

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. DeFazio	-	President
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Heather S. Heidelbaugh	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1 (via telephone)
Jan Rea	-	District 2
Edward Kress	-	District 3
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Dr. Charles J. Martoni	-	District 8
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
William Russell Robinson	-	District 10
Barbara Daly Danko	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12 (via telephone)
Amanda Green Hawkins	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

William McKain - County Manager
Joseph Catanese - Director, Constituent Services
Jared Barker - Director, Legislative Services
Walter W. Szymanski - Budget Director
Andrew F. Szefi - County 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 ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here (via telephone).

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here (via telephone).

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Fifteen (15) members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Proclamations and Certificates. 8257-14.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Vincentian Academy girls' basketball team for winning the 2014 PIAA and WPIAL Class A girls' basketball championship. Sponsored by Council member Rea.

MS. REA: Mr. President, I don't believe that they're here right now.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. We'll come back if they get here.

MS. REA: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We're going to jump down. The next two are being held. We're going to go down to 8260-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring the Pittsburgh Botanical Garden for earning the 2014 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Boy, that's really good now. Who fixed the mid? Thank you, Mr. President. The Pittsburgh Botanical Garden has been doing great work out in North Fayette, right next to Settler's Cabin and part of Settler's Cabin, in fact. All right? They've been providing a tremendous amount of native plants, and not only having the native plants planted, but also having them named so people know what they are. So without further ado, I'd like to read the proclamation and then bring Greg up, Greg Nace, to say a few words and introduce his colleague.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is blessed with individuals and organizations dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhood and the community, as a whole. One such organization is the Pittsburgh Botanical Garden, the 2014 recipient of the Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence; and

WHEREAS, each year the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence is given to several outstanding Pennsylvania businesses, farms, government agencies, educational institutions, non-profit organizations or individuals that have created or participated in the development of a project that promotes environmental stewardship and economic development in the state; and

WHEREAS, the award was given in recognition of the Pittsburgh Botanical Garden's Woodland Pond Restoration Project. Woodland Pond, the Woodland Pond was exposed to drainage from an abandoned mine that heavily polluted the water, making it extremely acidic. But Pittsburgh Botanical Garden implemented a passive treatment system with a drainable limestone bed that neutralized the acidity and removed metal contaminants, creating clean pond water; and

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh Botanical Garden has four main goals: to be a good steward of the land, to raise horticulture standards to the highest level, to educate the public about plants, gardening and the environment, and to foster appreciate of native plants of the western Pennsylvania plateau. The efforts of the Pittsburgh Botanical Garden are an excellent example of how business and organizations can help Pennsylvania become the leader in environmental protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby recognize and congratulate the Pittsburgh Botanical Garden for receiving the 2014 Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence and for its contribution to the protection of our region's environment. This is sponsored by myself the 21st day of May, 2014. Thank you, Botanical Garden.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: And this is Greg Nace, who is the president.

MR. NACE: Thank you, Mike, and thank you, County Council. We were here back in January of 2012, when we asked that you grant us another six acres to add to our lease. I'm happy to say that because of that, we're ready to open the garden this summer. This is a milestone for us. And thanks to the help of Kitty, our development director, we're raising funds to complete the reclamation on the property, clean up the water, as well as build gardens out on the site. So thank you for your belief in the project. And I'd like to say thank you to Mike for this, for the proclamation.

And tomorrow we're having a dedication, actually, of the stream, the cleanup of the stream that won the award. So if you're wanting to come out to the botanic garden, it's at 1:30 tomorrow at the garden. So again, thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. FUTULES: Joe, could I be added as a co-sponsor, please?

MR. CATANESE: I got you.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Joe, we're just going --- read the title on 8261-14. That's all.

MR. CATANESE: Yes. That will be entered into the record. It's a proclamation designating May 18th

through May 24th as Public Works Week in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council members Macey, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and Danko.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. 8262-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating the Allegheny County Volunteer Firefighters Association upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

MR. MACEY: Thank you. And I'd like to invite David Harhei, President of the Allegheny County Volunteer Firefighters Association, and the Treasurer, Bob Aston (phonetic). You know, the first truly volunteer fire company began in a place called Old City, Pennsylvania, 277 years ago; sort of older than our country. But there is no greater, longer-running expression of volunteerism in United States history than the volunteer fire service, which still saves taxpayers billions of dollars each year.

Almost three-fourths of the nation's 1.1 million firefighters are volunteers and two-thirds of all departments are volunteer fire departments. In many communities, the volunteer fire company is a social civic anchor. Members organize the 4th of July parades, hang the holiday decorations on Main Street. The volunteer firehouse is the scene of scout meetings, wedding receptions, service club luncheons and knitting bees. It's the place to vote, to fund raise or just to hang out. But even though emergency calls are up and the number of volunteer firefighters have dropped nationally more than ten percent over the past two decades, a report from the Pennsylvania Burning reported that there were an estimated 300,000 Pennsylvanians making up the volunteer services, serving some 3,000 companies.

In a recent report of the Department of Community and Economic Development, they estimated that --- the number of volunteers to be 70,000. They've dropped 230,000 volunteers. This is an annual loss of about 12,000 volunteers over a 19 --- 19-year period. Recruiting new members into volunteer fire, emergency, medical service is difficult. There are many reasons for this, including changes in society, the lack of tangible benefits to volunteers, limited recruiting resources and limited local government involvement. Also, while the number of fires has decreased over the time, emergency responders face new and more dangerous conditions, like

communicable diseases, exposure to hazardous materials and possible terrorist acts when they respond to an alarm. One area that is difficult to address is the drastic societal change in communities, where many local-owned businesses were replaced by corporate-owned workplaces; and that today they're not as closely supporting the community volunteerism. Pennsylvanians are community longer --- excuse me, commuting longer distances to work, and it becomes impracticable --- impractical for many volunteers to return to their communities to respond, in many cases. Busy lifestyles do not afford the extra time for community involvement. In many families, both adults are working outside the home and have ---. And there are wide varieties of activities and opportunities that did not exist previously that make volunteering for a fire or emergency service very difficult.

