

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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

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IN ATTENDANCE:

William McKain	-	Allegheny County Manager
Jared Barker	-	Director of Constituent Services
Joseph Catanese	-	Director of Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski	-	Budget Director
Rich Fitzgerald	-	County Manager

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection. After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance Recited.)

(Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Present.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here. 9513-16.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation congratulating the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania up on the occasion of its 100 Anniversary. Sponsored by Council Members Macey, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

MR. MACEY: Would Brian Shema please come to the podium, please? Okay. Well, it's interesting because we're celebrating 100 years for the Audubon Society of

Western Pennsylvania. And what's interesting to me about 100 years ago, maybe one out of four houses had indoor plumbing. Maybe one out of four houses had an indoor toilet. Women used to wash their hair maybe once a week. And the average age of a male was about 44 years old. But think about the Audubon Society. Even through those troubling times, and you know, I'll tell you, if I lived back then I'd certainly like to be rich and not poor because the poor certainly suffered. But the Audubon Society felt it necessary to connect people with birds and nature through different programs, projects and places.

The Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania is an environmental, education and conservation engagement organization that serves a seven county region anchored by the City of Pittsburgh. On March 24th, 2016, they'll be celebrating, or they did celebrate their 100th Anniversary. And it's my pleasure to present a Proclamation.

WHEREAS, the welfare of the citizens of southwestern Pennsylvania is greatly enriched by the purposeful endeavors of individuals and organizations committed to the preservation and protection of our environment and the enhancement of and appreciation for our natural surroundings.

AND WHEREAS, founded in 1960 the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania, a chapter of the National Audubon Society and our region's premiere environmental education and conservation organization, is celebrating it's Centennial on March 24th, 2016.

WHEREAS, the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania encourages lifelong environmental learning through it's nature centers and reserves including Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, Fox Chapel, Allegheny County, Succop Nature Park, Butler County and Todd Nature Reserve, Sarver, Butler County, encompassing more than 500 tranquil acres and 14 miles of hiking trails, educational and outreach programs and the Audubon Center for Nature plants.

AND WHEREAS, the dedication efforts of volunteers, members and staff of the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania played a critical role in Pennsylvania's rescue efforts of bald eagles from their threat of extinction. Today, there are three bald eagle nesting sites in Allegheny County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Council does hereby recognize and pay tribute to the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary. And we thank the organization for its commitment to the protection of birds, other wildlife and their habitat, thereby maintaining the health and beauty of our region. Sponsored by myself and all members of Council this 22nd day of March. Congratulations, Brian.

(Applause.)

MR. SHEMA: Thank you very much. Thank you all. I wasn't really prepared to say anything, but on behalf of the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania, I'd like to thank Council. You know, as mentioned, we've been working, not myself personally, but for 100 years our organization has been connecting people to the birds and nature. And on behalf of the staff, we look forward to continuing to do so and hopefully continuing our pursuit of being the premiere conservational educational organization in Western Pennsylvania. Thank you all.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9514-16.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation congratulating the Bon Ami Temple Number 49, Daughters of Elk, 2016 Honorees. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

MR. BAKER: Mr. President, I think one of our Honorees is on his way up. I think he's in the building, but on his way up. Would it be okay to push it a little bit back in the meeting?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. BAKER: Okay. I was at the event on Saturday night. It was very nice, but Mel should be here soon. No one else from the Elks is here? Okay. So Mel should be here soon. Sorry about that, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's get back to the program. Let's see. Next we have --- we're going down to 9516-16, and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 9515-16. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Aquinas Academy for being ranked the Number 1 Catholic High School in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by Niche.com. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

9516-16. Certificates of Achievement presented to the 2015-2016 Hampton High School Competitive

Cheerleading Team in recognition of placing 6th in the PIAA Competitive Spirit Championship and placing 13th in the National High School Cheerleading Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

9517-16. Certificates of Achievement presented to the 2015-'16 Shaler Area Senior High School Competitive Cheerleading Team in recognition of placing third in the PIAA Medium Varsity Division Championship and placing 15th in the National High School Cheerleading Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

9518-16. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated, Holland Club 2016 inductees. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

9519-16. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. Eugene A. Adams in recognition of his 50 years dedicated volunteer service to the Duquesne Annex Volunteer Fire Company. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9520-16. Proclamation congratulating Hillcrest Christian Academy, a K through 8 school located in Bethel Park, upon the occasion of its addition of grades 9 through 12, the Hillcrest Christian Academy High School. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

9521-16. Proclamation recognizing the Clairton Volunteer Fire Department's 28th Anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

MR. FUTULES: John, he's here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Do you want to ---?

MR. BAKER: Thank you. Thank you very much for going a little back in time. We have a great community leader here, Melvin Hubbard El. And we sometime joke around our office at Big Brother, Big Sisters that if you don't see Frank Polito from Comcast, we're not doing our job. We're not getting out there. If you don't see Rich Fitzgerald, you're not doing your job and you're not getting out there. If you don't see Rico from the Courier you're also not doing your job. You're not getting out there. And the same holds true for Brother Mel. We see Mel all over the place, all over the City, all over the County. He was honored this weekend by the Elks with the Humanitarian Award, and he's a terrific leader here in our community. Does so many good projects, such good work both in his professional life, but also in his civic life with the We Promise Campaign, Take a Father to Work Day.

