its Rules and Bylaws Committee as well as the AFL-CIO Lawyers Coordinating Committee and its minority caucus. In addition, she sits on the University of Pittsburgh Institute of Politics Board of Fellows and is Co-Chair of its Workforce Development Policy Committee.

And Whereas, Ms. Green Hawkins has received numerous awards for her leadership in local politics and in the community and as alumnus of Duke University and Northeastern University School of Law.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that Allegheny County Council on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County hereby recognize the Honorable Amanda Green Hawkins for her contributions to Allegheny County Council and to the enhancement of the well-being of County citizens. Ms. Green Hawkins acts always in the best interests of the constituents of Allegheny County and her unwavering commitment to Council served an exemplary model of leadership. This Council thanks Amanda for her years of service and wishes her well as she moves into the future. And it's sponsored by all members of Council, December 2015.

(APPLAUSE)

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mike and thank you everyone. It's been almost eight years that I've been serving here on Council. And even though my time is coming to end, this is just the beginning of a career, of a lifetime actually, in politics because you always have to stay involved. You always need to know what's going on. So it's just not sitting up here and taking the votes to pass the legislation. It's also coming here, talking to the legislators, being involved in what's going on on the ground where you really get to understand what's going on. So I intend to stay involved in some aspect.

There's so many people to thank for my opportunity to serve here. And first and foremost, I have to definitely thank my family for allowing me to spend the

time here, at Council, instead of being home, perhaps, to give baths or to read a story or to pick up a child or perhaps to run some errands. So my husband definitely played a double duty and he did it quite well. As you can see, he's here with two children while I'm going to be sitting up there.

Also, the constituents in Council District 13 who've always been very kind, some very aggressive and I definitely like that. And continue to stay aggressive and involved in what's going on here in Allegheny County. Also my colleagues here on Council and to the staff, the Council staff, who just does a tremendous job. They're pulled in so many different directions serving 15 people and they are just wonderful and so skillful at what they do. And even though, you know, we may get the accolades or I may get the accolades sitting here on Council for some legislation or some other thing that's done, it's the staff that really helps pull it all together and makes me and the rest of the Council Members up here look good. They may try to deny it, but that's the truth. The staff makes us look very good.

And in thanking my Council Members the other elected officials who serves with me, I just wanted to share with you, and with everyone, something that I learned about, heard about from Nina Turner who is a Democrat in Ohio. I had the opportunity to hear her speak. And she spoke about these three bones that you need if you're going to be serving the people, serving the public. And she said one bone that you're going to need is a jawbone. You're going to use that jawbone to speak when others will remain silent. Another thing that you will need is a wishbone so that you have the ability to see things as you want them to be even though how they currently are is depressing.

And finally, what you will need a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious backbone, is what she said. And that backbone is your courage to stand even when all around you is wrong. It's your ability, it gives you your ability to stand on the truth and to speak the truth and to do what's right. And to all of my colleagues on Council, even though I bid you adieu, it's also farewell. It's a farewell with those three bones that you definitely need. And don't forget to draw on the strength of them when you're serving here on Council. We're going to be counting on you. Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

(PICTURES TAKEN)

MR. CATANESE: The next presentation will be Council Member Sue Means presenting to Council Member Heather Heidelbaugh.

MS. MEANS: I was elected two years ago and it has been an honor to serve with Heather. I admire her brilliant, legal mind, her strong determination and also her great compassion for all the citizens of Allegheny County. Particularly she's been a strong advocate for changing the medical care at the jail and for more bus routes throughout the County.

Heather loves to encourage others. I'm going to miss you, Heather. I think that when we gave the nurses proclamation was one of the highlights of the last two years. But I love to watch you talk to people and show how much you care and love for them. It's been an honor to serve with you. I'm going to read this Proclamation.

Throughout the history of Allegheny County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania talented official who possess great knowledge and determination exhibit exemplary leadership in elected positions and contribute invaluable to our communities, our country and our world.

Whereas, Heather Heidelbaugh was elected on November 8th, 2011 to serve a six-week term as Allegheny County Republican at-large council member representing the 1.3 million citizens of Allegheny County. On January 3rd, 2012, Heather was elected by the people of Allegheny County to serve a four-year term.

Whereas, during her tenure on Council, Heather served as a member of the Appointment Review, Budget and Finance, Marketing, Parks, Public Works, Public Safety Community, Committees, I'm sorry. She authored numerous pieces of legislation, advocated for changes to the form of government in order to establish a stronger legislative body. And meticulously monitored County finances to ensure a strong, financial future. In her role as the at-large member of Council, Heather served as a public trustee on the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees and as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Elections.

Whereas, Heather has been nationally and locally recognized for excellence in practicing law. Her significant contributions to the betterment of our

community and for outstanding accomplishments to the advancement of women.

Now, Therefore, let it be resolved that Allegheny Council on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County thereby recognize the Honorable Heather Heidelbaugh for her contributions to Allegheny County Council and to the enhancements of the well-being of the County citizens. Ms. Heidelbaugh acted always in the best interests of the constituents of Allegheny County with her unwavering commitment to Council, serves as an exemplary model of leadership. This Council thanks her for her years of services and wishes her well in her future.

(APPLAUSE)

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, it's the end of four year and six week journey for me. Not the end of the total journey, hopefully, God willing. I want to thank my family. I have beautiful children who have supported me in this endeavor. I had a lot of supporters who helped me run for office. My law firm and all my partners certainly supported me when I had to leave for caucus at 4:00 o'clock or Council.

I want to thank the staff of this body. Joe Catanese is an extraordinary human being. Never has ruffled feathers. Just a phenomenal man. Really, a great person. Jack, you have done a great job in trying to do your job in a very, very difficult job as a lawyer. I want to thank Jared for teaching me how to write legislation. Something I didn't know as a lawyer. Walt knows the budget backwards and forwards. Lori, has also taught me how to write legislation. All of the staff has been really exemplary.

The thing that has brought me the greatest joy is meeting the constituents. When you go out amongst Allegheny County you really have a joy to be able to say that you represent people in Allegheny County. Really some of the best people in the world are here. They've worked so hard all their lives. These are not pretentious people. They're hard working people. They are the salt of the earth. And the honor and joy to be able to say that I represented these people is really --- you really didn't need to do much more in your life.

I have found great joy in trying to learn about the issues of the jail, veterans, bussing, drilling, the budget. I somehow feel like I've gotten a Ph.D. in government accounting. The folks in the budget part of

our county government are just par excellence. They're really great.

I've served on the Election Review Board which has been an enormous honor to make sure that every vote was counted and the process was fair. I've also served as a trustee of Carnegie Library.

The other great joy has been to work with the colleagues here on County Council. I can say that I have a good feeling about everybody on County Council, but I've had some special friendships. I really relish my friendship with Bill Robinson. When I started out, Bill Robinson and I were not friends. And over the next four years we have become friends and for that I am grateful.

Barbara Daly Danko was a person that I sought out her friendship because she was so smart. She was on the other side of the political spectrum and she and I grew to be friends.

Amanda Green Hawkins has sat to my right for four years. She was a lawyer in town who I never knew and I hope that she and I will be friends until our children are old and gray. She's a wonderful person.

Sue Means has been a joy to me. And the fact that she joined Council was really a saving grace for me in many ways. And my new friendship with Terri has been wonderful, the woman to my left both philosophically and physically.

I want to thank Rich Fitzgerald. Rich Fitzgerald and I had some tussles over the last four years. I pushed and he pushed back.

And I guess what I want to say to the people of Allegheny County and to you Rich, is I'm a better person I think for having known you. I know that you work hard for this County. And Jen Liptak who's your chief of staff is a phenomenal employee of Allegheny County as is the County Manager and Andy Szefi's okay every other day.

I think, Rich, truly, that the democracy is better when there's some push and there's some shove. And I think that that process helps ensure that the democracy and the solution that we get to the right solution. If it was always acclamation, I don't think we would get to the right solution.

And so going forward, I hope that we can be very, very close friends, and you know, braid each other's hair on a weekly basis. Go out to coffee once a week,

maybe drinks twice. But I do want to thank you. I do want to thank you for your service to this County.