Finally, as smaller communities grow and as people move in from larger metropolitan areas, many new residents may be unaware that these services are provided by volunteers, rather than career fire or emergency services. So therefore, ladies and gentlemen, we have volunteer fire companies out there that are in dire need of volunteers. Here are two gentlemen who have stepped up to the plate and have many years between them. But Allegheny County saw a need, and about six years ago, we brought into place, FireVEST. And you've heard me talk about this before.

But it's an opportunity for young people and people in their 20s and 30s to be re-trained, go back to school and get that education for free at our Community College of Allegheny County. All we ask you to do is volunteer five years with a volunteer fire company or emergency medical services. You've heard what I've had to say, and now I'm going to read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, it is the duty of Allegheny County Council to recognize and honor outstanding individuals and organizations in both the county and across the nation for their extraordinary achievements. One such organization is the Allegheny County Volunteer Firefighters Association; and

WHEREAS, in 1914, the Allegheny County Volunteer Firefighters Association was created to better --- better to serve and protect the citizens of Allegheny County. Representatives from various fire departments from across the county met for a social gathering on Brownsville Road.

At that meeting, the representatives discussed the idea of forming an association of fire departments and to make cooperation between departments much easier. They called this new group the Allegheny County Volunteer Firefighters Association, now known as the Allegheny County Volunteer Firefighters Association; and

WHEREAS, membership in the association grew over the next 20 years, and in 1936, the association was officially chartered in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. In the 1950s and '60s, membership in the organization peaked to more than 100 members, allowing the association to provide training and educational classes, meetings and social events; and

WHEREAS, today the association continues its mission to support, represent, educate and unite all volunteer firefighters in Allegheny County. The association offers assistance in every aspect of operating a volunteer fire department, including health and wellness, grant writing, public relations. The association also represents the interests of Allegheny County firefighters to elected officials; and

WHEREAS, this year the Allegheny County Volunteer Firefighters Association will celebrate its centennial anniversary. The association is proud of its 100-year past and looks forward to the future.

NOW, FOR --- THERE BE IT RESOLVED, the Allegheny County Council does hereby recognize the great works of the Allegheny County Volunteer Firefighters Association over the last 100 years. The council recognizes the significance of the association's 100th year and the wishes --- and wishes them safety and success in their future endeavors. Sponsored by Allegheny County Council.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: David?

MR. HARHEI: Just a quick thank you, Councilman Macey and the entire County Council, on this proclamation. It is --- we're truly gratified by the recognition. One hundred years is quite a milestone for our association. We continue to look forward to the future, and as Bob said, find ways to continue to recruit membership, so we can continue this tradition of volunteer firefighting here in Pennsylvania. Everybody will be invited, is invited. Mr. Futules, I believe your district is Oakmont, and Oakmont is the host of this year's convention, June 8th through the 14th. In addition to celebrating the 100th

anniversary of the association, I believe Oakmont is also celebrating its 125th anniversary as a municipality. So congratulations, sir, on that. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: Bob?

MR. ASTON: I think he said it very well.

MR. MACEY: Okay. Follow me.

(Pictures taken.)

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President? Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Go ahead, Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah. Can I have a personal privilege, please?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead. What is it?

MR. CATANESE: He said to go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to say that Bob Aston and I have been close personal friends for many, many years. And Bobby, I'm sorry I couldn't be there tonight, because you know the circumstances. But I just wanted to personally wish you well, my friend. And you know, I'm always there for you, brother. Thank you.

MR. BAKER: Thank you, Jim.

MR. HARHEI: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Okay. We're going back to 8257-14.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Vincentian Academy girls' basketball team, for winning the 2014 PIAA and WPIAL Class A girls' basketball championships. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

MS. REA: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Ron Moncrief, who is the Vincentian Academy's assistant athletic director and head coach of the girls' basketball team has joined me here, and I'd like to congratulate you and your team on your very successful season and read you the proclamation, and then you can tell us about what you and the girls accomplished.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2013 Vincentian Academy girls' basketball team in recognition of winning the 2013 PIAA and WPIAL Class A girls' basketball championships. We commend and recognize each player and coach whose determination and resolve led to this achievement. The team has set a positive example of excellence for all of Allegheny County, continuing evidence that this is a county of champions. This achievement has conferred honor on this county and is an

accomplishment in which the entire community can be proud.
Thank you.

(Applause.)

COACH MONCRIEF: Thank you. I'd like to thank Council member Rea and the rest of the Council for the recognition and inviting us down here today. I'm sorry some of the girls couldn't make it, you know, but they're wrapping up spring sports and getting ready for finals and everything. But we had a pretty good season. We won our third WPIAL championship in a row this year. We also won the state title this year. Last year we were runner-up in the state, so to win the state title this year was a great accomplishment, and we're just very grateful and thankful for the opportunity and the recognition. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8263-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring the late Walter J. Alberts, former assistant superintendent for the Allegheny County Police Department. Sponsored by Councilwoman Means.

MS. MEANS: Is Michael Alberts here? No? Not here? Okay. It's my great privilege tonight to give --- I'll read a proclamation for the late Walter Alberts, the former assistant superintendent to the Allegheny County Police Department. And the Allegheny County Police Department was established in 1932 by an act of the Board of Commissioners. The mission of the county police is to enhance the public esteem for law enforcement by investigating all criminal activity which occurs on the county-owned property, while providing assistance to local police departments and criminal justice agencies.