He's been on a number of boards and just serves in so many various roles throughout our community. So I was very proud to be with you there on Saturday night, Brother Mel. And just that we're lucky to have you as a friend of Big Brothers, Big Sisters. We're lucky to have you as a friend of County Council. And we're just really thankful for all that you do. With that, we'll read a quick Proclamation and then we're going to get to the County Executive.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is blessed with individuals and organizations dedicated to improving our quality of life through many worthy endeavors especially the Elks of the World, known as the Elksdom founded in 1898.

WHEREAS, on March 19th the Bon Ami Temple 49, Daughters of Elk honored outstanding members for their accomplishments and service to Elksdom and their citizens.

WHEREAS, the selfless and spirited members chosen for the 2016 awards, Good Brother Mel, Melvin Hubbard El, Chief of Staff to State Rep Ed Gainey who received the Humanitarian Award.

WHEREAS, their communities and citizens of Allegheny County and the Commonwealth of PA have benefited from their contributions along with the Bon Ami Temple.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate the Elks, along with this year's awardees including Brother Mel upon the joyous occasion and offers best wishes for a continued growth and success for years to come.

Brother Mel, we're just proud of you. You're doing a great job and I think everyone in this room --- a lot of people in this room probably know you and thank you for all your efforts. So give a big round of applause to Brother Mel.

(Applause.)

MR. HUBBARD EL: First of all, I want to thank Council for being patient on my arrival. That shows that you're all right with me. Thank you.

I'd like to also say that in this work --- and this can go for a lot of us in this room --- it takes dedication, it takes experience, it takes compassion. It takes you putting yourself in the other person's place. As long as we can do that and govern from those principles we're doing our job. Thank you very much for this.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: At this time, we'll have the Chief Executive's Quarterly Address.

(Applause.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. And first of all, since this is my first visit for this new Council, I want to welcome the new members as they finish their first quarter. And I think you guys have really hit the ground running and put on a lot of good initiatives that are moving forward. And I know, you know, you work with the manager and our directors, and really all the different departments have been very, very good. So I want to thank you. Thank you for that.

So let me get started. I always like to start on the jobs and the economy. We continue to see good things. Our unemployment rate hovers right around four percent which is excellent. It's below the Pennsylvania rate which is 4.6 percent. I think that's the lowest it's been since 2007 statewide. And the U.S. unemployment rate is at 4.9 percent. So numbers at all are pretty positive, but we continue to do better than even the national and statewide averages. Our gross regional product last year grew at around three percent, which is again above what the national average gross domestic product is for the nation.

We saw about \$3 billion worth of new construction in 2015, and that's commercial and residential across the spectrum. And we expect in 2016 to be about the same, around \$3 billion worth of new construction. And quite frankly, it seems to be across the region, the City, the South Hills, the North Hills, the airport corridor, the western suburbs, the eastern suburbs, so we see good growth throughout the region.

Along those lines, we've seen a tremendous amount of growth at the airport in flights. About a year ago, we had about 37 destinations that we went to on a nonstop basis. We know that's much less than this region needs to continue to grow. And over the last year, we've grown about 17 new destinations. We're up to 54, which is pretty good. And then in 2015, we saw almost a two percent increase in passenger service, which is one of the highest since we lost the hub about ten years ago. And we're all --- and this year we're up three percent above that, so it continues to be very strong as we welcome some

new airlines into the region; Porter Air, which has direct flight to Toronto. Allegiant Air, came about a year ago and continues to add service particularly in the southeast down into New Orleans and many of our Florida markets. Frontier, another low cost carrier also adding much service. Southwest continues to add service. We had just added a flight to --- a nonstop flight to LA. We continue to see good things happening at the airport.

Transit, we see transit numbers continue to do well. We see an increase in the ridership there as well. The Port Authority is putting forth a new fare policy. You might recall that in the past there's been two zones. So people that live far out they would pay a little more. About \$1.25 more than folks that would live a little closer in. It was confusing and sometimes very difficult for people to deal with that, so they're going to a single fare policy which I think will be better. Also encouraging cashless, where people will get a quarter discount or quarter less on their fare if they do it with the Smart Card as opposed to paying cash, you know, adds to the cost, et cetera.

So we continue to get more efficient in our transportation. And it's really something we're going to have to continue working together on as this region continues to grow. We grow in different ways. A lot of these new millennials that are working in and around this region want to travel in a different way to work and other places so we see almost the transportation continuing to work out. So we're excited about the possibilities for the next year with our economic growth, new companies coming in, existing companies expanding. And really, it's the cooperation that we see with our municipal partners, certainly with the City, but our universities, our foundations, the corporate community, the Chamber of Commerce, our labor community, so it really is a cooperative spirit that we have here, and it's really added to the vibrancy of what we have going on.

Within the government, I want to talk about within County government, we continue to look for more efficiencies to try to save money to try to enhance taxpayer service. Just some of the internal things we've been doing. Purchasing contracts that our Administrative services folks have been renegotiating just in the last year it saved over \$150,000 getting the same amount of product, but doing it less, by doing a smarter job in

purchasing. Moving the property assessment department out of Lexington internally here saving over \$100,000 there. Renegotiating natural gas contracts because the price drop in that market, saving over a \$140,000 and bringing everything inside to the offices with printing. The Health Department used to do their own print shop. We brought them inside, also saving some money. So those are the kind of efficiencies we continue to look for, working with the City of Pittsburgh and other municipalities to try to do, to try to those type of efficiencies.

