

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 (Via Telephone)
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6 (Via Telephone)
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
Jack Cambest	-	Council Solicitor

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 on the Pledge of Allegiance.

(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: Mr. DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: All 15 are here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9826-16.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation congratulating the Allegheny County Division of Computer Services for earning the 2016 Special Achievement in Geographic Information System, SAG, Award from Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. and the 2016 Excellence in Websites Award from the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. It's my pleasure to ask Joe Gavlik and Jason Ditzenberger, if he's here. Okay. Do you have other people here you'd like to come up?

MR. GAVLIK: I do.

MR. FINNERTY: Would you ---? You can call them up.

MR. GAVLIK: Melinda Angeles, Eli Thomas, Brian McBane, Randy Bumbaugh, Anthony Jamison, Jenn Murray, Donna Dineley and Ed Rice.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, sir. It is an honor and pleasure to recognize Allegheny County Division or an Allegheny County Department. And this time, it's the Division of Computer Services which has two great awards. So I'm just going to read the Proclamation, and I'll let you explain everything because I don't understand.

WHEREAS, the Allegheny County Division of Computer Services was one of a 167 organizations selected to receive the Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. 2016 Special Achievement in Geographic Information Systems Award from more than 300,000 eligible organizations worldwide.

WHEREAS, as an SAG winner, the Allegheny County Division of Computer Services was recognized for its efforts to promote, educate and advance the practical and efficient use of GIS in Allegheny County.

AND WHEREAS, in addition to the SAG Award, the Allegheny County Division of Computer Services received the 2016 Excellence in Websites Award presented by the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

AND WHEREAS, the Allegheny County Division of Computer Services was honored by CCAP for its outstanding communications through innovative website design and practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate and commend the Allegheny County Division of Computer Services for earning the 2016 Special Achievement in GIS Award from Esri and the 2016 Excellence in Website award from the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

And this is sponsored by myself, Michael Finnerty, and all of County Council. And we're extremely proud of our Division of Computer Services.

Mr. Gavlik, would you like to say a few words?

(Applause.)

MR. GAVLIK: Sure. I want to thank everybody, all the members of Council, for giving us this award. I'd also like to extend a great deal of thanks to the County Executive's Staff and the County Manager's staff who supported us through both of these efforts. Okay. They were heavily involved. Also, all the departments in the County were involved in the website redesign. Ultimately, I don't know that this project would have been successful if it wasn't for our Director, Jerry Tyskiewicz, who was with us every step of the way and helped us maneuver through some of the --- some of the robots that we had along the way.

The staff here was involved in --- the first two, Eli and Melinda, were heavily involved in the GIS. Actually, they did it. And I'm sorry, Brian also. The remaining people Brian --- or Randy Bumbaugh, Anthony, Jenn, Donna --- and Donna was the project manager for the website redesign and Ed Rice is the manager of applications development. They were all involved heavily in that project and it was over a year and a half long. A lot of meetings, a lot of late nights, working even on holidays, too, to see it through. And you can see the fruits of their labor. So I want to thank you and make sure you understand that all these other people were involved also. So thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9827-16.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation congratulating Mr. Salvatore "Sal" M. Sirabella upon the occasion of his retirement after 39 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

MR. FINNERTY: Sal, would you come forward, please? Is your wife here? No? Is she here?

MR. SIRABELLA: No.

MR. FINNERTY: You're lying?

MR. SIRABELLA: No.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. It's just a great honor to stand here with Sal, even though he's half the person I used to know.

MR. SIRABELLA: Thank you.

MR. FINNERTY: Certainly. But Sal has done about everything in government that could be done and has done it with a flair and excellence which is beyond comparison. And it's just makes me so proud to be putting forth this Proclamation. And our whole Council has also sponsored it. So let me read this for you and then you can say a --- give an oration.

WHEREAS, throughout the history of Allegheny County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, talented individuals who possess great knowledge and determination, exhibit exemplary leadership and contribute invaluable contributions to our community. After 39 years of dedicated public service, Ms. Salvatore --- Mr. Salvatore, Sal, M. Sirabella retired from Collier Township on September 2nd, 2016.

AND WHEREAS, Sal earned his political science business degree from John Carroll University and in March 1977 he began his career in government with Allegheny County as a Director of Administrations/ ---

MR. PALMIERE: Hello.