Comprised of more than 240 officers and 50 civilians, our uniformed officers patrol the regional park, including South and North Park, Pittsburgh International Airport, the County Airport. Our Detective Division includes general investigations, homicide and narcotics. As a county police officer, Mr. Alberts held every position, including mounted police officer, motorcycle officer, hostage negotiator and dignitary escort. Mr. Alberts was proud to say he never had to pull his weapon as a police officer. And Mr. Alberts, as you'll hear in this proclamation, is considered one of the founding fathers of the Allegheny County Police Department.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is blessed with individuals dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhoods and the community as a whole. One such individual, the late Walter J. (Corky) Alberts was a kind, personable family man and founding father of the Allegheny County Police Department;

WHEREAS, Mr. Alberts joined the Allegheny County Police Department in 1959 and worked his way up from the park patrolman to assist the Superintendent, Mr. Alberts, along with Superintendent Robert Kroner, who passed away in 2005, transformed the Allegheny County Police Department from what was essentially a security force patrolling the North and South Parks and Pittsburgh International Airport into a highly trained professional department of officers and detectives able to provide investigative expertise and assistance to local municipalities;

WHEREAS, Mr. Alberts, who served as the President of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association from 1988 until 1989, played a major role in procuring improving wage and benefit standards for police officers throughout Pennsylvania. In particular, he was a primary lobbyist for the creation of a statewide pension fund for officers;

WHEREAS, Mr. Alberts grew up in the Hill District in a family of humble means and passed up several collegiate athletic scholarships to enlist in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. While stationed in Europe, he was an all-star football player, played in the Armed Forces Spaghetti Bowl in Italy, and when the war ended, he courted his wife of 63 years, Dolores (Dolly) Alberts;

WHEREAS, Mr. Alberts formed a group called The Four Horsemen which raised more than \$750,000 for a variety of causes, such as Children's Hospital, Special Olympics and research for breast cancer, which claimed the life of his daughter, Leslie, in 2000;

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, son, Michael Alberts, and daughter-in-law, Karen Alberts, Mr. Alberts is survived by five grandsons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does thereby honor in memoriam Walter J. (Corky) Alberts for his unwavering commitment to service for others, for --- Mr. Alberts' legacy of his dedication in helping others serves as an inspiration to this council and to the residents of Allegheny County. Sponsored by

myself on this day of May the 21st, 2014. So we have with us today, Jim Morton, the Allegheny County Police Department Assistant Superintendent. Would you like to say some words?

MR. MORTON: Sure. It's an honor to receive this proclamation for Walter (Corky) Alberts and the County Police. He was one of my mentors when I first came on the job some years ago. He was not only a good policeman but also, a better person. So I want to thank County Council for this proclamation here today. And I just want to mention to Chuck Martoni --- he probably doesn't remember, but he was our teacher way back when at community college and also a counselor for a lot of us who went to the school at that time. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8264-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing Dr. Carey Andrew-Jaja, for his work as the singing doctor at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC. Sponsored by Councilwoman Means.

MS. MEANS: I am so excited to give this award to Dr. Carey Andrew-Jaja. And his lovely wife, Lorna, is here, too, today. As many of you probably already know, I am a registered nurse. I worked at Children's Hospital in neurosurgery, but I did get to deliver one baby. It wasn't a home birth and the mid-wife was on her way. She wasn't there, so I got to say, you have a son. It was exciting, but I'm sure the parents are so glad, over the last 32 years, that Dr. Andrew-Jaja has delivered 8,000 babies.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: And he's known as the singing doctor because he sings to his parents and the baby, too. And I'm hoping he'll sing for us tonight. I could really use a song tonight. But as we know, things don't always go well when you have a baby, and it is a very stressful occurrence. And it's always great to have a rock to lean upon, and that's what the doctor --- the doctor is a rock to lean upon. I'm so glad his wife is here tonight, because I'm sure she has many nights alone --- home alone because the good doctor was delivering a baby. And we need to recognize the sacrifices that you made, so that your husband can help families grow. And we are growing in Allegheny County in our little infant population. So

that's a good thing. So I'm going to go ahead and read this and then you can make some comments.

DR. ANDREW-JAJA: Thank you.

WHEREAS, Dr. Carey Andrew-Jaja, of Hampton Township, delivered babies at Magee Womens Hospital of UPMC, and has delivered more than 8,000 babies in his 32 years as an obstetrician/gynecologist;

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrew-Jaja came to Pittsburgh in 1976 with his wife, Lorna, to pursue a residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at Allegheny General Hospital;

WHEREAS, Dr. Frank Arch inspired Dr. Andrew-Jaja to merge his hobby with his profession. When Dr. Arch retired from AGH, he asked Dr. Andrew-Jaja to continue singing --- his singing tradition;

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrew-Jaja sings Happy Birthday to newborn babies, those he personally delivers and other babies, to welcome them into the world and soothe them in the delivery room and later in patient room;

WHEREAS, the Nigerian-born doctor, who started out as a choir boy at the age of eight, enjoys singing solos at his church, Christ Episcopal Church in Ross Township. He sang for the Pittsburgh Concert Choir --- Chorale for more than 20 years and served on the Board of the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh --- how do you have time for this stuff?

AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council does thereby recognize Dr. Carey Andrew-Jaja, for his work as the singing doctor. And we thank him for spreading joy and happiness to countless families in Allegheny County. Sponsored this day by Council member --- myself, Sue Means, and presented on the 21st day of May, 2014.

(Applause.)