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear. There are many times when I stood up over the last four years and I have made many people angry. But I felt in my heart that it was the right thing to do for the people, not for me because I certainly took a lot of slings and arrows personally for the stance that I took. But I want the people to know that I did it for them and I would do it again.

(APPLAUSE)

(PICTURES TAKEN)

MR. CATANESE: The next presentation will be Councilman Bob Macey presenting to Councilman Bill Robinson.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. MACEY: Well, it's certainly an honor and privilege to introduce Bill Robinson to everybody here which really doesn't need any introduction. I don't claim to be the oracle that Bill Robinson is. And I'm sure you'll --- he'll share some thoughts with you after I'm done speaking. But I can tell you this, Bill has been a mentor and truly a brother, and I do mean brother because we belong to a certain organization, secret society somewhere. We can't talk about it.

But Bill spent almost 14 years on County Council, 14 years in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, 8 years on City Council. He's a graduate of Ohio State and, like we don't know that, and Duquesne University with degrees in political science. Mr. Robinson taught history, political science and public administration at Carlow University, the University of Pittsburgh and the Community College of Allegheny County. And Mr. Robinson served as a trustee at Community College for 21 years.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. MACEY: Now, you know, people throw out the word politician. I hate that word. I think Bill Robinson is a true public servant and I'll always remember him as that. And many times I've gone to Bill over issues, legislation and maybe just to BS a little bit and give him my thoughts. And Bill would say, Bobby, maybe you want to take another direction and I yielded to the man with the

experience and with the knowledge and with the history of public service.

So Bill, I think it's time for you to share your thoughts. Congratulations. I'll miss you.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you very much, Bob. I appreciate those kind words. I'm grateful to God for having had the opportunity to serve the people of this County in three different capacities. As a member of Pittsburgh City Council, as a member of the State General Assembly in the House and on this County Council. I am truly grateful for that opportunity. This is what I have done for the majority of my life, served in a legislative capacity. That's the way I've paid my bills. It's the way I took care of my family. It's what I slept and drank and ate every single day, 24/7. I don't go to bed at night without thinking about government and politics. So this ending of this phase of my service is very, very important. I see in the audience my predecessor, the Honorable Lewis Kendrick. If he'd stand and be recognized. Mr. Kendrick served prior to me physically coming to this Council and I appreciate his friendship which goes well beyond politics and government. Our families were friends. And I thank him for being here this evening. I thank him for his service to this County.

I want to thank all my colleagues, past and present for allowing me to serve with you, for allowing me to speak my mind and for me allowing you to speak yours. I've been around a long time in politics and government. I plan to be around a little while longer in politics. So while my government career is ending at the end of this month, my career and interests in politics will continue. If there's ever been a public official who's been able to say what he wanted to say, when he wanted to say it and how he wanted to say it, you're looking at that individual.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. ROBINSON: I never took it for granted when I stood before my colleagues here or in the General Assembly or on City Council that anything I said wasn't something I could live with, I could support. I've never believed that you have to be right about everything. Sometimes that's the worst thing that can happen to you is to be right about everything. Politics and government has

taught me that working with other people and sharing with other people particularly in private is a good idea.

For those of you who trusted me with your thoughts and your ideas in private, be assured I will not betray you. You won't be reading about our private conversations in the Tribune Review or the Post Gazette or in some tell-all biography. I don't do things that way and if I am encouraged by someone to do that I'll change your name.

Thank you to the great staff that I worked with here on County Council and in the Administration of both Rich Fitzgerald and Dan Onorato. Thank you for your candor. Thank you for your help. Thank you for your patience. To our staff here, past and present, you've developed some great skills. You're underappreciated. I recognize, probably more than others, that this form of government is still in its infancy. I served in the General Assembly here in Pennsylvania; the oldest deliberative body in the western world. Coming here was a shock. It was an experience. I learned a lot of things. I came here to serve and I did. I came here to help and I did. Came here to make friends and I did.

In closing, let me say if I can be of assistance to any of you who are here in my next life, my non-elective office life, you can call upon me. You won't have any problem finding me. I'm not going anywhere. I'll be around. Know that I love you and I care about you because whether I agree with you or disagree with you I respect you as a human being and as someone who has the same potential that I have.

Thank everybody again for working with me, for helping me to grow. Thank you, thank you, thank you. And God bless you.

(APPLAUSE)

(PICTURES TAKEN)

MR. CATANESE: The next presentation will be Councilman John Palmiere presenting to Councilwoman Terri Klein.

MR. PALMIERE: Good evening, everyone. I volunteered to do this for Terri because I want to tell you even though she's been here just a short time I've really learned to have a lot of respect for Terri and what she stood for. And she came in here at a very emotional time when we lost Barbara and she's done an admirable job.

And I'm proud to be here to read a little --- I just want to give you a little bit of a background for Terri.

She was appointed here on November 3, 2015. She was elected by the residents of District 11.

And Whereas, during her tenure on Council, Ms. Klein served on the Appointment Review, Budget and Finance, Health and Human Services and Marketing Committees. And besides that, she'd get home once in awhile. Terri authored legislation which would establish a policy within the Office of County Council regarding posting job vacancy announcements in local publications and other locations in order to maintain a diverse work force.

And Whereas, a tireless advocate on issues of social justice, Ms. Klein served on the Board of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. Terri who holds a Master's in public health from the St. Louis University is the recipient of Marjorie Matson Award for Civil Liberties and Civil Rights from the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania for her work with the Pittsburgh Public Schools health curriculum.

Now, Therefore, we all went through all this before, but finish of it. I just want to say, Terri, its been wonderful working with you and hopefully get a chance to work with you in the future in some endeavor. Thank you very much.

(APPLAUSE)

MS. KLEIN: I had no idea eight months ago that I would be traveling this path. It truly has been an honor and a privilege to serve. Thank you to the staff for your patience and guidance. Thanks to my colleagues for your tutelage and your kindness. Thanks to the Administration for all you do for the citizens of Allegheny County. And thank you, Daniel, for your support and your advice and your willingness to give up dinners so that I can serve. You can see he's lost some weight while I served. Okay. Thank you very much.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. CATANESE: And the final Proclamation will be Council Member Terri Klein presenting to the family of Barbara Daly Danko who passed away in 2015 while a member of Allegheny County Council.

MS. KLEIN: Thank you, George, for meeting me up here. It really has been an honor for me to serve, but it was quite a bitter sweet experience. As I've said many

times and I'll say again, I never thought I would be here. I never had any aspirations for government, especially County Council because we were so ably served by Barbara. She really was my mentor in getting involved in political life here at the 14th Ward. And I hope that I have done her proud with my service here.

George, I'd just like to read a little bit about why Barbara was such an accomplished woman and why she's so missed. Wherever I go people speak so highly of her and she really --- there really is a void.

Ms. Daly Danko was a passionate and respected politician who championed many causes including environmental protection and women and minority businesses. Ms. Danko served on several of Council's standing committees and was chairwoman of the special Committee on Reapportionment. She was one of the original appointed members to serve on the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission and served on the local government Board of Directors.

Ms. Daly Danko brought a much needed knowledge of finance and budget in to the Council along with strong ideals of how to serve and protect the community.

So George, I just hope that you can find solace in knowing how respected she was here and in the whole 11 District.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. DANKO: I want you to know that my wife, Barbara, valued her service on County Council. And I believe she always strove to make County Council an independent, legislative branch of Allegheny County. And I'm honored to receive this Proclamation on her behalf. Thank you very much.

(APPLAUSE)

MS. KLEIN: If there's anyone else on Council who would like to be with the picture with George ---.

(PICTURES TAKEN)

MR. CATANESE: If the Council can stay that way so we can take a full group picture with the full Council we'd appreciate that. The Council.

(PICTURES TAKEN)

MR. CATANESE: Can we get one more picture with the Chief Executive in this? With that? Because we don't even have one that way. We'd appreciate that.

(PICTURES TAKEN)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Before we move on, one second. We have a former Council person, Brenda Frazier is here. And Guy Tumolo, Guy are you still here, Guy? Guy was here. He was the one that started us. He was the Chief of Staff.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We relied on him heavily because none of us knew what we were doing. I think Mike Crossey, did we mention you? Mike Crossey is here. Rick Schwartz, we mentioned him. Vince Gastgeb. Who? Oh, Hop Kendrick. He was on Council. He's in the back there. Okay.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next we go on with the Chief Executive's Quarterly Address.