MR. FINNERTY: --- Chief clerk. He was elected to serve as a Collier Township Commissioner in the early 1990s before joining the City of Pittsburgh to serve as Deputy Mayor under former Mayor Tom Murphy in 1994. Sal served as the Chief of Staff for the late Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll, 2003 to 2008.

MR. PALMIERE: Hello.

MR. FINNERTY: And as Director of the Office of Public Liaison for the former Governor Ed Rendell from 2008 to 2011. In July 2011, Sal, brought his extensive government services to Collier Township as its Township Manager.

AND WHEREAS, during Sal's tenure as Township Manager, Collier has been significant --- seen significant housing growth, the acquisition of 71 acre Collier Community Park, the initiation of recycling, the creation of a comprehensive plan, the development of the Meadow Path on Hilltop Road, the hiring of a chief financial officer, the installation of a deck hockey court and the start of the annual Octoberfest celebration. Under Sal's

leadership, in 2014 the Allegheny League of Municipalities named Collier a banner community for providing effective, efficient and accountable services to its residents and businesses. Also in 2014, the Township earned the Governor's Award for the environmental excellence for its installation of a solar roof on the Public Works building.

AND WHEREAS, Sal has served on 17 boards, some of which include the Leadership Pittsburgh, Point Park University, Pittsburgh Musical Theatre, the Salvation Army, the Italian Sons and Daughters of America, the Sons of Columbus, the Pittsburgh Leasing Authority, the Pittsburgh World Trade Center and the Collier Historic Society, just to name a few.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County hereby wishes to honor and recognize Sal for his 39 years of dedicated service enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh. And we wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Thank you, Sal.

(Applause.)

MR. SIRABELLA: Did I do all that? No. I did. And I feel it. It's really a special treat to be here tonight, Councilmen, President DeFazio, County Manager, my buddy Mary Esther, to be with you here tonight. I started in Room 101 and 119, I think. Those are the two rooms I started with up here. Certainly, it --- the Gold Room. It looks beautiful. And how you've changed it. I've read a lot of these things. A lot of these things. And certainly the people that received them were very pleased.

I just briefly want to, you know, thank the trust and confidence of the elected officials, those that chose governing as their career. It started with Jim Flaherty, Pete Flaherty, Tom Forrester, Cyril Wecht, Bob Pierce, Barbara Hafer, Larry Dunn, Tom Murphy, Catherine Baker-Knoll, Ed Rendell, eight township commissioners that I worked for that really taught me the bottom line of how important government is on the local level for all of us, to understand as we move up the line.

Those individuals taught me the passion to govern. It's important that I try to pass that on to individuals that want to continue to serve and to govern. And the nonprofits here that --- groups that are really the --- kind of what elected officials and those that govern rely on to give them the advice that they need. And more importantly, the staff of all the --- all my

different staffs that we worked with, the people that worked together that exemplified by Margaret Stanley here who was here when I was here and continues to be an amazing public servant for the County day in and day out, does her job well. I'm so very proud. So thank you very much for this. I guess I've been proclaimed. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9828-16.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation congratulating Mr. Salvatore, "Sal" R. Caito upon the occasion of his retirement after 38 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Futules and Controller Wagner.

MR. FUTULES: Thank you. We have two Sals in a row. That's pretty rare. Come closer, you guys. We also have Any Weiss, the Deputy Director for the Controller's Office. And William McKain is coming up. And we have Sal's wife, Marilyn. They're from Penn Hills. Not only are they from Penn Hills, they were my neighbors for --- 20 years ago. His son, Nick, was best friends with my son, Nick, and of course, my name is Nick. And every time somebody called out Nick we all looked on a regular basis. And 20 years ago, if you had told me I would be standing up here today honoring you for your retirement, you could knock me over with a feather, I could tell you that.

But I'm very honored to be here today. And he's still neighbors with my son. So they do see one --- he sees my son cutting the grass and playing with his daughter in the yard all the time. So it's been a longtime relationship for us and our family. And I'm going to read the Proclamation because I think some other folks here are going to want to say a few words. The Proclamation reads ---

WHEREAS, after 38 years of providing leadership, guidance and loyalty to the County of Allegheny County Controller's Office, Mr. Salvatore, as we know, Sal, Caito will retire from Allegheny County on September the 30th.

WHEREAS, Sal earned his degree, Bachelor's degree, I'm sorry, in the accounting of Duquesne University. And on April the 10th, 1978, he began his distinguished career with the Allegheny County Controller's office as an audit clerk.