On the public safety front, I know we talked a while back before some of the new ones came in, about redeploying some of our county police out of the parks. They certainly are still --- some are still in the parks, but we've moved some of them out there into the community on some of the task forces. And we've seen already some tremendous success working with the US Attorney, the FBI, our DA and local law enforcement in McKeesport. In February, made 21 drug arrests with major drug dealers in McKeesport. And just last week in Glassport, we made another 31 arrests and identified another 15, 16 suspects that we'll be, hopefully, apprehending pretty soon.

And again, these task forces working in collaboration with a whole lot of folks --- I want to thank Superintendent Moffatt and his folks for again, working with all of our law enforcement partners sharing information, sharing technologies and resources to be able to make our city and make our region as safe as it can be. So we want to continue to do that.

In our parks --- talk about the rangers a little bit. Last year, 29,000 visitors were served by the Park Ranger Program. And they've been going out in our schools working with our --- working with our students to really enhance the experience that people have in the parks, giving them education, giving them knowledge about what's going on in our parks. We're very proud of the 12,000 acres that we have at our nine county parks. And anything we can do to enhance them is going to bring more folks in and bring more enjoyment and more quality of life to the folks in this region.

We also had a very good summer concert series last summer with 13 percent improvement. 175,000 people went to the concerts. And we're expecting with Mr. Baechle and Mr. Deeseey (phonetic) and the work they do an

even better season this year so we're really excited about that.

The other efficiency we brought to the Park System was people can now book their shelters and their facilities online. They don't have to show up and pay cash or have a cashier's check. They can reserve and pay for things on-line. As we continue to try to improve the experience to make it easier for people to do, to use our parks.

You may have seen --- I want to talk about the Health Department for just a little bit. And we continue to expand the Live Well Program. And I know many of you have gone to some of the Live Well announcements that we've made. We've got over --- 22 municipalities have now signed on to that program, and there's going to be a number more coming up this summer. But the one thing you may have seen that was published last week was the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation who does --- it's a national organization that did rankings, did the ranking of Pennsylvania. They went to every state and ranked every county. In 2010, Allegheny County ranked 49th out of 67 counties in health outcomes in Pennsylvania. Obviously, not very good. But last year we moved up, we moved up a lot. We're now 26th and getting better. And some of the metrics that we see are improving. We've seen smoking go down from 22 percent to 19 percent. Obviously, we want to continue along those lines. We've seen teen births go down from 25 per 100,000 births --- or per 1,000 births, I'm sorry to 22 per 1,000 births. And the low birth weight baby rate births have also gone down. So we're getting much better metrics in there. Our premature deaths have gone down. Our diabetic monitoring has gone down. So I want to congratulate the Health Department. Dr. Hacker and her team as they continue to get the word out about the Live Well Program. We've now expanded to Live Well Workplaces and Live Well Restaurants. So we're encouraging folks to improve the diet that they provide, the work spaces that they provide to improve our quality of life here in western Pennsylvania.

Last year, if you recall those Council Members that were here, we had a Summer Learn and Earn Program where for youth in school they could go out into the community and get jobs in some of our corporate --- in the corporate sector, in the healthcare sector, IT, manufacturing, et cetera. 2,000 people that we did ---

worked with countywide partnering with the City and our foundations and our corporate community. We're going to be having the same program this year. Glad to say that the corporate community, as well as others, have stepped up to provide some of the funding to give our youth some opportunities. And we also announced yesterday --- I know Councilman Baker was there --- 16,000 people that can have access to our parks, summer opportunities, not just work, but for the younger kids, really K through 12, the ability to learn, to spend time at the library, to spend time in our parks and do all kinds of innovative things where they can learn, they can dream and they can do some things that will be enhancing their summer break.

We're going to have one thing I'd really like to be proud of tonight. You'll notice one director who's usually here that is not here and that is Director Marc Cherna. And the reason Director Cherna is not here is his department is being highlighted tonight on PBS and it starts at six o'clock. So we wanted to give him time to go home --- they can all go home and watch it together. It's an hour long series talking --- an hour long program talking about the innovation that our Department of Human Services has done. And to have national recognition like that, I really want to congratulate Director Cherna. So told him, yeah, go ahead, and be with your people and watch the program tonight. It's something again that we can be very, very proud of.

They've done a lot of good things over the years and they really have a national reputation that we all get to take credit for, certainly me and all the elected --- the Members of Council as people look to our County as to how we deal with some of the human services challenges that we have.

Our Kanes, we're having a good start to the year with our census data is up. More people are using our Kanes. We also received a Highmark grant. Highmark gave us a grant to deal with dementia patients. So again, that's something we're going to continue to move forward with and do some good work. We should be very proud of the work that goes on in our Kane Hospitals. For those of you that haven't had a chance to maybe go visit some of them it's really worthwhile to see. We've got some really dedicated employees and dedicated people who really take care of folks at our Kanes.

We had talked about this before. In Public Works, our road paving program, we talked last year that we were going to enhance and do a little more. We're actually --- the County Manager has on his schedule about a 50 percent increase in the amount of miles that we'll be paving this year. We did 30 miles of road paving, spending about \$8.9 million in 2015. This year we plan on doing 45 miles of road paving in the paving season. We'll probably be spending about \$12.7 million in that budget. So you'll probably see a lot of detours out there so be patient and tell people how happy they should be that when the work is done that the road will be much smoother than it was.