DR. ANDREW-JAJA: Thank you so much. Thank you. Well, well, well. I better not keep anything secret then, because she knows so much about me, that I have no more to say. I was going to put this in context, but first of all, I want to say good evening to everyone. Good evening, everyone. Mr. President, Honorable Council member, Sue Means, and other honorable members and ladies and gentlemen, I want to thank you for inviting me here to receive this honor. It's a privilege. It's a --- I'm humbled by it. And I think other doctors will be jealous of me after this. The singing --- they'll say he's doing

his thing again for this one, to this one, to be acknowledged in this way would really make them feel --- well, it will entice them to do similar things. Okay. So this singing --- some of my friends say they have other ways of celebrating with their --- with their families, and I agree with that, yes. Yes, there are many ways we celebrate. For me, I want to say that this has to be placed in context. It's with coming to Pittsburgh that made me have this spirit to connect. If I were in some unfriendly atmosphere, I would not do this. But coming to Pittsburgh, seeing a --- culturally friendly people, seeing an enterprising community, seeing a community where there is an abundance of educational opportunities, an abundance of healthcare facilities. In fact, part of my staying in Pittsburgh was my wife. She got admitted to the University of Pittsburgh right within a month after we got here.

So any thoughts I had about going to --- going away from here disappeared with three children coming, two while she was in college and one while she was in grad school and be at Pitt. All of that kept us busy for the first few years and really kept us honest. But it also helped us to understand the people that --- among whom we've living, you know, and created this bond and friendliness in this community, be it when I had worked at Allegheny or now where I work now at Magee-Womens Hospital. This is a great institution. Magee is the fourth most prestigious hospital for delivering and care for babies and gynecology in the country.

It's amazing. I mean, for me to be there and serve there, it's a privilege by itself, amidst other people that love baby delivery. I love gynecology. I love teaching residents. I love mentoring other people around me. And as you get older and with less hair, you know, people call upon you to do a little more mentoring. And I have enjoyed that in medical leadership. So it is that that helps me, and also, my immediate staff. When they heard that I was coming to do this, they said, oh, don't forget that we're supportive. They didn't have to remind me. But among the staff, of my immediate staff, there's one lady I must acknowledge who helps keeps me honest; Mary Lou Schoff (phonetic), you know. Mary Lou, if you ever get to see this, you know that you are acknowledged as someone who has kept me together, you know, and that has to be recognized. Beyond that, it's

the patients. The patients and their families are the center of all of us.

We're talking about a patient centered care, where you let patients decide what they are going to --- with you, what they want to do, you know, for themselves. It is by opening the door, by creating a communication that you're able to do that with the patient, that you're not going to be cocky, that you're not going to be ---. You're going to be humble. You're going to connect with them. I think maybe for me, that's where the singing has led me, an open door up to communication with the patient. And for that, I am very grateful. At home, it has been the family that has kept me straight and honest, also, adoring family, my daughter, Aya (phonetic), whose --- and her husband, they are both medical doctors, unfortunately practicing in Florida; but in the city here, my two sons live here. One works for UPMC, the other one for BNY Mellon. So the place has attracted us as a family, and this is where we --- this is home; 38 years in Pittsburgh.

I have lived here longer than anywhere else in the world, half of my life; more than half of my life I've been here. But at the root of all this is my wife; you know, as you've said, everything that I could say. But beyond that, I know that she is my soul mate; you know, she is my best appraiser of what I have today. I see you all know who have spouses. And for that, I really want to thank her sincerely, because if I'm not happy at home, I won't be singing. I would not be singing and I know you know that very well. And again, to the sacrifices that she made with her small business and raising family. While I was in there, she could have easily been widowed, you know, because people look around and they didn't see who her husband was, you know, night and day. And for that, I thank her very much. I've said a lot, and I really want to thank again the council for inviting me and for honoring me in this fashion. Thank you so much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 8265-14. The rest will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing the Dancing Classrooms Pittsburgh program and the participating schools that qualified for the Colors of the Rainbow competition held on May 17th, 2014. Sponsored by Council member Baker.

8266-14. Proclamation declaring May 24, 2014, as Light of Life Rescue Mission Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilman Baker.

8268-14. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Seton La-Salle Catholic High School girls' basketball team, for winning the 2014 PIAA and WPIAL Class AA girls' basketball championship. Sponsored by Council member Ellenbogen.

8269-14. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Seton La-Salle Catholic High School boys' basketball team, for winning the 2014 WPIAL Class AA boys' basketball championship. Sponsored by Council member Ellenbogen.

8270-14. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Kyle Fitzpatrick, of Boy Scout Troop 365 upon earning the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

8271-14. Proclamation congratulating the Transfiguration Roman Catholic Church upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Kress.

8272-14. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Neil Patrick McGuire of Boy Scout Troop 99 for earning the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

8273-14. Certificate of Recognition congratulating Ms. Stella Yusko upon the occasion of her 100th birthday. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

8274-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. George and Geraldine Kollar upon the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

8275-14. Proclamation recognizing Braddock's Battlefield History Center, which commemorates the Battle of the Monongahela or Braddock's Defeat, on July 9th, 1755, at the beginning of the French and Indian War. Sponsored by Council members Martoni and Means.

8276-14. Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Upper St. Clair High School boys' swim team for winning the 2014 WPIAL Class AAA boys' swim team championship. Sponsored by Council member Means.

8277-14. Certificate of Achievement awarded to the North Allegheny Senior High School girls' swim team for winning the 2014 WPIAL Class AAA girls' swimming team championship. Sponsored by Councilwoman Rea.

8278-14. Proclamation honoring in memoriam William G. Nunn, Jr., pro-football pioneer that helped

African-American players and personnel enter into the National Football League. Sponsored by Council member Robinson.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Mr. President, may I be added as a co-sponsor, please, to 8278-14? Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Joe? Okay. We have Public Comments on Agenda Items. We have one, Kelly Fraasch.

MS. FRAASCH: Fraasch (changes pronunciation). Thank you very much for allowing me to speak this evening. I was here, along with Mayor Nowalk from Whitehall, at your last meeting and --- so I appreciate you making the opportunity for tonight. Do I have to give my address or anything for record? Okay. I realized that. I'm sorry. I'm Kelly Fraasch, at 32 Academy Avenue, Mt. Lebanon, 15228. As a newly-elected Mt. Lebanon commissioner in 2012, I began to hear about an issue of local police not being able to use radar devices to enforce speed. Furthermore, I learned that Pennsylvania was the only state in the country that didn't allow local police departments to use radar devices.