AND WHEREAS, in 1981, Sal became an auditor and worked his way up to Senior Accountant in 1987 to assist the manager of accounting in 1990 and the manager of the accounting in 1992. As manager of the accounting, Sal, planned, organized, coordinated and directed the general accounting and control activities of the accounting division of the County Controller's office.

AND WHEREAS, the depth of Sal's knowledge and the breadth of his experience have contributed greatly to his success functioning in the Allegheny County Controller's office.

AND WHEREAS, his fellow employees, Sal will be remembered as a consummate professional with a quite --- quiet demeanor and passion for accounting profession and effective leader and outstanding mentor. In all areas of the service, Sal has meant an --- been an inspiration to others, an example of excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council in conjunction with the Allegheny County Controller, Chelsa Wagner, hereby wishes to honor and recognize Mr. Salvatore Caito for his 38 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Allegheny County. And we wish him the best in the future endeavors. Sponsored by myself and Chelsa Wagner.

(Applause.)

MR. FUTULES: I believe Amy will take a turn.

MS. WEISS: Thank you, Council members for sponsoring this tonight. I am so honored to be here with Sal Caito on behalf of Chelsa as her Deputy. I've worked with Sal for over 15 years, and I can tell you if you get information from Sal Caito it is spot on. He is such a humble, dedicated servant. And his work is just so accurate. You know, we do pride ourselves in the Controller's Office. We have so many professional accountants. We have so many certified public accountants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, we tend to be a training ground, and people go off into other places in the County. And we're just thrilled that Sal chose to stay in the Controller's Office for 38 years and lent his service. So thank you so much, Sal.

(Applause.)

MR. MCKAIN: Like Amy, I'm honored to say some words about Sal. And there are controller alumni in this room and in this government; Jimmy Ellenbogen, our Budget Director Mary Sroka, or Director of Administrative

Services Jerry Tyskiewicz. Being the good steward to safeguard the assets and trusts in our care is a responsibility that we all have. And with people like Bob Lentz and Sal, there aren't anybody better than that. The CAFR that is presented to Council by the Controller every year is the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. And when Sal began his career --- and you heard in 1978 --- there might have been 30 GASBs, Bob. I don't even know, 40? We're up to 90s. And GASBs are the Governmental Accounting Standards Board pronouncements. The standards are never lowered to meet those reporting excellence awards that they receive, but the work and the scrutiny is much higher. So if you think about it, he lived through probably 50 or more governmental accounting pronouncements that, you know, a lot of us don't know. But when that books comes to you, like Amy said, that book is right, and it passes the standards because of the hard work and integrity of people like Sal Caito.

Sal Caito is a very humble person. The Proclamation said the work quiet three times because that is his style. He doesn't like recognition, just like Bob and others. But their work should be recognized. And for him to be recognized today is so appropriate because of the great work that he did. And I will add even more importantly, he's a really good guy. He's a good person that represents this government and public service so well. It's really appropriate that you recognize him tonight. I'm honored to stand here and say that. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. FUTULES: So for the sake of breaking his silence for 38 years, we'd like to ask you to come to the podium and say a few words.

MR. CAITO: Well, I think my staff probably wishes I was quieter, but I'd like to thank Council for the acknowledgment. It means a lot. I'd like to thank many people in this room, like Willie mentioned himself, Amy, Mary Sroka, Jerry Tyskiewicz, just people I've worked with day in and day out throughout the County. We couldn't do it without them. I got to go.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

MR. BARKER: Let me do it this way. Does anybody not want to be on it?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Put everybody.

MS. MEANS: We all want to be ---.

MR. BARKER: Everybody does, okay.

MR. PALMIERE: Please put me in there, too.

MR. BARKER: Good enough. All members have been added.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9829-16, and the rest of the Proclamations will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 9829-16. Proclamation thanking The Honorable Nick Kotick for his 14 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

9830-16. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Cullen Linkenheimer of Boy Scout Troop 653 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

MR. FUTULES: Jared, I'd like to be on Kotick.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jared, put me on Kotick. Public Comment, we have none?

MR. BARKER: Correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Approval of Minutes?

MR. BARKER: Also correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Presentation of Appointments, 9823-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Joe Oliphant to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization, South Park, for a term to expire on September 27th, 2018. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere, do you want to say something?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. PALMIERE: Hello?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, I just want to say I'm happy to sponsor Joe back into the Friends --- Organization of Friends of South Park. He's been an excellent member for years. And hopefully he'll continue on with his excellence. And I move for approval.