And we're also very proud of the work that Director Shanley and his folks do. They really are responsive to a lot of your constituents and a lot of folks that we serve trying to make sure we keep our roads well. And also the Facilities Department, Director Nolfi. We're very glad. We won a couple of awards over the last few months. For the fourth year in a row we were the winner of the Green Workplace Challenge which is a regional award that Allegheny County puts in for every year. And we're challenged to make sure we get more efficient. We get more green. We do more recycling. We were actually given two of our workplaces top waste reducer and recycler, one at the Allegheny County Health Department, which is now reducing 18 percent more of the resources that they have, and over at the County Office Building it's almost 40 percent more recycling that they're doing over there. So we're very proud of the work and the departments that we have.

So with that, I was going to open up to any questions you might have for anything that I might not have touched upon in my remarks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anyone have a question, raise their hand? Sue, Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Hi, Mr. Fitzgerald. Congratulations on your award today at Visit Pittsburgh, that you're the number one cheerleader for the District, for the County, and that's pretty exciting. You got a bobble-head to go with it.

You didn't touch on the transition in the healthcare in the jail, and I just wanted an update on how that was going. Thank you.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you. And it was good to see --- I know a number of you were able to make the Visit Pittsburgh luncheon today as they talked about some of the great things with tourism dollars that we have going on here. And I was proud to win the award. That bobble-head will go very proudly on the windowsill down in my office.

It seems to be going very well, Councilwoman. It was a very --- it was and is a very challenging process to go forward. As you know, we've made a couple of different changes over many years. The Health Department ran it for a number of years. There were some issues there that we didn't feel were proper. We went to another company a couple of years ago, almost three years ago now. That didn't seem to work out to the level that we wanted to see. So last May we made a decision to bring it in-house, in essence, do away or fire the other company that was there. And all summer the County Manager and Deputy Manager and the Warden and a whole lot of folks worked on bringing those employees under the managers' direction. We partnered with Allegheny Health Network on some of the services that they could provide. And thus far, it seems to be moving, I think, in a very positive manner. And I know the Jail Oversight Board has been, you know, asking a lot of questions, rightly so, to see where things are going with that. And you know, again, so far we've been --- we've been pleased at the direction things are going.

MS. MEANS: Just real quick, I know our big concern was the cost because it's like how many times you have to go the doctor. You don't always know ahead of time when the year starts, so we kind of estimated how much that would cost us to bring it back in-house. How does that look? Does it look like we're staying within what we asked estimated? I know it's only been half a year or since August, but do you have any idea?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I will ask the County Manager to come up and ---. You're right, cost is part of it. But also we're constitutionally required to make sure we provide the care. So cost is really one aspect of what we look at.

MR. MCKAIN: With Council's approval, we did increase the budget, as you know, for this year. We're only into the first quarter. We're tracking to meet the budget, but it's so much more to do this year to be able

to measure that. We make sure we have enough staffing. If not, we use agencies. Another efficiency in cost savings was engaging Kane Hospital's pharmacy. We thought that that made it more reliable, some real time inventory. And we think those type of positives will help us in the overall budget variance. But right now, it's really premature, but we're on target.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

MR. MCKAIN: Sure.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other questions?
Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Rich, in relation to Human Services and our lack of state money at the moment with the budget, could you tell us what our situation is with regard to this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, with respect to Human Services, actually, that was one of the parts of the budget that got passed. If you recall, when the Legislature passed the budget late last year, the Governor blue-lined or line item vetoed certain parts of it. Human Services was not one of those areas. He let that go through. So that part of it has been fine.

To this point, I think we're okay. If you recall, I think it was two years or three years ago, there was a ten-percent reduction which was quite painful, quite frankly, for a lot of folks and a lot of our agencies. Since then it's been restored. I know he would like to have a plan to increase maybe two to three percent a year to try to get it back to where it was. That's obviously part of the legislative, you know, wrangling on in Harrisburg right now. But from everything I've been told from the manager and Director Cherna, I think for now we're doing okay.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other --- Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and thank you, County Executive Fitzgerald for being here today. And I just a few comments about my sacred place, the Mon Valley. I just want to thank you and I certainly want to thank the Sheriff's Office and the County Police Officers for doing what they have to do to make the Mon Valley a safe and hopefully a vibrant place in the future. Because if you don't feel safe, you're not going to put your business there. If you don't feel safe, you're not going

to bring your family there. We have a good school district. We have a wonderful place and affordable housing, but communities of honest means certainly suffer. And I'm encouraged every day when I work with the State Senators, the House of Representatives, and obviously, the directors of the various departments, especially the Public Works and the County Manager because what we need down there is never left undone. It may not be done right away, but it's getting done. And I love the synergy that we have right now in this Administration as well as our elected officials. Thank you.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Councilman. Yeah. I think there's certainly some challenges in some of the communities, but I do see folks working together and we see improvement. And you're right. Some of these task forces that can help make the community safer, nobody is going to move in. And nobody's want to move their business or any --- business there or anything else if they don't feel safe. So we want to make sure that's priority number one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other ---?
Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Hi, Mr. Chief Executive. How are you today?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I'm good. How are you?

MR. KRESS: Good. You mentioned Highmark, a grant for dementia. What is that?. Can you extrapolate on what exactly that is?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I don't know what a dollar amount actually is. I don't know of Mr. Biondo or Mr. Manager would want to come up and talk about the specifics of that.