My first thought was we allow our police to use tasers and guns, if necessary, of course, but not a radar device. Now I didn't come from Pennsylvania --- I was born and raised in Illinois --- so I've never known police not to be able to use them. My second thought was, I thought Pennsylvanians were moving toward common sense governance, and this simply made no sense to me. Mt. Lebanon is a community that is striving to make our streets safer for pedestrians, riders and drivers, like most neighboring communities and the City of Pittsburgh.

It was great to hear last night on the news that Pittsburgh has been recognized nationally as a leading metro area for pedestrian safety, with our recent enhancements of crosswalks and commuter awareness. Not being able to allow our police department to use radar devices in counter-productive to our goal of safer street use by --- especially in Mt. Lebanon, where our streets --- some of them today cannot be enforced because of the character of the street, whether it's too steep or there's a curve to the street.

I began moving --- working with a resident volunteer on a website to reach out to the general public about this issue. As you may guess, most residents in our state believe that we already have it. We also continue to reach out to local communities and have resolutions

signed from a number of them, Baldwin, Brentwood, South Park, Mt. Lebanon, Dormont, Port Vue, Heidelberg, Wilkinsburg and Whitehall. And that's just in the last 14 days. As we provide to the council a packet of information regarding this measure, we are here to answer any questions you might have. And I would like for Mayor Nowalk to be able to give you any additional information about the involvement with the Pennsylvania Mayors' Association and his thoughts regarding this issue. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to each of you today. And I did want to also let you know, we came two weeks ago because we do have a time constraint. We would like to have all resolutions in by June 1st, as the state could at any time bring this up to the floor for a vote, so ---. Is there a chance that Mayor Nowalk --- he was actually the one that was signed up last time. Somehow we got it switched up.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Because of the mix-up and everything, yeah, speak, because ---.

MS. FRAASCH: Yeah.

MAYOR NOWALK: Good evening, members of Allegheny County Council. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you on the important subject of radar for municipal police. I'm here in two capacities, as Mayor of Whitehall Borough and the President of Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association. Joining me in my first capacity is Chief Don Dolfi, the Chief of Police of Whitehall --- the Whitehall Police Department, and the immediate past president of the Western Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association.

So on behalf of the people of Whitehall, Allegheny County mayors and mayors across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I respectfully request that County Council enact a resolution in support of legislation that would give all Pennsylvania municipal police the option of using radar to enforce the maximum speed laws in the Motor Vehicle Code. Radar is the only piece of law enforcement equipment specifically authorized for use by Pennsylvania State Police and prohibited for use by Pennsylvania Municipal Police.

Pennsylvania is the only state in the United States of America where municipal police are mandated to enforce the maximum speed laws in the Motor Vehicle Code and then prevented from using the most accurate, versatile and cost-effective equipment available to municipal police

officers to carry out that mandate. The consequences of this public policy are not surprising. Pennsylvania has the distinction of being the third --- having the third highest number of speed-related fatalities and the second highest percentage of speed-related fatalities to total fatalities in the nation. These fatalities are largely occurring on the roadways for which municipal police are responsible for enforcement of motor vehicle speed. The specific resolution that Commissioner Fraasch and I are asking Allegheny County Council to support was drafted by the Radar Coalition, a coalition consisting of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, the Pennsylvania Municipal League, the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, the Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners, the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors and the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association.

The Radar Coalition has also drafted legislation which would amend the Motor Vehicle Code to substitute any police officer for state police in the section of the code where radar is authorized. Allegheny County Senator Randy Vulakovich introduced the Radar Coalition's bill in the Senate, along with 15 other bipartisan supporters, including Allegheny County Senators Jim Brewster, Wayne Fontana and Matt Smith, and that is Senate Bill 1340. And Allegheny County Representative Harry Readshaw introduced the Radar Coalition's bill in the House of Representatives, along with 14 other bipartisan supporters, including Representative Tony DeLuca. And I believe that Representative Erin Molchany also became a co-sponsor.

So for the motor vehicle safety of the people that the Radar Coalition represents, we urge you to support Senate Bill 1340 and House Bill 1272. And thank you for any consideration that you can give to this request.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thank you.

MR. MARTONI: I have a question.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. MARTONI: Could we get this --- could we do this right now and get it ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, it's on the agenda.

MR. FUTULES: It's on the agenda.

MR. MARTONI: It's on the agenda?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah.

MR. MARTONI: That answers my question.
MR. FUTULES: When we get to the bill ---.
MR. MARTONI: I should have looked at it.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's all right. Okay.

8253-14.

MR. CATANESE: We skipped one.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, I'm sorry. 8279-14.
MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council, held on April the 8th, 2014.

MR. KRESS: So moved.
MR. FUTULES: Second.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

Now we'll go with 8253-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Bill Capp to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (South Park) for a term to expire on May 21st, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to say something?

MS. MEANS: Yes. I would like to say that Bill Capp is a very, very dedicated and humble hard worker. He also volunteers and puts many, many hours into the Montour Trail Projects. And he has also been serving as a member of the Council of Friends since the inception --- since the creation of the Council of Friends. So I'm very happy to recommend him to be re-appointed to the Friends of South Park.

MR. MACEY: Second.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Other remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
8254-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Gary Rigdon to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (North Park), for a term to expire on May 21st, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Rea.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jan?
MS. REA: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to make a motion to recommend Mr. Rigdon for reappointment to the Council of Friends of North Park. And Mr. Rigdon has

been a very dedicated member of the council, an organizational person where the council is involved. He's just really a community service-oriented person, so I highly recommend him. Thank you.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
8255-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Spencer Clark to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Harrison Hills Park) for a term to expire on May 21st, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Nick?