MS. MEANS: Second.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
9824-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Rick Self to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization, South Park, for a term to expire on September 27th, 2016. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, thank you. Again, Rick has been a member of the organization at South Park for many years. And I hope he continues to serve in the excellent manner that he has in the past. I move for approval.

MS. MEANS: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
9825-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Mardelle Kopnicky to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization, Harrison Hills Park, for a term to expire on September 27th, 2018. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: I move to approve Mardelle Kopnicky to the Harrison Hill Friends.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
9831-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Rhonda Russell to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization, Deer Lakes Park, for a term to expire September 27th, 2018. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: I'd like to move to reappoint Rhonda Russell to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization of Deer Lakes Park.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading, 9820-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2016, Submission #09-16. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. This piece of legislation has two different grants. One is for \$21,860, and it's to build a K9 training area at the police academy. And it's from the Margaret Raphael Foundation. There's no money that's actually coming from the County on this.

And the other grant is \$1,869 --- 695, which is from the Pennsylvania Department of Health. And it's for surveillance of opium involved at different areas with death and so on, mortality.

So I'd move for approval. It was released from Committee with a unanimous ---.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

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: Aye.

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?

(No response).

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; nay's, 0 with one member  
absent. The bill passes.  
MR. FUTULES: I don't think Mr. Kress is here  
today.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9803-16.  
MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of  
Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the  
conveyance of the County of Allegheny's interest in one  
parcel of land located on Wynne Avenue in the Borough of  
Ingram known as Block 70-P, Lot 63 to Angela Lyons.  
Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeWitt  
Walton.

MR. WALTON: Mr. President, we in the Economic  
Development Committee heard this on September 21st and it  
was unanimously approved by the Committee, recommended by  
the Committee for passage. Hearing that, I move that we  
pass this legislation, sir.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

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: Aye.  
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 bill passes.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9804-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the conveyance of one parcel of land located at 2416 New England Road in the Borough of West Mifflin known a Block 469-G, Lot 29 to William J. Barker. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton.

MR. WALTON: Mr. President, on September 21st, 2016 in the Economic Development Committee we heard this issue and discussed it and recommended that we bring it back to Council with a recommendation for passage. And I so move.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

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: Aye.  
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 bill passes.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9805-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, to amend the Almono Tax Increment Financing Plan. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton.

MR. WALTON: Mr. President, again, on September 21st, 2016 in the Economic Development Committee. We discussed this on TIF resolution and it was affirmatively recommended for passage, and I so move.

DR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?  
Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: Yes, thank you, President DeFazio for recognizing me. I was wondering if there was someone from Economic Development that could come and answer some of my questions I have about this legislation. And then I also wanted to say I'm very thankful I asked at the committee meeting to get a copy of the original TIF. But it's six days and today I finally received electronically a copy of the original TIF. And it's 42 pages long, and so I am a little disappointed that I have a very few --- a little bit of time to review it. But I do have some questions so if you could have someone from Economic Development come and answer them, I would appreciate it, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone here from Economic?

MR. WALTON: Yes, sir.

MS. MEANS: I just was looking over the information I received. And again, for the record, I want to say that, you know, I didn't have time to review the whole document, 42 pages. I'm told in this TIF that nothing has changed in certain areas. I didn't see in this, in the TIF that we're voting on, anything about the developers. Do we --- I know this TIF was originally for 2013. Now, we're pushing back the start date to 2017. Do we have the same developers on board as we did in 2013?

MR. SCHULTZ: The developer for the project was RIDC.

MS. MEANS: Okay.

MR. SCHULTZ: Regional Industrial Development Corporation. They're still involved in the project.

MS. MEANS: Now, are there other organizations backing our ---? Are they ---?

MR. SCHULTZ: The project is owned by an organization called Almono, LLP.

MS. MEANS: Okay.

MR. SCHULTZ: It's a group of community foundations. They're still involved with it. They have indicated they would like to invite other developers to come in to help because it's a very large project, in excess of a billion dollars.

MS. MEANS: Have ---? Okay. So in this organization has it changed? Has --- you know, are there different developer --- foundations involved now that were involved then? Has there been any change in the foundation?

MR. SCHULTZ: I don't believe so.

MS. MEANS: You don't believe so? Okay. Well, thank you very much for answering my questions. Oh, is it still planning to build all the same things that are mentioned in this, the same parking space, the same building, structures?