(APPLAUSE)

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, thank you. That was wonderful to see the presentations. And I do want to wish the five of you who are moving on all the best from Terri who's only served about six months to Jan who served 16 years to Mr. Robinson to Councilwoman Heidelbaugh, Councilwoman Green Hawkins and Councilwoman Barbara Daly Danko. The service and working with all of you has been a pleasure. And Heather, I want to thank you for those kind words. And you may find this surprising, but I agree with you. You're right. It works better when we have good dissent, good discussions and then hopefully we can reach consensus around whatever issues they might be. And I want to thank this Council not only for the work that you've done really over the years.

First of all, I want to thank you for the budget that you passed a couple of weeks ago, bipartisan. I think it serves the constituents of Allegheny County well holding the line on taxes and providing the services that we need.

But one thing that I've always respected having served on the Body for 12 years is the work that we do together is not often recognized by the 15 of you. Whoever the County Executive is whether it was Jim Roddy, whether it was Dan Onorato and now whether it's myself, tends to be the person that gets, you know, the credit, the blame and everything else. And luckily for the past few years it's been a lot of credit because a lot of good things have been happening. But a lot of that work is done here not just on Tuesday nights when you meet as a

full body, but in your committees and even behind the scenes work that you do for your constituents. I mean, I see most of you out in your districts working hard. Again, not always getting the notoriety and the attention that you deserve, but Council would be much healthier. I mean, this County is much healthier because of you.

I guess the one thing I'll disagree with you, Heather, is I wouldn't get rid of County Council. I think they do --- still do a good job. And there are some things, obviously, that can be changed and be strengthened, but I think it's a very important body and I've always felt that way. It's brought folks who I don't think had a connection to Grant Street and had a connection to this courthouse when there were three county commissioners and most of the three would pretty much live in the City of Pittsburgh. It's brought a voice to folks from Moon to Monroeville, from Pine down to Upper St. Clair and all points in-between. So I think it's an important thing and you represent what that is.

Let me talk a little, just in general. I won't get into too much because I know it's a really night for celebration and a night for remembrance and a night to thank and reflect on the work that you've done, but some of the things that have happened since I appeared before you three months ago. We launched a website in early November, a little over a month ago. And we've had almost 700,000 views at that point. And I really want to thank DCS and the folks, Joe and his team and the great work that they've done. And Will and Jennifer and Jerry and the people that really put that together have really done a great job. If you haven't been on it, if you're constituents haven't, I would invite them to go on there and utilize it because you can really give a lot of good information. Many people have booked their groves and shelters in the Parks and other things and have gotten a lot of good information, might have been able to pay for things. I think it's a great, great thing.

I also want to single out for our 48th year we've had the Choral Program in the courthouse. It is a wonderful, wonderful program that every day in December, after Thanksgiving, we have two schools that come in and provide beautiful music, not only within this courthouse, but it gets --- the speakers are outside on Grant Street and Ross Streets so when the folks are walking at lunchtime they get to hear some of our terrific, terrific

young talent that's in this County. It also brings the young kids into this courthouse to get an appreciation of what goes on and what history we have here in this wonderful building.

I want to single out Katie Gittlen for the work that she's done working with all of those school districts, getting them in, getting them out, young kids, busses, the whole thing they do. She's done a wonderful job. And it's something, again, if you're in the courthouse during lunchtime, it's really worth coming out into the main rotunda there to hear some of the great music that goes on.

I also --- a couple of things. We had Allegheny County, we're proud that we were the top performance in the Green Workplace Challenge. Being green and environmentally sensitive and I know it was mentioned by a number of Council members tonight. It's something that we really, really want to do. We received the award for the top waste reducer. This is the third year that the County has participated and our first as an observer. We were glad to do that.

Our Public Works received an Outstanding Highway Engineering Award. I want to thank and congratulate Director Shanley for that work that he's done particularly on the Chartiers Creek Preservation Project. And our ME's office for forensic science laboratory, toxicology section also received awards for recertification of its lab late in October.

Working with the City and with really the universities to launch the Western PA Regional Data Center. Again, we're trying to be really become data driven in some of the decisions we make. This also allows the citizens to see how these decisions and which decisions we're making on road paving, on permitting, on a whole host of governmental initiatives that we're doing and they get to see that.

Economic Development, I won't go into all of them, but there's been a lot of terrific ribbon cuttings and ground breakings in the last few months. In Braddock, the Press Building, a grocery store in Garfield for the first time in many, many years which had been a food desert. The Almono site in Hazelwood. Terrific investment and infrastructure going on in there.

And I want to single one out that came just a week or two ago, the Multimodal facility in --- the CSX

\$60 million project in McKees Rocks and Stowe. Two communities that hadn't seen development and I think is really going to jump start a lot of things that are going to be happening in those two communities. So that's something. And then I'd like to credit Mr. Hurley, Director Hurley and his team, Pat Hurley and those folks have really done a good job.

I've come before you the last couple of years talking about how great our ski season has been going.

MS. MEANS: Oops.

MR. FITZGERALD: I can't do that this time. And it's certainly not the fart --- part of the fart --- the part --- the fault of the Parks Department because they've done a great job. But Mother Nature has bestowed upon us very warm, a warm winter so far. So while we're not going to make the money at the ski slopes, we're saving a lot of money on salt, overtime, road crews and the heating of all of our buildings. So the ice rinks are up and running. They're doing okay. But we're hopeful when that does happen that the ski operation will get back up and running.

Real quickly, the airport continues to improve. Passengers, traffic was up 12 percent over September, from September to October. We're up to now 52 non-stops. Just a couple of years ago we were only at 36. We're continuing to improve upon that. Director Cassotis and her team, Mr. Gastgeb who's part of that team and we're really glad that he's decided to stay in government and help us with that initiative. It's been very, very positive and I'm very hopeful and optimistic that we'll be making other announcements after the first of the year with other cities that are going to be joining. We're up to 12 different carriers now which is something that's much different than when that airport was built over 20 years ago when we really were reliant on one. So we really spread out and diversified what's going on out there. And I think it's a very positive thing.

So with that, I'm just going to open it up, Mr. President, if anybody had any questions or any comments here to do it. I didn't want to get into a lot of details because again, tonight's a night for reflection, for celebration and to say goodbye and thank you to the people who served. Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any questions?

MR. KRESS: I wanted to say something.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. KRESS: Thank you very much for coming tonight, Chief Executive. Just commenting on the thing we were working with the courthouse, the County office building, how we're going to be using that a venue now. And we worked on that with Marketing. I wanted to say thank you for working with me. It's another example of utilizing County assets to create revenue instead of going to taxpayers. So I just wanted to say thank you for working with me and hopefully we could work on other things in the future.

MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you, Councilman. I think there are probably going to be more opportunities in a lot of our buildings and probably things we're not even thinking about right now, but certainly using this beautiful building as a venue for people to have receptions and others. We hear that all the time. And to be able to generate some revenue to help pay for some things in this building is something I think is very positive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'd just like to thank the Directors and all of the people that work for us and Allegheny County for making our job a lot easier. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and yourself also, Chief Executive, and all of your people here. Merry Christmas and thank you for everything you do. Appreciate it.

MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you. Appreciate that.
Thanks.
(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no other comments, we want to thank you. Thanks a lot.

MR. FITZGERALD: We'll see guys afterwards at your party, after you finish your work.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public Comment on Agenda Items, we don't have any comments?

MR. CATANESE: None.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Approval of Minutes,
9324-15.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the November 4th, 2015 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.