MR. BIONDO: Several months ago we went to Highmark and we asked if they would sponsor a grant for us to bring in specialized trainers to train the staff. It's really a train the trainer. We'll be training special person at each of the four centers, who will then go out to the centers and train on dementia training, how to handle patients with memory care issues and dementia issues. So that's the grant we received. The training is going to start in about a month in April.

MR. KRESS: And how did you go about getting this from Highmark? Have you gotten other grants before?

MR. BIONDO: Yeah. We've gotten other grants. We had a wound care grant last year, I believe it was. And this is our second year of a grant for --- from Highmark. And it's especially for dementia training, training for our staff.

MR. KRESS: Do you get grants from other health providers?

MR. BIONDO: Highmark has been the one that's been most receptive to our requests so far. There's not a lot out there for other ---.

MR. KRESS: How much money have you received from Highmark?

MR. BIONDO: A \$200,000 grant was the first one. This one is a \$20,000 grant.

MR. KRESS: And who initiated this with Highmark? Did Highmark come to you or did you go to them?

MR. BIONDO: We went to them.

MR. KRESS: Okay. No, that's good. We're always trying to get some money. Good job. I would just maybe encourage other health care providers out there to maybe try to do the same thing with the County so try to get, you know, more money. That's a good thing. Thank you very much.

MR. BIONDO: Sure.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And let me just piggyback on that also, Councilman, because we're very blessed in this region to have a very robust and generous philanthropic community. There's a number of foundations that provide a lot of services. And we have conversations with them ongoing over a lot of different issues; quality of life issues, health being on of them, human services, economic development, quality of life with green spaces and parks and job training as I talked about, the Learn and Earn. So we're very fortunate and we have some directors, innovative directors who are going out, again, to try and find other sources of funds without, you know, raising property taxes, in essence, which is our, you know, where we go in a lot of cases to fund the general fund.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other questions? Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Geez. You mentioned the single fares at the Transit Authority. Did that impact the income of the Transit Authority by doing that?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, the estimates show that at first there may be a little bit of one. It's not going to take effect even if they pass it for going through the --- right now what they call public comment period, which is what they're required to do by Federal Transit Agency Regulations. I believe it would take effect in January of next year, ---

MR. FUTULES: Okay.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: --- January of '17. So the estimates are that initially there may be some reduction, but we think ridership will also be easier. Fare collection will also be streamlined and easier. So it's one of those things. We really --- they're really looking at the numbers and how other places do it. And they think budgetarily that they'll be okay.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other questions? Seeing none --- oh, wait a minute. Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: I wanted to give everybody else another chance there. I read in the paper where they're finally going to do the Transit --- I guess we would call it a Transit Event or apartment building down in Castle Shannon?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yes, Transit-Oriented Development.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, Transit-Oriented Development. I know we approved that. I guess it had to be a year or maybe longer than that.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I think we've been working on that project ---

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: --- since I first started on Council, so I think it goes back, literally, 15 years. It's a huge park and ride for those who are familiar with Castle Shannon Park and Ride. It's full every day. There's a lot of --- it's robust in how well it's doing. And the community there, the mayor and the council of Castle Shannon were really looking to do a development around that. And our Economic Development and the Port Authority partnering with private developers are going to go forward with that development and the Board approved. And the Board approved --- the Port Authority approved that just last week at their last meeting so it is finally moving forward. I think the market had also had improved recently in that area. And as you see more

and more young people that want to use transit as their means of transportation to go to work, they think the numbers will work there. So yeah, it should be an exciting proposal as we do --- we're going to do more of these, hopefully Transit-Oriented Developments along our busways and along our light rail system.

MR. FINNERTY: You did one of these in East Liberty.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: We did one East Liberty a number of years ago. Some of that was a Tiger Grant that Congressman Doyle had gotten for us. And some of the things --- I think you are probably reading about what's happening in East Liberty are incredible compared to where East Liberty was, you know, five or ten years ago. The rents that they're getting, the investment that's coming in, the restaurants that are opening up. I mean, it's just, you know, it's kind of a win-win situation in the community.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress.

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. I have another question about crime. You were talking about the 21 drug arrests. Was that at McKeesport?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: That is correct.

MR. KRESS: Was that part of the Impact Squad?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I don't know if that's directly called the Impact Squad, but they were task forces that were working under the US Attorney's leadership with our federal, with the FBI, the DA's office, local police in the community, McKeesport Police and others, that were sharing information and were, quite frankly, you know, doing some undercover work and did some great work.

MR. KRESS: So the County is getting more involved in the local communities. I know they've been involved, but ---. And how's the Impact Squad working out? Was that just formed at the beginning of the year?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I don't know, maybe the Manager ---. Is that when it happened? Yeah. Formally in the beginning of the year.

MR. KRESS: Do you know if they've made any arrests yet or ---?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I don't know. Charlie, did we ---?

MR. MOFFATT: Yes, they have. They made a couple of arrests and seized some guns. And they're being

very proactive out in the McKeesport, Wilmerding area out there. And they move around with the chiefs. We went and met with all the chiefs and told them to call us, or call myself or Assistant Superintendent Norton or Lieutenant Torchi (phonetic) when they see a problem that they want us to address, they work 8:00 at night 'til 4:00 in the morning.