MR. SCHULTZ: If anything has changed in terms of the overall design, it's probably going to be a little bit greener than it originally intended to be.

MS. MEANS: More greener. Okay. Thank you very much.

MR. SCHULTZ: You're welcome.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Hold on for a minute. Representative Ellenbogen may have a question.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah, excuse me. I just wanted to ask you, it's my understanding that this is contingent upon what the City of Pittsburgh does. Do you have an inkling where they're at with this?

MR. SCHULTZ: They're intention is to pass.

MR. ELLENBOGN: To pass it?

MR. SCHULTZ: Yeah. The reason really is is that the project, as you know, was approved in 2013. But it really hasn't had any opportunity yet for any construction other than infrastructure which really hasn't added value to the project.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. SCHULTZ: By changing --- by amending this TIF plan to change the start date of the TIF, it enables the project to secure 20 full years of potential project funding, resources, and they need as much help as they can to make this project work.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay. Thank you. I appreciate it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco.

MR. DEMARCO: You mentioned here that the project is going to be greener than had originally been anticipated. And I guess what I'm trying to understand is four years ago when the TIF was approved we were unable to get folks to move forward with the project. That's why we're coming back. What has changed that makes you feel confident that we're going to be able to move forward with it starting in January of '17?

MR. SCHULTZ: Councilman, I don't know that the project didn't move forward for those reasons that you're implying. I think the project had a very large investment requirement and infrastructure. To date, I believe the development has invested about \$27 million in roads, sewer and water and improving the ground. So there has been probably close to three years of pure construction just preparing this site. So even if a developer really wanted to get on the site to begin going vertical, there are very few limited places at the fringes where they could have gotten that access to those surfaces anyway. I think a lot of it has to do with just the fact that it's a very large site. I think it's 178 acres in total.

MR. DEMARCO: So a lot of it was cyber mediation then.

MR. SCHULTZ: It's cyber mediation and site prep. They're building a spine road right through the

center of the site and I'm sure you're familiar with the site. It's a very challenging site.

MR. DEMARCO: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. SCHULTZ: So there's been a lot of time and money spent doing that. And of course, cobbling together all the other sources of funding, there's a lot of state funding involved in this project.

MR. DEMARCO: Okay. So then based upon all the work that's been done to date, do we have a lot of folks that are lined up ready to build here with ---?

MR. SCHULTZ: I don't know that we can say that we have people chomping at the bit, but I think that their expectation is --- is that once they get the remainder of the infrastructure in place that there will be a significant amount of activity on it.

MR. DEMARCO: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: Just one more question. First, Mr. Schultz, thank you so much for all your hard work. I know you really work very diligently.

MR. SCHULTZ: Thank you.

MS. MEANS: I was wondering if you could tell me what more greener means? Do you know the details on --- what does that mean, more greener?

MR. SCHULTZ: The group, the ownership group, actually has asked RIDC to change some of the project scope to enable the project to have more green space. And to encourage the developers that are going onto the site to provide for, lack of a better term, greener buildings. That's really what I meant.

MS. MEANS: Do you think there'd be any hesitation in the developer business to hesitate to invest in --- if there's requirements for it to be greener? I mean, is it a requirement or is it just a suggestion? For instance, if it is greener, won't it cost more to build on this property?

MR. SCHULTZ: In many instances it will cost more, yes. And there are certainly many developers in this community and nationally, and I think the net that is being cast for development opportunities is at least national. I think there's a lot of developers out there on a national scale that would look at that greener requirement as a positive and not a negative. Yes, it will cost more for many of them, but I think that they're going to be looking at this as a greener community and a

--- much more modern in the sense that it's dealing with the current issues of our society.

MS. MEANS: And just to step back a minute, did you say there was \$27 million worth of remediation already done and infrastructure ---?

MR. SCHULTZ: It's more than just remediation. There has been a lot of construction on the site preparing roads, sewers and water, yes.

MS. MEANS: And did you say --- what was the amount, 20 some ---?

MR. SCHULTZ: Twenty-seven (27).

MS. MEANS: Okay. Thank you so much.

MR. SCHULTZ: You're welcome.

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

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: I'll be abstaining this time due to my husband's position at RIDC.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Aye.

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, 13; nays 0 with one abstention and 1 member absent. The bill passes.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Can I ---? I had to run out for a second. Can I vote on this or is it too late?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: It really don't matter, but if you want to vote.