MR. FUTULES: I'd just like to make the motion to approve the reappointment of Spencer Clark.

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

MR. CATANESE: This one's shaky.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, this is a shaky one here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Did I do ---? We were on 8256-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Joe Catanese to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Deer Lakes Park), for a term to expire on May 21st, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Kress.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to say a few words?

MR. KRESS: Sure. We all know Joe, but I was out Sunday at Transfiguration Church for an event. And I just want to say that his family has deep roots in West Deer, and it's an honor and privilege to reappoint to the Friends of Deer Lakes Park Organization --- Council of Friends Organization, because I know he cares about the community. He's lived there his entire life and, you

know, especially which just occurred with the lease. There's a lot of work that's got to be done with the park.

And his input in trying to make the park a better place will be definitely needed. So again, I'd like to make a motion to reappoint Joe Catanese to the Council of Friends Organization for Deer Lakes Park.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Okay. Unfinished Business. Committee on Appointment Review, Second Reading. 8202-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Mark Foerster to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Housing Authority, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That is for the ---.

MR. FINNERTY: That's Jan.

MR. CATANESE: Yeah, we'll be voting on that tonight. That'll be Councilwoman Rea.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We did that; okay. Jan? That's in Appointment Review.

MS. REA: No, Mr. President. We already interviewed him.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, okay.

MS. REA: Yeah. Okay. So ---

MR. FINNERTY: This is unfinished business.

MS. REA: --- the Appointment Review Committee met and interviewed Mr. Foerster for an appointment on the Allegheny County Housing Authority, for a term to expire December 31st, 2018. And the committee moved for his full approval to the council.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 8204-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Sylvia Wilson to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority for a term to expire on December 31st, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jan?

MS. REA: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee met and interviewed Sylvia Wilson for reappointment to the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority. And the committee moved for full approval from Council.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Other remarks? You made the motion; right?

MS. REA: Yes. I'm sorry.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed?

MS. REA: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The ayes have it. Okay. Committee on Economic Development and Housing, Second Reading. 8184-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, adopting and authorizing financing for a project by the Authority for Improvements in Municipalities on behalf of the Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh (the Borrower), as desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people in Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That would be Amanda.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Yes. Thank you. I move for approval.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Other remarks? Seeing none, we'll have a roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Oh, aye; yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison reports?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. On this past Sunday, I had the honor of going down for the groundbreaking ceremony for the library viaduct, which is going to connect the Montour Trail, bringing it all together; I think, about 47 miles when it's completed. And we had a very nice, beautiful day and a lot of dignitaries there at the time. And I want to just tell you about this Montour group, this Montour Trail Alliance group. They really bring volunteerism to another level.

They have done excellent work over the years. And finally --- I think this was initiated in 1994 and this would be like the last piece to bring it all to fruition. So it's taken a long time. They've been very, very diligent in their pursuit of this. And I was really proud and happy to be there as a part of that on Sunday and we're looking forward to opening that a year from now, sometime in May or June of next year. So thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anyone else?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes, Mike.

MR. FINNERTY: A number of things; I went out to visit the --- a project that's run by --- and has been going on for a couple years --- by the Montour Watershed

and the Airport Authority, in relation to treating mine acid drainage. They're doing it in a way that is sort of --- I don't know if you'd call it passive or not, but it takes mine acid drainage and puts it into a couple ponds. And then it'll go down about 30 feet, and there'll be two more ponds and then down about 30 other feet and two more ponds. And it works by some torque (phonetic) side of pressure because of this. And by the time it finishes going through these treatment ponds with different kind of plants growing in them and some type of bacteria that eats this iron oxide somehow --- when it goes out the other end, it's pure water. It's perfect. And it's brought a lot of life back into the upper end of Montour Run --- Montour Run Stream, and it's something to see. If you ever get a chance --- and maybe you could talk to some people from the Airport Authority or whatever, to go out and take a look at this. And maybe Tim, who was there and who actually did the project, might come and explain it to you, because it's extremely interesting. And it's doing a tremendous favor to all the life in the stream, because the stream has come back to life again. It has minnows in it, salamanders, et cetera. It had nothing in it at one time out there.

So that's just the one project that I looked at. And it's located on the Route 30 and I think it's 536, the --- what is that, the Mon Valley Connect ---? No, what do they call that?

MR. MACEY: Mon-Fayette Expressway.

MR. FINNERTY: Mon-Fayette Expressway.

MR. MACEY: The Findlay Connector.

MR. FINNERTY: Findlay Connector, that's it; the Findlay Connector and 30. So if you get a chance, you might want to go out there. You have to --- it's locked up, so you can't just go out and walk in. You have to talk to the Airport Authority or the watershed people in relation to that. Also, there is a number of parades, just to recognize a few of them. Sunday at two p.m., Carnegie American Legion sponsors a parade. Collier, on Memorial Day, has a ceremony at 8:45. And Scott American Legion at 10:30 on Memorial Day has their parade. Kennedy also has a parade, but I can't remember what time it is, so ---. So I'd just like to mention that there is a variety of things going on.

Also, something that I --- is dear to me, Soldiers and Sailors on Memorial Day has a tremendous

event going on. And visitation to Soldiers and Sailors Museum Hall is free that day. They have all types of different things going on on the lawn in front of Soldiers and Sailors. And if you get a chance --- to members of the public or Council people, you should try to get out there. It will be going on all day. I think it starts around ten o'clock and goes to about 6:00. So if you get a chance, stop out there. They're going to have the drum corps and everything out there. And it's quite an event. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Barbara?