ALL AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9323-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Sharon Svitek to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization, Harrison Hills Park, for a term to expire on December 15th, 2017. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

ALL AYES RESPOND

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
Committee on Budget and Finance, 9288-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2009 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. If you're looking at the unfinished business section it starts on the second page. There's six of them, I believe. And this was moved from Budget and Finance with an affirmative recommendation. And I make a motion that we approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MR. FINNERTY: Just one second. This is \$50,000 that was left over from a project and it's now going to be used for the sheriff's office improvement project.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks. There was a second? Take the roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: (No response)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14; nos, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9289-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2010 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Again, this was released from the Budget and Finance Committee with affirmative recommendation. It's another \$50,000 which was left over from Bull Creek Stream bank restoration and it's going to be used now for the sheriff's office improvement project. Make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, take the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: (No response)
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: (No response)
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13; nos, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9290-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2011 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Again, this was released from committee with affirmative recommendation. It's \$50,000 from Bull Creek Stream renovation that wasn't used there. And also from the 4th Avenue Garage demolition. We had \$500,000 which will be used for County roofs and elevator improvement projects. I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, take the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: (No response)
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14; no's, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's see. What are we ---
9291-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2012 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Again, this was released from the Committee with affirmative recommendation. It's \$50,000 which wasn't used in the 2012 Capital Budget Amendment for Bull Creek. And now it'll be used for the sheriff's office improvement project. I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, take the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: (No response)
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14; no's 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9292-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2013 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Again, this is \$50,000 which wasn't used in the Bull Creek Stream bank restoration and is going to be moved to the sheriff's office improvement project. Move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, take the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: (No response)
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14; no's 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9293-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny County amending the 2014 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Again, this was released from the committee with an affirmative recommendation. It's what was put aside for the North Park Barn restoration. It couldn't be restored so it had to be demolished. So that leaves us with a \$148,250. And this is going to be moved for park utility metering project. Move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, take the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: (No response)
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14; no's 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Committee on Economic Development and Housing, Second Reading. 9157-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania amending Resolution Number 24-14-RE to expand the Three Crossings LERTA District in the City of Pittsburgh to include six (6) additional parcels. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Amanda Green Hawkins.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President.
Move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, take the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: (No response)
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14; no's 2. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9294-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny agreeing to participate in a Transit Revitalization Investment District, TRID, Plan for Phase II of the East Liberty Project and authorizing related agreements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Amanda, Representative Green Hawkins.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll take the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: (No response)
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14; no's 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Committee on Public Safety,
Second Reading. 9247-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to facilitate the reporting of transactions for dealers in precious metals in order to establish a registry of such transactions designed for the purpose of tracking and locating stolen items and prosecuting those trafficking in stolen items. Sponsored by the District Attorney, Council Members DeFazio, Ellenbogen and Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. MACEY: I'll make that motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I have an amendment. He's not here so you can take the mike. Ellenbogen, the chairman isn't here. And take the mike. I want to speak on this amendment.

MR. FINNERTY: Oh, okay, go ahead.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The Amendment is the same; everything is the same, except they're changing a little

bit of the heading. And there's a file, a fee that goes to the public, goes to the Sheriff's office. There's a penalty on it which wasn't in the original one. So I'd like to make a motion. Do you want to read that Ordinance?

MR. FINNERTY: You'd better say we didn't get a second one.

MR. FUTULES: I'll second it, by the way.

MR. FINNERTY: The first one.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, the first one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, the amendment.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, the amendment. It wasn't seconded.

MR. FINNERTY: No.

MR. FUTULES: I'm lost.

MR. FINNERTY: He's seconding the ordinance, the original ordinance.

MR. FUTULES: Right.

MR. FINNERTY: He seconded it. And I motioned, and he seconded.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: He seconded the amendment now.

MR. FINNERTY: No. He seconded the original.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay? Now, we're on the ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. I just said we're going to go now with the amendment.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Now.

MR. FUTULES: All right.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. There's a motion.

MR. FINNERTY: We need a motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'll make a motion for him and he had ---.

MR. FINNERTY: And I'll second it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And he seconded it.

MR. FUTULES: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. I said the only difference is in the heading and in the fee. Now, there's a fee if they don't comply. So I'd like to take the vote on ---. Go ahead. I'm sorry. He ---. Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: I just wanted to --- thank you for recognizing me, Mr. President. I would like this bill to go to back into committee and to be able to talk about the

changes that were made and not push it through tonight. That's my request. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: At this point, Nick, you're supposed to take over for this point because I made a ---.

MR. FUTULES: Sure.

MR. FINNERTY: You're in charge so ---.

MR. FUTULES: Was there any other further comment? We need to make a motion and a second to approve.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: To amend.

MR. FUTULES: To amend, I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: For the amendment.

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. FINNERTY: We made that motion and we did the second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We did the second. Are there any other comments?

MR. FUTULES: Is there any further comment?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm sorry.

MR. FUTULES: If not, we'll take the roll.

MR. KRESS: Wait.

MS. MEANS: We're voting on the amendment; correct?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're voting on the amendment.

MR. KRESS: How about amendment, not to --- for approval?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. FUTULES: How about if we just do a voice vote; would that be okay?

MR. FINNERTY: No.

MR. FUTULES: No? Let's do a roll call.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do a roll call.

MR. FINNERTY: Let's do a roll call.

MR. FUTULES: Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: (No response)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13; no's 1. For the

amendment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go with the original.

MR. FINNERTY: The Ordinance as amended.

MR. FUTULES: I make a motion for the Ordinance as amended.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Second.

MR. FUTULES: Any comment? Heather.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. This was discussed in committee. This was proposed by the District Attorney's office and a Representative of the District Attorney is here. And you know we discussed it quite a lot. And we also made some suggestions for amendments and those have been made which I'm pleased about. I just want the public to understand that what this ordinance is directed to do is to pay for the maintenance of a website. This is not the initiation of a law here in the Council. This law emanates from the State which set up the data base in order to try and track stolen goods through the merchants in town who receive precious metals. That's basically the purpose of this law.

So all the District Attorney wanted because it's a multi-county effort is to establish a registration fee just from the licensed dealers, a one-time fee per year that would be used for the maintenance of the website. All the other considerations regarding, you know, searches and warrants and the basis for the legislation that's already been decided. That was all done by the State many years prior to us getting involved in this.

As the law now stands I'm fine with it.

MR. FUTULES: Any other ---? Sue.

MS. MEANS: I am kind of perplexed as it just looks like one industry and I understand the concept of it and I want to track people that are stealing people's jewelry and selling it. But it just seems like one industry is being asked to help pay for their legal protection or pursuing crime. And it just seems unusual to come to a certain industry and ask them to help pay for their, what do I --- how --- protection by the State and the oversight of their business. So I'm very uncomfortable with that. I don't know if I've explained it well, but I just feel like they're being singled out and there's other industry that has to have extra, I don't know, they have more crime or --- but I'm uncomfortable with it. So I'll be a no vote. So thank you for recognizing me.

MR. FUTULES: Any further comment? Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: This is on 9247-15 as amended.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: (No response)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13; nos 1. The bill

passes.

MR. FUTULES: I give the floor back to the President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. 9286-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing rules, regulations and rates relating to the conduct of certain activities held on and about the Courthouse Grand Staircase, Gallery and Courtyard and the County Office Building lobby. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative ---.

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to say this was released from our committee with an affirmative recommendation. It's actually the first ordinance to be released from my committee. And I'd also like to be added as a co-sponsor to this bill. I don't know if there's anyone else who wants to be added as a co-sponsor or not.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. KRESS: Sure. And this is something I've been working with the Administration is trying to derive revenue from new sources. And what we're going to do is basically, the building right now is closed at 5:00 o'clock on weekday and it's closed on the weekends. Now, with this ordinance, we're going to be able to raise revenue from 5:00 to 12:00 you can rent out the Courthouse, the Courtyard and the County office building from 5:00 to 12:00 on weekdays and also on the weekends from 8:00 to midnight. So I think it's a great thing. It's been one of the ideas I've been working on since I became a Council member. And again, you can work with the

Administration it would be a good idea to get things done. So I'll make a motion for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. KRESS: Any comments? Councilwoman Heidelbaugh.

MR. FINNERTY: You're not the President.

MR. KRESS: I'm so sorry. Hey, I'm new at this; okay? I apologize.

MR. FINNERTY: You get excited.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you for recognizing me, Council Member Kress.

MR. FINNERTY: Excited.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So the question I have, I did not attend the --- your committee. I know that other people have used the Courthouse and had weddings and things. Did we charge them?

MR. KRESS: I couldn't ---. I don't know. That would be a question for the Administration. I'm not sure. County Manager McKain.