MR. ELLENGOBEN: I'm just saying.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I mean, usually when we pass it, I guess, we can't go back. I mean, it's a moot issue anyhow. Okay. Liaison Reports. Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: Again, thank you, Mr. President for recognizing me. I had the privilege last week of attending the Southwest Registered Nurses Club. And we had a wonderful speaker there. It was Christine March (phonetic) from the Allegheny County Health Department. And she spoke on the Zika virus. And she did an excellent job. And so I just recommend anyone in the community, if they have concerns, please call our Allegheny County Health Department. It was very, very informative. And if people are concerned, it will totally allay your fears. And mosquito season is almost over. More goodness. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Baker.

MR. BAKER: Thanks, President. I just wanted to recognize some of the great young leaders we have in the crowd tonight. The CORO Fellows Class of 2016-2017 from the CORO Centers of Civic Leadership. They're from all over the country. I sent out bios about all of them earlier in the week to all of you. And we're glad to have them here in the region, and we congratulate them on being part of such an incredible program. And we look forward to getting to know you a little bit better after the meeting. We're going to do a little Q and A. I know Councilwoman Means and Councilwoman Kirk will be joining us. Everyone is definitely invited to be part of that. But congratulations on all the good work you're doing now and going to be doing in the future. And I hope you enjoyed Council tonight.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I just wanted to mention that this Saturday Carnegie had an Open Streets fair, and it was very successful. And they also became a Living Well Community also at that. Also, October the 1st

is Oktoberfest for Scott Township and Collier Township. So if you're around, stop in. I believe that it's at Collier Park, I believe. And Scott's is at Scott Municipal Park.

Also, on the 29th, this week, is a Senior Fair that Representative Matt Smith --- or not any more Matt Smith --- Dan Miller has. It's going to be at --- I think it's at that Greek Orthodox Church that's off of Gilkenson, I believe.

MS. MEANS: Yeah, across from the Galleria.

MR. FINNERTY: Right across from the Galleria. It's from 9:00 o'clock to 12:00 o'clock. So if you're interested in Senior Fair, it's usually a great event. And that's all I have. Thank you. Johnny.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, Representative Macey.

MR. MACEY: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President, members of Council. I just want to remind everybody that West Mifflin Number Three Volunteer Fire Company at 3722 Rodeo Drive will be having its final cruise, car cruise. It's a super cruise. There's a lot of great food there, a lot of wonderful cars, a lot of great people. And most importantly, it's a way for us to raise money for all the expensive equipment and things that we need to help keep our communities safe and save lives in fires and things of that nature. That's October 1st from 12:00 to 4:00. That's at 3722 Rodeo Drive in West Mifflin. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no --- oh, okay. Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: I just read the other day that the Meals on Wheels in Penn Hills are looking for some volunteers. They average 140 to 180 meals per day. And I volunteered myself last year. And you know, they call it Penn Hills for a reason. They must have given me the houses that had steps to the house. By the end of the day I was pretty wore out. And I really had gained a lot of respect for those people that show up and volunteer every day to deliver those meals. And they're asking for some assistance, so if --- anybody watching, please contact the Penn Hills Senior Center. They are looking for volunteers to help out. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to remind everybody here that you can demonstrate your civic participation by serving on Election Day as a Judge, Inspector or Clerk of Elections. Election officers

can earn from \$105 to \$130 for the day. And new Election Officers --- yeah, for an hour, boy, everyone was applying for that.

MR. FINNERTY: I'm in there.

MR. DEMARCO: \$105 to \$130 for the day. The iPhone is small, sorry. My eyes are old. If you're a new election officer, you can also be paid for your training. Election officers must be comfortable with new technology and the ever changing election environment. There's a high performance expectation on election day and well trained election officers are instrumental in our ability to realize that goal. So if you're interested and you want to see the process up close, this is an excellent way to do that. And if you just want to go to the Division of Elections website you'll be able to find the links to take you to the place to be able to sign up. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I forgot to mention that RADical Days are still going on and they will be going on until the second week in October. So if you want to find out exactly where and what's going on, you could go to [radworkshere.org](http://radworkshere.org). And that's their website. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: New Business, nothing there. Seeing none. Let's get Notification of Contracts --- nothing. Public Comment, we don't have any.

I'm looking for someone to make a motion to adjourn.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Motion.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

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

MEEING ADJOURNED AT 5:45 P.M.

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