MS. DANKO: I have two. One, I was going to do at the last meeting but we got short circuited before we did liaison reports at the last meeting. Most of the people up here know our Post-Gazette and Trib reporters. And on May 4th, two days before we had our marathon meeting, the two of them both ran the half marathon. So I want to congratulate them both for actually completing the half marathon. It's my understanding, Katelyn had a slightly better time. I'm not 100 percent sure, but I --- you know, I think it was great, and for them to --- two days later sit through our marathon meeting and actually report on it --- they did their jobs. The second thing I want to bring up, as I think most of you know, I was one of the inaugural members of the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission. In the last 24 hours we've seen quite interesting --- I would regard as advances in human relations and equality in Allegheny County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

As most of you, I'm sure, are aware, Judge John Jones struck down Pennsylvania's Same Sex Marriage Ban yesterday a little after two o'clock. And I wanted to thank the County Executive and the Director of the Department of Court Records for responding almost immediately to that decision by providing for online acceptance of marriage license applications and then opening the doors this morning at 8:30 and being prepared to handle those applications. You know, normally there's a three-day waiting period, and one of the couples had --- a good friend of mine, Sam Hens-Greco, filed an appeal of --- and to waive the three-day wait. And Judge Lawrence O'Toole from our Orphans' Court did waive the three-day wait. And by this afternoon, District Justice Hugh McGough had actually completed the first same sex marriage ceremony in Allegheny County. And I want to congratulate

Jess Garrity and Pamela Van Haitsma on their marriage.
Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Sue?

MS. MEANS: I just wanted to make note that the Bethel Park Community will have a parade starting at nine o'clock. And then after they march to the Bethel Park --- Bethel Presbyterian Church, there will be a memorial service for all our --- you know, our great, great, great founders and all those people that have gone before us that have made the ultimate sacrifice for us to have a free country. And also, on Monday evening, the Mt. Lebanon commissioners will also be having an event to acknowledge the passing of those soldiers who've given their ultimate sacrifice for our free country; and thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. We'll go on to New Business. Ordinances and Resolutions, 8282-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an easement and right-of-way to Peoples Natural Gas Company for the upgrading of an existing facility located in South Park on Corrigan Drive. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's the Parks Committee. Nick, do you want to say anything about it?

MR. FUTULES: What? No, I was going to send it to committee.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. 8283-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission 07-14). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And that'll go to the Budget and Finance Committee. New Business, Motions. 8280-14.

MR. CATANESE: Asking that the administration report to Council the expenditure of all monies authorized by the issuance of its General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series C-73, Series C-57, Series C-74, as well as any monies generated through the modification of the mandatory sinking fund redemption schedule for certain of the county's Adjustable Rate Demand General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series C-50. Sponsored by Council member Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. This motion is consistent with what

appears to be Council's interest in working cooperatively with the administration to determine the fiscal status of our county at any given time. The proposed refinancing certainly speaks to an adjustment in our fiscal status. I believe it would be in the interests of all of us if we continue trying to encourage the administration to work with us proactively, so that we might determine how any savings from a refinancing might be applied. To my knowledge, no documentation to this date has been forwarded to this council in open session to identify how the proposed savings will be applied.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'd like to be added as a co-sponsor.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. And we're going to put that in Budget and Finance. Okay. 8281-14.

MR. CATANESE: A motion expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County and urging the General Assembly to enact the provisions of Senate Bill 1340, introduced by Senator Randy Vulakovich, and House Bill 1272, introduced by Representative Harry Readshaw, enabling municipal police to use the same motor vehicle speed timing equipment as the Pennsylvania State Police, with all deliberate speed. Sponsored by Council members Kress, Baker and Palmiere.

MR. MACEY: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes?

MR. MACEY: Yeah. Mr. President, a Point of Personal Privilege.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'd like to make a motion to waive this to a second reading, so we can move forward.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Other remarks?

MR. FUTULES: I'd like to be added as a co-sponsor.

MR. FINNERTY: And add me, also.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'd like to be added, too.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Put everybody ---.

MS. MEANS: I don't want added. I'm not ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Keep everybody else in.

MR. FINNERTY: Who's the prime sponsor?

MR. BARKER: The county is the sponsor.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: He gets ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, he gets to sponsor.

MR. CATANESE: Who doesn't want to be?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I have a question.

MS. MEANS: I don't want to be.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I want to be added.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Where can we get ---? Ed, do you want to say something?

MR. KRESS: Yeah. I'd just like to say my state senator, Randy Vulakovich, which is a former police officer, supports this legislation. And what's important about it is that when we talk about speeding in traffic and obeying traffic laws, it's vitally important to residential neighborhoods that our local police are getting the tools that state police have, because speeding in our local neighborhoods is vitally important and dangerous, because many of our children are out there playing in the streets. And if we can't enforce the traffic laws and the speed limit, then there's going to be problems. There's going to be accidents. And it's going to be --- and as you can see and as you know, obviously, we have a lot of deaths in this state. And that's my concern. I think that the tools available to our local police are good, but they could be greater and better. And I don't know why these tools aren't available to them right now. And that's the reason why I support giving our local police the same devices that our state police have, because, again, I believe that speeding in a local neighborhood is more of an issue than on the highway, because again, we have our children playing out there. We need to make sure our streets are safe. That's the reason why I support this resolution --- Sense of Council motion; so thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: Well, obviously, they do --- police do have equipment right now to catch people speeding, because --- I mean, I hate to do true confessions, but I've got a couple speeding tickets, you know. Sorry. But I have a heavy foot, inherited it from my papa, but obviously, they do have equipment. But I have a lot of questions about it, and I do appreciate what Commissioner Kelly Fraasch said to us this evening. And I understand, but I just have a lot of questions, and I would appreciate that this bill would go into committee to be discussed, because I want to know who's going to pay for the guns. Are they going to be used to raise money? Are the municipal police responsible for the maintenance and

testing of the accuracy of the equipment if it's challenged in court?