MR. MCKAIN: The only expenses is if they --- normally they would not be charged. If we did charge because there had to be an electrician, the building guard, a custodian, we would just be reimbursed for those out-of-pocket expenditures. What this --- the spirit of this ordinance is actually have a fee structure for a period of time, man a location and different packages. Kevin Evanto is here and Jerry and during the committee meeting what we were saying, we did a lot of surveying on similar type of venues. We want to work with Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, Visit Pittsburgh. The hotels have approached us. One of the visions was to have a carriage ride for the bride to come here and have a rehearsal dinner and then attend the wedding somewhere else. But to ultimately answer your question, we only received out-of-pocket reimbursement. This would be actually a fee to use our facility for a private event. The Courthouse would still be open for anybody who, you know, wants to have an announcement. You know, we've had people walk in during the afternoon and with a judge and get married and move on. This would be a secluded, secured, private event in this beautiful building.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Because I'm recollecting there have been weddings here even of public officials, families.

MR. MCKAIN: There have been. And I even have a picture to hand out. Maybe Kev can hand that out. For not just for that event, but there have been many events here and we've only been reimbursed if there was a police officer or sheriff, custodian, a building guard and that's the only charge that we've taken. This is now charging for that space.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Right.

MR. MCKAIN: And different packages.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: While I appreciate the effort to raise revenue, I guess the question does come into my mind that this is the people's house.

MR. MCKAIN: And I really --- people keep calling and we want to have a structure to have this. It's like renting. We did some surveying with Frick and other places that are also public. They can come in here. They have announcements. They can have free speech. This is actually to rent this beautiful capital asset owned by the taxpayers for a private event. And the pictures that you see there are events that we've had here and coordinated in the Marketing Committee discussion was to have some structure. Just like if anybody wanted to rent a hall or a venue. So it is public, but we're asking for a private event for several hours.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: But I mean, the cost here is more than --- we're going to be making a profit on it.

MR. MCKAIN: We are.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So was there discussion in the meeting about the fact that the people already own these facilities?

MR. KRESS: No, I mean, the people own every facility in the County. We rent out the spaces like North Park. We have a restaurant in the North Park Boathouse. They pay for that. People eat at the restaurant. We have all kinds of facilities, the picnic grove. County taxpayers pay for a lot of things in this County. It's time that the taxpayers quit paying for everything and we try to derive new revenue sources. What I've been trying to do for the last, I don't know how many years, is say look, we have County assets here. Can we try and derive revenue besides going to the taxpayers? And the fact is the building is closed from 5:00 o'clock onwards and also on the weekend; why not try to derive revenue. Plus we, you know, even from you Councilwoman Heidelbaugh, when we shoot movies in here you say why aren't we getting money

from the movie industry. I mean, to me, we're trying to get money from private sources to pay for things whether it's been a sign of gas lease with somebody to try to bring revenue in to pay for the parks, whether it's increasing fees in the park itself, whether it's ice skating or skiing or whatever else. This is what we're trying to do. And I understand taxpayers are paying for it, but I'm also trying to alleviate a burden to the taxpayers by creating this great venue here and utilizing because this is one of the most beautiful buildings in the City of Pittsburgh.

I mean, when I come here it's like I'm so proud to be from Pittsburgh and to be working in this building. And when I go out in the courtyard I like to share it with everybody else. And the fact is they got so many great ideas with Visit Pittsburgh to me this is a great thing and a great concept. I really can't say how anybody could be against it, but thank you.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Can I ---

MR. KRESS: Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: --- say something? It's not that I'm against the idea of letting people use the space. What I'm questioning because people do use it after hours, but they only charge the real cost. What I'm questioning, Councilman, Councilman Kress is whether we should be making a profit charging our citizens. The analogy that you use, I questioned Hollywood, a multi-trillion dollar industry coming here and using our facilities for free is a little bit different than a couple from Carrick coming here and, you know, paying the cost of using a space they already pay taxes for. That's my question.

MR. KRESS: But again, it goes back to my point. I mean, it's anything that we --- an ice skating rink. We're making money off of lot of different things in the County whether it's, you know, the pool, whatever else you look at it. We might be making a profit again. We're hoping to make a profit. I don't know. This is something new. I mean, you can talk to the County Manager, but we set these fee schedules up. I'm hoping we make a profit, but we're not sure. I mean, we looked at other venues sources, too.

MR. MCKAIN: Yeah, we did some comparisons. There's also the indirect cost that we don't capture. There's the administration of processing those requests, utilities and some other variable costs. I do think this

is a great start and we are recommending it. We can report back through the Committee to Council how it went the first year. This is a new endeavor. But I do think it is a good recommendation.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rea.

MS. REA: Thank you. I think it's really a win, win for the County. And also for the taxpayers because the state of the building, as we all know, we've toured the building is in --- there's a lot of disrepair in the building. And if, for whatever event we have, if there is additional monies that we make I think the most reasonable thing would be to just put it back into in keeping the building's repair up as best as we can keep it. Because it certainly is --- you know, it takes a lot of money to maintain these buildings so I think it's actually a win, win if we can do that. That would be great. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means and then we'll come down this way.

MS. MEANS: That was a good comment, Jan. I just wanted to ask that if the money, the revenue, will go in the general coffers or will it go ---?

MR. MCKAIN: It'll go to the general fund. We actually have budgeted no revenue for this. This is a new endeavor. We don't know what we're going to get so we wanted to be conservative. My suggestion is that I come back to Council through the Marketing Committee and tell you how we do after. How many events we had, what our expenditures were, what the revenues were, are there any lessons learned, should we modify anything. But this would be all excess revenue that is not in the adopted budget.

MS. MEANS: But we could, maybe, possibly, in the future, if there is --- if we are making money from the event to earmark it to go to fix the structure.

MR. MCKAIN: That would be a discussion to have, I think after we get some data and see if that makes sense.

MS. MEANS: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein and then Representative ---.

MS. KLEIN: That was my exact question.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Are you alright then?

MS. KLEIN: Yes, I am. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Heidelbaugh, do you still have a question?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I do.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: The question I have is on, in terms of the contractual obligations, they'll be required to sign a contract. Will, if there's a cancellation or if some poor girl from Carrick gets dumped prior to the bride --- prior to the wedding, are we going to be suing her for failure to pay the full amount?

MR. MCKAIN: Do we have a penalty? There's a certain amount to protect our ---. Come on up, Kev. It's just like if I ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I can switch it to Mt. Lebanon.

MR. MCKAIN: Yeah. That's okay. Well, as you know in Mt. Lebanon, they would not give us a refund because I live there.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: See, that's why I didn't say Mt. Lebanon.

MR. MCKAIN: Just like ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm going to say where are you from? Mt. Lebanon.

MR. MCKAIN: Yes, I am. And you know what, just like any of us who rent a hall for a wedding or an event, you put down a deposit and they're taking that space away from someone else. So what is the provision that we have?

MR. EVANTO: It's actually in the legislation at the end. There's a provision that if they cancel more than 60 days they get a full refund. I believe it's after 30 days they get a 50 percent refund. It is a sliding scale. The closer they cancel to the date of their event, the less of a refund that they get because of the issue of not being able to schedule the facility again.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So they pay the whole thing in full?

MR. EVANTO: There's also a payment schedule. I believe half of it is due up to 60 days and the balance is due after 30 days. And there's also a refund schedule.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So my question is if they don't pay are we going to sue them?

MR. MCKAIN: If they don't pay? If someone doesn't pay us we go --- we work with them. We go through the law department. We can work out a payment plan. If that doesn't work then we'll go through the magistrate's office just like when concessioners might not pay. So other people will have obligations. We are going to be

very, very customer friendly because we want this to work. This is new ground for us. We want to welcome events and people into our courtyard and into our Courthouse. So we'll address that, but I would think there wouldn't be too many problems.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Baker.

MR. BAKER: Thank you. I'm glad Kevin came up. It's a question for all three of you, but I thank Kevin a little bit. I'm a 100 percent yes vote on this. I think it's going to be great. One of my best experiences in the first years have been times where residents felt like County government cared about them. And I think this is a great chance to get them involved in County government in a way and feel part of it. My question is how are we going to market it? How are we going to get out there? Social media?

MR. MCKAIN: I'm glad you asked that. Kevin has a nice program.