MR. KRESS: Okay. No, I just want to say, first of all, I want to commend you in forming the Impact Squad. I think it's a great idea so --- thank you very much.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Trying to do more things.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no other comments we want to thank you ---

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President, Members of Council.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: --- Chief Executive.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Have a good evening. Take care. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public Comment, we don't have any. Approval of Minutes, 9527-16.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the February 16th, 2016 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 9522-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Dennis Floyd Jones to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Juvenile Detention Board of Advisors of a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go the Appointment Review Committee. 2523-16 (sic).

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Dr. Andrew Hans Leuenberger to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go the Appointment Review Committee. 9524-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Jui Joshi to serve as a member of the Professional Services Review Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2019. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go the Appointment Review Committee. 9477-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to amend and supplement Article I of Chapter 475 of the Code of Allegheny County entitled Hotel Room Rental tax, to clarify the imposition, collection and remittance of Hotel Tax on short-term rentals of accommodations. Sponsored by Treasurer Weinstein and Council Members DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Macey, Martoni and Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Councilman Finnerty, do you want to ---?

MR. FUTULES: Don't happen to see him. I think he may be a little indisposed.

MS. MEANS: Here he is.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to say anything on ---?

MR. FINNERTY: Sorry about that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9477.

MR. FINNERTY: Let me get my glasses on.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9477.

MR. FINNERTY: Let me get myself organized here. Did he read it already?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, we read it. I just wondered if you wanted to make a comment.

MR. FINNERTY: I'd like to make a motion for approval.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll take a roll call. Wait a minute.

MR. KRESS: I just wanted to thank John Weinstein for working with myself and the Council to make this a better ordinance. And I appreciate everything. You know, Republicans and Democrats working together, unlike in some places, so I'd just like to thank --- I'd like to say thank you very much so ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: With that, we'll take a roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Aye.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes, 15; nays, 0. The motion

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9391-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the continued use of the house on Chipmunk Drive in the County's Harrison Hills Park as an Environmental Learning Center by the Friends of Harrison Hills Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules, do you want to ---?

MR. FINNERTY: No, Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. I'm sorry. We changed that. Go ahead, Representative Palmiere. Sorry.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. The Committee met on March 16th, Mr. President, and this has been referred to the Committee --- or to the Council, rather, as an affirmative recommendation. And I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: I second that.

MR. FINNERTY: I second that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MS. MEANS: I have an amendment, Mr. President, I'd like to present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Present it.

MS. MEANS: Is it okay if I talk on my amendment?

MR. FINNERTY: Can we see it first?

MS. MEANS: Oh, sure.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: He's going to pass it out. Okay. Sue, you want to say something?

MS. MEANS: Thank you for allowing me to speak. I attended the committee meeting on Parks last week on the 16th, and during the meeting --- and I apologize. I should have done my research ahead of time before the meeting. And that's the other paper that Mr. Szymanski passed out for me, which was --- in the meeting, I remembered that in previous ordinances where we leased County property we listed the terms, the beginning date and the end date. We also gave other information regarding, you know, insurance or money. But my amendment basically is because I felt there should be a beginning and end to the lease agreement. So because we have oversight of land usage, I just thought I'd feel a lot more comfortable if we had, again, identified the beginning and the end. And in committee and then Mr. Barker also checked, I believe, with the Administration as far as the terms which would be three years and then an option to extend, two more extensions --- one year extensions.

So just to put on the record when, you know, when this lease agreement is, I would feel more comfortable. Plus, I mean, they put it in our past legislation so you can look at --- there's nine bills in front of you where I put a history. And in every one they have the date of the beginning and the end of the lease agreement.

And the other thing, when I was just contemplating it and wondering if we --- if we have a very

broad piece of legislation that we don't lay out the beginning and the end of this term, of the terms of the agreement, I was wondering if that would mean in the future that the County would not have to return to us every time they wanted to extend it. Since we didn't lay out the terms in the lease agreement, would that mean after the five years are over that the County, the Administration would not have to return to us with another ordinance? And so thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: I have a few remarks. In relation to this, I think you're on the right track there. But also, since there is no specific date one way or another, that we as the Council could pass legislation that would get rid of whatever we said they could use it for. For example, if that plays at Chipmunk Road we could terminate it ourselves. And I think the Executive could terminate it also and the people that are involved in it could ask that it be terminated since there's no extent of the amount of time in relation to it.

And I understand what you're saying. And I think that it would be a good idea in the future that that's done because it was done in the past. But I don't think it's necessary at this time to make this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let me say this first. You made the motion, but I'm not necessarily sure --- correct me if I'm wrong, did someone second that?

MR. BAKER: There's a second.

MR. FINNERTY: There was never a second.

MR. BAKER: I'm fine to second it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. He seconded it. All right. Under remarks? Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: I just want to point something else, too, that I did not put --- like in the past we would even say this agreement begins on July, you know, 12th, 2012, and goes to December of 2014 where --- because the contracts have not been negotiated, that's why I didn't put --- I put it begins effective when it becomes, you know, when the agreement is done. So I didn't lock us in.

MR. FINNERTY: I understand that. And if I could respond?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: I think that if you take a look at --- and I can't find it at the moment --- it says Allegheny County regular meeting briefing summary, this (indicating) ---.