MR. EVANTO: Yeah, well, I mean, we've --- I've sat down and had conversations with our partners at Visit Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership. Visit Pittsburgh, as you know, is constantly marketing the region to conventions, to meeting planners. They have a publication that they actually do on an annual basis that lists all of the venues in the City. We will be a part of that. We haven't been in the past because there is no fee schedule. You know, we've really never sat and looked at the capacity of the grand staircase, the courtyard. We actually brought in some catering companies, some rental companies to actually take all the measurements and tell us, you know, what is the actual capacity for a standup reception, a sit-down dinner and so forth. So that'll be part of Visit Pittsburgh's marketing.

We'll also market it through social media, the County website and just our normal marketing efforts and marketing budget and so forth.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Just as a little help. That's what I do for a living, banquets. You might want to set a policy where you would have a bank check, cashier check, some sort of pre-payment prior to the event.

MR. EVANTO: Yeah, it's only by certified check or money order.

MR. FUTULES: Right. Prior to the event.

MR. EVANTO: Absolutely.

MR. FUTULES: Then there's no chance of not getting paid.

MR. EVANTO: Right.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Oh, wait a minute. Representative Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Yes, thank you. I'm still awake. Yes. I just want to know, gentleman, what about parking? You know, if we're going to have any kind of people coming down here, any kind of a crowd, are we making any arrangements with any of the garages or are we going to any of the parking areas around here? Have we thought about that?

MR. MCKAIN: This is our first year doing this. It was a discussion point. At this time we don't have any coordinated effort. If we grow the program and we talk to the people that come here --- you saw those pictured events. We didn't provide parking. We can revisit that. There are people who have asked that. We just want to do it this way the first year before we add that complexity onto there. We do get asked, but you saw that it was very well attended --- how many people were at that event?

MR. EVANTO: The dinner --- that was basically a two-part event that was held over Labor Day weekend this year. It was a rehearsal dinner for a family, a local family who the groom was getting married to somebody from out of state. So it was the two families coming together. The first part of the event was a sit-down dinner for, I believe, it was for 75 to 80 people. And then they opened it up and they had a cocktail reception for about 200.

MR. MCKAIN: But to answer your question, John, is they didn't ask us about parking, but they were already coming downtown perhaps staying in hotels. As we grow this program, if that becomes a real desirable interest by our clients, I think we can come back and modify the program. Okay?

MR. PALMIERE: That's fine. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress.

MR. KRESS: I just want to say, I'd like to thank the Administration for thinking entrepreneurial. Thinking outside the box. Thinking something different. And that's what we need to do to make our government move forward. And all I can say is taxpayers for ice skating rinks they pay for boathouses, but we have to pay a fee to use these things. I don't see anything different from

what we're doing right now. Again, this is the most beautiful building in Allegheny County as far as I'm concerned. And we should share it with others. So again, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll take the roll call vote.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: (No response)
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13; no's 1. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Reports. Any ---? Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: I just want to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a happy and safe New Year. And I want to thank the staff for all their hard work. And since I didn't --- I wanted to say a few words about the people who are leaving us, just briefly.

I want to thank Jan Rea because she was the first person that come to me and welcomed me on County Council. And any time I called she'd call me right back. She was an awesome mentor. I thank her very much for looking out for me and helping me.

And Heather, I already commented on how brilliant she was.

Bill, you're a champion of the people. And I love when you give a proclamation because I'm going to learn about history when you do.

And Terri, you just totally blew me away. You just came brand new and you are a champion of women's health at the jail. You didn't take any time to --- you're your feet --- you got right under you. You just got right to work right away.

Amanda, I'm going to miss you as well. A brilliant attorney, quick humor, quick wit and I learned a lot from you on the political process. So I want to thank you all. Tell you that I'm going to miss you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Wish everybody a Happy Holidays. And the bad news is, yes, we're not skiing. But the good news is, we're still golfing. So we're still making money on the other end. So we're good. Merry Christmas.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: I'd just like to say Merry Christmas to everybody. And wish all the Council people that are leaving, the best in their years to come. And if you need anything give me a call any time. Merry Christmas. Happy New Year.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: With that, we'll go to 9326-15.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution amending Ordinance 6-14-RE in order to provide a full two-year term for exemptions from County and real property taxations under the terms of the Improvement of Deteriorating Real Property or Areas Tax Exempt Act, otherwise known as Act 42 enacted May 23rd, 1996 by the Board of Commissioners of Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

MS. MEANS: I want to make a motion ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's going to go --- that's going to go to committee.

MS. MEANS: Mr. --- or, Chairman, I wanted to waive --- make a motion to waive the second reading.

MR. BAKER: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Whoa. Whoa. Whoa.
MR. FINNERTY: Excuse. I have a point of order here.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What's your point?
MR. FINNERTY: Didn't you send that to committee?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.
MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Well, you can't waive it then.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You can't waive it. He's right.
MR. FINNERTY; You have to pull it from committee first.
MS. MEANS: No. It's a new motion. It's not in committee.
MR. FINNERTY: It ---.
MS. MEANS: Oh, you just sent it to committee.
MR. FINNERTY: He sent it to committee.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MS. MEANS: I see.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You have to pull it. Make the motion.
MS. MEANS: So I can make a motion to pull it from committee?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Second.
MR. BAKER: Second.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?
MR. FUTULES: Mr. President, I have a point of personal privilege.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What is it?
MR. FUTULES: I don't want this to come out wrong, but it's not a crime to own a business. But Sue, I have reason to believe you could be a conflict of interest in this matter of Act 202 in this exemption. You've disclosed that you own a lumber and building company along with a property development company. It may not be in your best interest. You might want to seek legal advice from an attorney before you continue to vote and participate in an event like this because I had to abstain at one point for the Drink Tax because I own a business. And it could have benefited me as a business. And you could have the same conflict. I'm not an attorney, but I'd suggest that you consider some advice from an attorney before you go any further because you could be in violation of the Ethics Code.

And as far as the Ethics Code participating in an event like this could be a felony. Possible \$10,000 fine or five years in prison. That's the maximum. Not necessarily will that happen, but I suggest you have a --- maybe Jack Cambest can weigh in, but I strongly suggest that you look into this before you go any further.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Hold it. I'm only going to let Sue Means answer to be fair. And then we're going to be done with this issue. Go ahead, Sue. Go ahead, Sue.

MS. MEANS: I don't own a lumber company. I don't even own a part in a lumber company.

MR. FUTULES: Excuse me.

MS. MEANS: So --- but anyway ---. That's all I'm going to say.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're not going to go no more unless you're ---. Did you make a motion before to pull it?

MS. MEANS: I did and it was seconded.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: It was seconded.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? On that --- well, actually, it's in committee ---. We'll take a vote on it. So let's take the roll vote on that.

MR. CATANESE: You'll need ten votes to pull it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: (No response)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: I abstain.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Nay.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.

MR. CATANESE: Yeses are 4, nos are 9, with one abstention. It failed.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9327-15

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution amending Ordinance 6-14-RE in order to provide a full two-year term for exemptions from County and real property taxation under the terms of the Allegheny County New Home Construction Exemption Program otherwise known as Act 202 enacted May 23rd, 1996 by the Board of Commissioners of Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm putting that into committee also.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Mr. Chairman, I have another New Business ordinance that I have with me as soon as you're ---.

MS. MEANS: I'd like to second it.

MR. FINNERTY: One thing at a time.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wait. We're dealing with 9327, what did you just ---?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You just put it into committee. So you're ready for the next item. And the next item is I have a ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We didn't vote on it. I'm sorry, go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: It's in committee.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: It's in committee, you're right.

MR. CATANESE: I just need to know what committee.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have a new ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Budget and Finance.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have a new ordinance and I'd like to add it to the agenda. And I have all the copies right here.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: She made a motion. She seconded it. Under remarks? We got to see ---.

MR. FINNERTY: I don't need to see it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We got to wait. We got to wait.

MR. FINNERTY: I don't know what we're on.

MATERIALS PASSED OUT

MR. FUTULES: We have to vote to add it on.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: May I speak?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. I had been working on this, and I apologize that it was provided this way. I was under the impression that it was going to be on the agenda today. But it was not, so I'm sure that was my error. This is for an Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to amend and supplement Article 401 of Division One of the Code of Allegheny County through the creation of a new Section 5-401.3 entitled Reporting and Disclosure in order to establish a disclosure requirement for potential conflicts of interest relating to county contracts. Can I read this?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, ---.