MS. MEANS: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. FINNERTY: That's in your packet. And if you look at the last couple of sentences of --- in relation to the city ordinance --- ordinance asylum with regard to any rental fees that would be paid, liability and/or insurance and other mechanical issues. That said, these considerations were discussed during the committee's deliberation. So we did go through all this in the committee.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: The only question I have is, you know, I appreciate everything that the Council lady has done on this. Is there any numbers in terms of how much money has actually been collected from the County in terms of giving use to this facility over the last couple of years? Does anybody have any numbers on that?

MR. FINNERTY: I don't have my book with me.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I would ask that ---. May I ask the County Manager ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. MCKAIN: I'll answer that. In this particular one, there's actually no cost on this one.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: But I mean, over the years is there a significant amount of money ---?

MR. MCKAIN: No. It's very de minimis.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay. So the only other question I have is each one of these lists the County is an additional insured. They all have to have insurance and whatever?

MR. MCKAIN: Absolutely. Yeah.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you. I appreciate you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere, did you have a ---?

MR. PALMIERE: I would like --- excuse me. I'd like our County Manager to explain what's going on here, please.

MR. MCKAIN: So Chairman Palmiere and I have had discussions since the last meeting, and I do believe that it came out of committee with a positive and unanimous recommendation. I accept the responsibility that there

has been some inconsistencies, and I told Mr. Palmiere that. I believe that it is appropriate for Council to have, going forward, in the agenda what the duration is. What was discussed at the committee meeting and is in the minutes is a lot of great detail. Andy Baechle provided the --- you know, perhaps the scope, some of the history with these organizations. For example, the Harrison Hills has been no charge and have been with us since 2006. The South Park Table Tennis, he talked about what the term would be. So I would, in working with the chairman, would like to add that going forward. I think that the term or duration is a piece of information that is fair for Council members to have to contemplate when we bring this legislation to you while I still preserve the right as the Executive Branch to negotiate insurance terms, as Mr. Ellenbogen said, what the cost is, what the scope is and those things. So that is what I would like to do in working with the chairman, is going forward, I think that that is important that I put the duration down and still reserve the right to negotiate. I do respectfully ask for tonight to still approve the legislation that was approved unanimously out of committee.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other remarks? Seeing none, we'll take a roll call.

MR. FINNERTY: The amendment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm sorry. Right. Let's go with the amendment. We could take a voice vote on the amendment.

MR. FUTULES: Is there a second on that?

MS. MEANS: No, a roll ---.

MR. FINNERTY: No, there's a second.

MS. MEANS: Roll call, please.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You want a roll call? Let's have a roll call vote on the amendment.

MR. BARKER: On Ms. Means motion to amend. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: No.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: No.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: No.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: No.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: No.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: No.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: No.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.
MR. BARKER: Ayes, 5; nays, 10. The motion to
amend fails.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's go on the ordinance.
MR. BARKER: On Ordinance 9391-16. Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: No.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes, 14; nays, 1. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9393-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the use of real property in the County's South Park by the United States Table Tennis Association d/b/a USA Table Tennis and the South Park Table Tennis Club. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere, do you want to ---?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, we met on the 16th. This also came up to --- come up to Council with an affirmative recommendation. I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?
Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: I just wanted to point out in the committee, just because the terms are not defined in the Ordinance, to let people know it's a three year contract with a maximum extension of two years for like a one year, --- two, one-year extensions, I guess. So basically, just to let everyone know that is what the terms are even though it's not listed in the ordinance. So thank you very much, Mr. President, for recognizing me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other remarks? Go ahead, Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I know that I can't undo it, but I actually made a mistake in the way I voted. I meant to vote yes, but I just misspoke, so ---. Sorry. I can't change it, but I just want the public to know that I misspoke. I'm getting old. What do you want?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other remarks on this one? Seeing none, well take a roll call.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve 9393-16.
Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes, 15; no's, 0. The motion

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9507-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the use of real property in the County's South Park by the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh, which includes the South Hills YMCA. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. This also was discussed on March 16th, and this is also being referred to the Council with an affirmative recommendation. Move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?
Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: I just wanted to mention that since it's not mentioned in that Ordinance that the term of this lease is for three years with an additional extension of two years --- a one year lease each --- anyway. It means five years, but I'm sorry --- one year lease each. And also, I don't know if the members remember last year that the line hockey organization that used deck hockey had some concerns over the fees that they were charged to use the deck hockey. But I reached out to them and the fees are --- that they're being charged is very similar to what the YMCA is going to charge. And they're very pleased with how the County worked with them and offered them a doable rate that they can charge their members. And that they used the hockey deck on the weekdays and the YMCA uses the deck hockey on Saturday.

And then just so --- because I didn't know this, deck hockey you play --- it's like street hockey in your tennis shoes. So they're using the Penguins' facility, a beautiful, beautiful facility that the Penguins have give us. And then the line hockey players are on skates. And just to let people know that it's a wonderful facility and this group, South Park hockey league, is for beginners. And it's to give people a chance to learn the sport, and they were very appreciative that the County worked with them and worked out all the details, so thank you very much.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Was there a second also?

MR. MACEY: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Under remarks again. Go ahead, Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: I just wanted to say the Penguins did park --- we had another --- another group that helped out with this; didn't we, besides the Penguins?

MR. MCKAIN: I think Highmark.

MR. FINNERTY: I think Highmark. Highmark and the Penguins.

MR. FUTULES: I feel much better.