MR. FINNERTY: I think --- point of order, please. I think, first of all, we have to get it on the agenda. I don't think it's on the agenda at the moment.

MR. FUTULES: Correct.

MR. FINNERTY: I think you just passed it out. You got to vote to put it on.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. FUTULES: That's true.

MR. FINNERTY: I mean, it just doesn't automatically --- we got to motion, we got to second. We shouldn't even be talking about it yet. We should vote. Do you want this on the agenda or do you not want it on the agenda?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: She wants it.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Chairman Finnerty?

CHAIRMAN FINNERTY: She wants it.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Chairman Finnerty, yes, I do want it on the agenda.

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, I know that. But the thing of it is, it has to be voted on to put it on the agenda.

PRESIDENT BANGS GAVEL

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: It's up to you; do you want to put that on?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And your motion is --- to put this on. We have to have a second.

MS. MEANS: I seconded already.

MR. FINNERTY: You had it. They did that already.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's take the roll call, please.

MR. CATANESE: You need eight votes. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Wait, this is just to put it on the agenda?

MR. FINNERTY: Putting it on the agenda. That's correct.

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: (No response).

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.

MR. CATANESE: Yeses, 6, nos, 8, it fails.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're down to 9329-15.

MS. MEANS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Did you withdraw that?

MS. MEANS: Yes, I did. It was put on the agenda by mistake on Friday. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No problem. 9330-15.

MR. CATANESE: A motion to approve the Minutes referenced within this motion comprising the committee meetings of Allegheny County Council for the 2014-2015 Council term ---

MS. MEANS: I'd like to make a motion to waive the second reading.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hold it.

MR. FINNERTY: He didn't even finish.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You're out of order. Hold it.

MR. CATANESE: --- term which have not appeared on an agenda during the current term for approval. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

MS. MEANS: I'd like to make a motion to waive the second reading.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You have to be recognized. Please. First of all, this is out of order. And you can check with our Solicitor if you want. First of all, this here --- all of these minutes for this was never sent out to all the committees. Second of all --- should be first of all, it also violates the Rules of Council so it's really out of order. And if you want, we could check with our Solicitor on the situation. Do you want to?

MS. MEANS: Yes, I would like to know what rule of Council this violates since I have the rules book right in front of me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I don't have one right in front of me.

ATTORNEY FINNERTY: I can answer that question. It's a Rule of Council, Article II, Rule (f)(3) indicates that whenever legislature or other matters have been referred to a committee, the Chair shall have full power and control over such legislation or other matters except that such committee shall not change the subject. A committee shall not consider a bill or other matters which is not in its possession. This --- I don't know who did it, I guess it was you, some --- one of our, I don't know if it was Jared or Lori, went through and pulled minutes

from these committees. That's a violation of our rules. You cannot pull these minutes from the committee. They were not vetted in committee and they were not okayed as valid minutes. Now, that is a violation of our rules. And that's why this is out of order, completely. And I actually have a censored motion, but I'm not going to use it, in regard to this because of your pulling minutes from peoples' committee. Nobody asked me as Chairman of Budget and Finance if they could take minutes from that committee. That has to be done. You can't just do it. It's just like you would attempt to pull legislation from Budget and Finance. You can't just do it. You have to bring it to this Council and it has to be voted and you have to get ten votes to do it.

This is a flagrant violation of our rules what was done here. And it should not have been done. And I don't know why it was done. This is something that's never been done before. And this is my third term. So that's where I stand on this. I think we have to take a look at something like this and say, hey, maybe we should censor the person that did this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What I'm saying, Sue, from the beginning it's out of order. If you want, we could ask our solicitor so it just isn't me telling you that.

MS. MEANS: Mr. President, may I speak since I am the sponsor of this motion?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You could speak.

MS. MEANS: I appreciate it. Then if there is a conflict with the rules I am unaware of it and I'm going to read from the rules right now. Public minute records, minutes of agency proceedings, testimony attached to the minutes and official records or transcripts of an agency's proceedings at an open meeting shall be records available to the public and for their examination and copying. Rules of Council, Point O (1), reading the minutes and voting, at all regular, special committee and emergency meetings the clerk shall be responsible for maintaining a record of all of those minutes and meetings summaries. Minutes shall include the date, time, place of the meeting, the names of the members present, the substance of all the official actions and the record by individual member of a roll call taken. The names of all of the citizens who appeared officially and the subject of their testimony. Corrections of the minutes may be made, may, the word may, made by a simple majority vote of the

members present at the Council meeting to which said minutes are on the agenda for approval. And I think --- and I also want to cite the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

So maybe this rule that we have told people that the chairman is in control of these meetings, maybe it's not correct. So I'm going to read the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, entitles the public to inspect and copy minutes. It does not qualify the minutes to be available as approved minutes. In fact, I'm sorry, this isn't a direct quote but I studied the Act and so Sunshine Act 65, Section 706, 4 Pa. Code 1.52. In fact, the Pennsylvania Code in its interpretation of the Sunshine Act clearly states that minutes of an agency's proceedings and official records at an open meeting shall be records available to the public for examination and copying. Such a mandate mentions nothing about requiring approval prior to the public documents. If we have a public meeting the public could be present at the meeting. And so therefore, the public may instantaneously request the minutes.

There is no need --- there is no --- the people need to know what happened, who was there and what was said. Furthermore, I just read about our Rules of Council. So do we have a conflict? Have we been in violation to the Sunshine Act by denying citizens the right to see minutes or the media? I mean, this is an open meeting, anyone can be there. This is all about letting the people know and see and understand what happened at the meeting. Me, thinks you protest way too much, Mr. Finnerty. We serve the people and we are to be open and transparent to the people. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: I'm sorry you had to mention my name. But Ms. Means, we have been here for a number of years in relation to this and this has never come up before. There's a number of things that are wrong here, a number of things. That's just one of them that I quoted. The other thing is that people on the committee are supposed to okay the minutes. Now, you're putting this up to all 15 or 14 people that are here. And they haven't been to these meetings. But all of a sudden, they're going to okay them. Now, we're not --- the public has not asked for these minutes at all. They didn't ask for this. Councilwoman Means asked for this. There's a difference. And you were at the meeting. So it seems to me that, if anything, this is not something that should be taken

lightly by anyone because we have a committee process and it is what it is. And if somebody would want the minutes, they could probably get them. But if there's mistakes in the minutes and they're not corrected there could be a big problem here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Mr. President, you ruled this out of order. I don't believe there's any argument after that. Mr. Cambest, is that true? Once he rules something out of order the discussion is over.

MR. CAMBEST: That's correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What I did was I ruled it out of order, that's correct. I could stop there. But to give her the benefit of the doubt, I would let you look into this also.

MR. CAMBEST: Yeah. You permitted them to talk. So it was out of order but you permitted the discussion. As both Ms. Means and Mr. Finnerty have said, you've raised a number of issues concerning this. Concerning the procedure and the policy of this Council in regard to committee minutes, it has been, to my understanding, and I've checked with the Administration to determine what we have done over the year to make sure I --- over the years to make sure I was correct. Committee meeting minutes have always been approved by the committee. Have there been committee meeting minutes that were not approved during the same year. Yes, that has occurred. And what generally happens and it happens in all government bodies is that the committee who is in place --- let's say if you don't approve your minutes in November and December, the committee that's in place in January would approve those minutes.

Historically, here there have always been the same or a majority of members on the same committees. They haven't changed. Sure people leave as we've seen tonight. But usually on those committees there are people who have been present at the committee meetings. They participated in a vote if there was a vote. They participated in a discussion if there was a discussion.

I think what Mr. Finnerty is saying is taking subparagraph O as Ms. Means has indicated, that deals with our meetings. It deals with committee meetings. So yes, the clerk for a committee meeting and for a regular, a special or an emergency meeting has the obligation to take down those minutes as they're done and to bring those for

approval by the committee or by Council. So you're correct with what you're saying.