MR. FINNERTY: I just wanted to make sure everybody knew that we had ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, I just wanted to comment about this also. I want to thank Andy Baechle, excuse me --- and for some reason, I got a frog in here that I can't get rid of this damn thing. I want to thank

Andy and Clarence for really working hard on this. We had asked them and addressed this issue with the other organizations, the skating clubs and so on. This goes back about two years ago. So I'm really pleased that, you know, things really reached a nice, happy medium here for everyone, everyone being concerned and my phone and I won't be getting e-mails and phone calls for the next umpteen years about this. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more remarks, let's take a roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve Bill
9507-16. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: yes.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes, 15; no, 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Reports. Anyone have a comment? Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: Thanks, Mr. President. I just wanted to thank Councilman Finnerty for his leadership in organizing our efforts for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We had double digits of council members that participated and Councilman Finnerty did great organizing us all to make sure we could be involved in that. I think it all helps with our camaraderie as a group and I hope with some of the bipartisanship that we're seeing on Council.

And another bipartisan effort, though, we're going to be taking on City Council in just two weeks from today in the Kane Foundation Free Throw contest. As of now I know the teams definitely are myself, Councilman Walton, Councilman Klein and I believe Finnerty as well, maybe.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, I'm there.

MR. BAKER: I was down at City Council, Les Ludwig was there this morning and I told Councilman Gilman, Councilman Rudiak and Councilman O'Conner that we're coming for them. So I think we'll represent the County very well in the Free Throw Contest for the Kane Foundation.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: We are raising money so it's three bucks a shot and we need some people to sign up so that we can raise money for the Kanes. I promise you I'm going to make seven shots. That's all. Foul shots.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yesterday, I spent the morning with Meals On Wheels. And they've calling March is March For Meals. They have a lot of volunteer elected officials that have gone out with the people, with Meals On Wheels. And I can't begin to tell you the experience that you develop going to 45 different people's homes that are shut-ins or handicapped. They're unable to get out of their home. And I met with these people, and it was pretty heart wrenching to see that. But on the other hand, those volunteers at Meals On Wheels, they're angels. And it was a great experience. And anyone that has an opportunity to volunteer for Meals On Wheels, you should certainly do that to get that type of experience because it was very enlightening. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: I just wanted to congratulate the Friends of South Park because they had two really successful events this weekend. They had an oldies dance

with over 160 people in attendance, and they also had an Easter Egg Hunt in South Park where they were predicting about 500 children and so that was ---. So anyway, congratulations to both the Friends of South Park. Thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: I'll second that, Mr. President.

MS. MEANS: Okay.

MR. PALMIERE: I didn't get there, but ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: I'd just like to thank everybody for coming --- that came to the parade for coming to the parade. We had a great time, and I put out a lot of candy is all I got to say. We put out a lot of candy.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank Ed Kress.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, Ed Kress, yeah. And Sam.

MR. KRESS: Actually, we didn't bring enough. We ran out of candy, though.

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, we did.

MR. KRESS: Last year we didn't run out of candy, but this year we did, so ---.

MR. FINNERTY: We were economical last year. We weren't economical this year.

MR. FUTULES: The weather cooperated better.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's go to Representative Walton.

MR. WALTON: No, no.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. Okay. Let's go to 9525-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to construct Wetland Mitigation Site on approximately 0.519 acres of land in Hartwood Acres Park, authorizing the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to make improvements to the Wetland Mitigation Site at no cost to the County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Public Works Committee. 9526-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny County to sell a 6,399 square foot parcel of excess vacant real estate located on Desdemona Avenue, adjacent to Brown's Hill Road, in the 15th Ward, City of Pittsburgh, tax parcel No. 89-C-64, for the fair market value amount of \$7,400 to Joel H. Kranich and Annette Kranich. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Public Works Committee. New Business- Motions.

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Notification of Contracts.

MR. BARKER: We also have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public Comment on General Items. We have one speaker, Lester Ludwig.

MR. LUDWIG: My name is Les Ludwig. I live at 6589 Rosemoor Street in Squirrel Hill. And I bring you, in a sense, tidings of comfort and joy. And you'll say what? What is he talking about? Well, is there anyone in this room who could put their hand up and say they don't know one person, one person who doesn't have a tremendous debt after going to college in the current market, with a mean average for a public university of \$19,000? And not unusual to see as high as \$65,000 as a tuition year. I don't think there's very many of you who could put their hand up.

Since 1990, I have spent most of my time working in the area of funding free college education and you haven't seen me for several months, and I see some lovely new faces. I hope that you'll become friends. What happened was we discovered a study, a study of the Federal Reserve stating the number of transactions. And I've been saying for years --- I started out saying \$.03 cents per check, per paper check back in 1990. And today I'm still saying \$.03 cents for a transaction because it would be a comfort to know that our kids can be properly educated and that some of the socioeconomic problems that are occurring would be reduced significantly.

So I've come tonight to ask you, are you going to sit on your duff and do nothing or are you going to go to the State of Pennsylvania and recommend that we have a program in the State because the fiduciary fee for collecting the money, let's say, for the whole country, would be more than enough so that nobody would have to come to County Council and say, oh, we want \$5 for repair of roads and bridges. It's time to take action. We are hearing it nationally. Hillary, if you look at her e-mail, doesn't have a way of paying for it. Bernie Sanders doesn't have a way of paying for it, and Don isn't saying anything. He's quiet on the subject. So what I'm saying is there is a way, and it's an extremely light burden whether you're wealthy or not, and I suggest that you move forward on it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. FINNERTY: second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:13 P.M.

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