That section does not say that Council has the obligation to approve those committee meetings minutes. We have the obligation to approve our minutes that are occurring here at a regular meeting, at a special meeting if we have it or at an emergency meeting. Mr. Finnerty cited, I think, it was subsection F, if I'm not mistaken. Let me make sure. And so he was questioning the ability of a Council person to take committee meeting minutes away from the ability of the chairman of that committee and that committee to vote, amend, change, whatever, vote on for approval of those committee meetings. And I think he's correct under Section Four and under our -- or Section F(4) and under our policy. That has always been the prerogative of the chairman of that committee when it comes to those committee meetings.

I don't know all of the minutes that you've pulled. I don't know if you've pulled only certain ones and not all can be considered by your housekeeping committee or housekeeping motion. But I think it has always been the policy and procedure of this Council that the chairman and the committee vote to approve those because they're the people who are there. They're the people who are discussed. And I think Mr. Finnerty is saying it would be unfair for Mr. Robinson to approve a committee meeting minute and may be in error if he is not a member of that committee, was not present at that committee meeting and voting to approve those to make those available to the public.

That's generally what occurs. Once they're approved, they're public documents. And all --- anybody that wants a copy of those has the ability to file a Right to Know Request and those are given to them. That's the general procedure here. I don't know of anybody that has been refused a meeting minutes that once they're approved they're done.

So is your motion out of order? I think it's out of order in that respect that you're attempting to take the power of the chairman and the committee away to approve the minutes that they participated in. And it's their obligation under Section O that you've read to get those to the clerk once they're approved. If the clerk keeps a record and the committee approves them.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Rep ---.

MS. MEANS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Sue.

MS. MEANS: I had hoped for a respectful discussion here tonight. I know it wasn't the way it's always been done. But that doesn't mean that it couldn't have been done. The members were mailed the minutes on Friday. They could have looked at the meetings that they attended themselves to look at. Anytime we're informed that they're going to have a meeting the minutes are sent out without, I mean, they're just done automatically. They send us the meetings. According to Robert's Rules which this body is --- we observe Robert's Rules. It says that if a committee doesn't meet quarterly then you need --- you know, you need to deal with the minutes. Then if you're going to have a new chairman and new committee members, again, somehow the minutes need finalized because in a couple of weeks we will have different people that can't approve the minutes. So according to Robert's Rules you can have a special committee. The Executive Committee can approve the minutes or you can also have a special committee approve the minutes. So those are two ways.

I just wanted to have a healthy discussion about how to deal with the unapproved business before we conclude our session. We're the government. We should be open and transparent. We should dot all our I's and cross all our T's. There's dangling minutes. There's minutes from months ago. A year ago. Anyway, I have notes somewhere here. But I also think it's quite interesting that Mr. Finnerty sponsored a bill and passed a bill in 2007 to require all the authorities to give us their minutes within ten days of the meeting. So thank you very much.

MR. FUTULES: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hold it.

MS. MEANS: Again, I just wanted to ---.

MR. FINNERTY: I guess I have to answer.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hold it.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. President, my I just confirm.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hold on a minute.

MR. FUTULES: Mr. Ellenbogen, are you present on the phone?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I am, Mr. Clerk.

MR. CATANESE: Thank you.

MR. FINNERTY: Point of order. It's out.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going back to --- going by the rules all of sudden. Okay. Good. I ruled it out of order. That means that's it. But I went a step further. I referred it to our Solicitor or our Representative here. And he said the same thing and he gave you the reasons why. So actually, it's out of order. All we're going to do here is waste time. We shouldn't even be discussing it at this point.

MR. CAMBEST: Mr. Chairman or Mr. President, may I respond just to that last comment? And it's only one minute.

You may be correct under Robert's Rules of Order. I haven't read that section. But I think the question is if for any reason the committee could not do what you're asking and this Council as a body voted to form a special committee or executive committee to make that determination that may be correct under Robert's Rules. But it can't permit you, as a single Council person, to attempt to do that. I think that's all they're saying.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going on to 9325-15.

MR. CATANESE: Communication summarizing approved Executive Actions for all departments from November 1st, 2015 through October (sic) 30th, 2015.

MR. MACEY: Move to receive and seconded.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Public Comment. We're going to go with --- is Carmen Brown here?

MR. CATANESE: No.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Greg Yoest.

MR. FINNERTY: There's somebody right there.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Brown isn't here; is he?

MR. FINNERTY: No. No. We know who that is.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. YOEST: Thank you for the opportunity to address County Council here. I was involved in somewhat from the very early stages of County Council. And one of the questions that came up at the very beginning was when the County Council was initially formed who would actually take these seats. It's twice the work of a State Representative and none of the pay. And there was a very

serious question at the outset as to who would actually offer their services for this.

I think that question has been answered for many years in the affirmative with the high quality of people who have served here on County Council over the many years with the broad diversity in terms of age, occupation, life skills, et cetera. I think County Council has done a great job. I look up here at this Council and see what back of the envelope counts as tens of thousands of hours worth of service to this County. I thank all of you for that especially the ones who are leaving at the present time.

One of the other things that was discussed very early in the County Council phase, it never really got very far and that perhaps it might be a time to resurrect. A proposal at the very beginning that never really got formalized, but some people suggested that maybe the mayor of the City of Pittsburgh ought to be an ex officio member of this Council. I spoke on this subject several months ago for the same reason I am here tonight because the Home Rule Review Commission was meeting earlier today and it was meeting earlier the same night that I gave the previous presentation.

But I sort of want to reiterate that proposal. Of the 13 districts that are elected county wide, if you do the math, the City of Pittsburgh's population would get it out to be almost exactly three seats on this County Council. Close enough that it wouldn't have a one person, one vote rule. So my --- no problem. My suggestion was that instead of electing the three separate members who eventually represent the City, we have one representative from the City, namely the mayor who serves ex officio and he gets three total votes.

The arrangement would have certain advantages. It will allow for direct interaction between the Pittsburgh mayor and representatives from the suburban areas. There's no government body today that has that exact set up. And that would be very advantageous. It would allow the City of Pittsburgh to have one single vote on Council instead of one voice instead of perhaps divided by three and it's not entirely clear how they're divided the districts are divided other than the fact that the population is equal.

It would force both the City and the suburban residents to consider all sides when making their

policies. At the present time there's no specific government mechanism that allows for that to happen. And some people say that this would be a bad idea because it would give the mayor extra power. Conversely, it would actually force the mayor and all representatives in the County government to represent themselves, to interact with each other and to consider all options when making their decisions.

I would encourage County Council as it proceeds because I know there's a Home Rule Commission that's going to be recommended next month to give this very serious consideration as we proceed with County Council. Thank you for your time. Thank you for all of your service.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. YOEST: Merry Christmas.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have one more speaker. There's a mix-up here. His name wasn't on there, but he's here. Mark Macky. He's our last speaker.

MR. MACKY: Thank you, Mr. President and County Council. And good evening everybody. Ladies and gentlemen and children in strollers. I think they just left.

I'm with the Labor's Union. Laborers' District Council of Western Pennsylvania. Labor Local 1058. My assignment is the Kane Regional Center for the past 25 years. I'm here tonight to ask you to or request or formally or informally to add an amendment to the provision that has a residency requirement for nursing staff at the Kane Regional Centers. Several years ago they had an exemption for nursing personnel. I believe the RNs, registered nurses, and LPNs, licensed practical nurses, were exempt from the residency requirement due to the fact that it was difficult to get nursing personnel in the Kane Regional Centers. We'd like you to include the CNAs in that residency requirement exemption. The CNAs, the certified nurses assistants at the Kane Regional Centers. I have a young lady here tonight, Ms. DePasquall, who's a seven year employee at the Ross Regional Center who's employment was terminated. She's been out of work for the last two months. And she worked there for seven years and never had a problem. She lives in Cranberry, though, right outside the Allegheny County limits. And she's a single parent. Not a single parent, but she's a sole provider of the family. Her husband is a disabled veteran. And so she's the sole support of the

family. So I ask with respect, all due respect, to use that exemption to cover all CNAs due to difficulty of hiring in the Kane Regional Centers. And thank you very much for your time. And Happy Holidays.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Same to you.

MR. MACKY: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to make a ---?

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there a second?

MR. BAKER: I'll second it.

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

ALL AYES RESPOND

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

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