Is the municipal police responsible for these costs? If they are responsible for these costs, then is the money that's collected from the speeding tickets going to adequately fund the cost of implementing the radar before being distributed to the Commonwealth? How much, if any, is the state collecting from the municipal speeding tickets? One person had said to me, the transportation bill increased the fine. And when you think about this, is this going to be a revenue gain for the local police? And then we have to also think about the poorest among us. If we get a ticket for \$200, I mean, it hurts. It's an ouch. But let's say you're a single mom and you were in a hurry to get to work. You got a ticket, and you didn't realize that you didn't pay your fine within ten days, then you got your license suspended. And then you drove. Then you drove without your license, and on and on. It could be --- and then she doesn't have a way to get to work. And that's why I would like to take this bill and send it into the committee and have a further discussion on it. And then one more comment I would like to make is I kind of have an aversion to telling the state legislature from this body, sending them a message how I want them to cast their vote.

Now, I don't have any problem calling up my state representatives or senators and asking them to support different legislation. But I talked to several state representatives, and they informed me that this motion by this body would be ignored. So that's why I'm probably going to vote against it. And I just want to share my thoughts. Thank you for allowing me to share my views.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Barbara?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I have a question.

MS. DANKO: I just have a few questions, too. You know, and maybe I'll end up abstaining, because we don't have time to, you know, go on and on about this. But I don't know if this is one of those things that cities of the first class, cities of the second class --- you know, are there distinctions in the law that some level of population centers --- or it applies to everybody? I also have a question about fines and ---.

MR. BARKER: It does apply across ---. As it stands now, it applies across the board for all municipalities.

MS. DANKO: And I guess I don't have a lead foot, because I've never gotten a speeding ticket. So I don't know what they use now. I mean, I really --- I won't say my sons haven't, but I don't know how they do it. And you know, I have a lot of questions, and I would probably end up abstaining because of that, it we go forward tonight.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thank you. Chuck?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Hey, Joe?

MR. MARTONI: All we are doing is asking the state to give the municipalities the ability to do this if they think it's proper to do.

MR. BARKER: That is correct.

MR. MARTONI: And they --- actually, if you go to most municipality board meetings or council meetings, you'll find out that we probably have a whole lot to learn from them. Okay? So I would like us to do this. I would like them to have the opportunity to govern their municipalities the way they think it should be governed and have the rules for their police department that is best for their police department.

Some of the municipalities are very large, and they have a lot of highways; okay? And there's no question, there's probably a lot of speeders, and they probably would have a much better time to correct that if they had the ability to use instruments like this. So I am very much in favor of this.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Bob Macey? Wait a minute. Bob Macey, would you ---?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Joe, would ---?

MR. CATANESE: Councilman, yeah, we hear you. We appreciate it. You're going to be coming up in the next couple minutes.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. Just like Councilwoman Means said, individuals would call their legislators and let them know how they feel about it. Well, that's what we're doing here. We're letting the legislators know how we feel as a council, as a body. And remember that it's the legislatures that write the laws. We're not telling them how to write it or what to write. We're suggesting that

we'd like to have this as a tool to help stop speeding in our communities. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We're going to go --- hold it, Ellenbogen and Mike Finnerty and then ---.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker is here, too. Mr. Baker is on the line.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We got ten more. Go ahead.

MR. BAKER: Can I go, Joe?

MR. CATANESE: Go ahead, Mr. Baker.

MR. FINNERTY: He's there.

MR. CATANESE: No, he's on the phone.

MR. FINNERTY: Is he?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Joe?

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen, do you want to ---?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: All right. First of all, as the public safety chair, you know, the borough police do a fine job in stopping speeding anyway, and I know a lot of citizens are a little bit stressed about how some of them operate now. I personally agree with Councilwoman Danko and Councilwoman Means. This law was created for a reason. There are a lot of police chiefs in this county that are personal friends of mine, and I would have no problem with them having it. There are other police departments in this county that I --- my personal opinion --- and I repeat, my personal opinion --- is this could be used as a great moneymaker for a lot of the more stressed financial communities. So I agree. You know, I'm not saying that I'm against it, but I do believe that it should be vetted and talked about.

Just carte blanche running this through like that, I'm not for that. And as the public safety chair, I think that it should be vetted, because if you talk to the citizens in this county, you know, a lot of them might disagree. I'd also like to know how the county police feel about it and the Pittsburgh police feel about it and the district attorney feels about it. This law was created for a reason, and I'd like to hear more of why it was created in the first place. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. First of all, if somebody says that this is a moneymaker for a municipality, that's entirely wrong. Municipalities do not get a lot of money from a speeding ticket. They might

get something in the teens, like \$16 or something, for a speeding ticket. The rest of that money goes to the state, the magistrate, the courts, whatever. But the municipality doesn't get a lot of money. It's not a moneymaker for the municipality. This was designed to protect people, children that play in the street, that are on the sidewalks. That's what it's about.

Now the police --- the municipal police do a heck of a good job using VASCAR, putting the lines on, et cetera. But there's some places you can't do that, especially in a neighborhood with a lot of bends. So that's one of the reasons for this. Now, we're not saying that Scott Township or Kennedy or Stowe, or whatever, have to go get a radar gun. They don't. What this bill is doing is permitting it to be used, and that's important. That's important. And we can have a tremendous amount of --- who's going to pay for it, blah, blah, blah, et cetera, nobody has to pay for it, because if they can't afford it, they can't do it. That's that simple. All right? But it will be a deterrent. And honestly, I have never gotten a speeding ticket, and I don't understand why, because I should. But anyhow, the thing of it is that I think it's an important deterrent for people speeding through neighborhoods, especially when we're talking about protecting our children and people backing out of their driveways. I mean, you got people coming through your neighborhood 45, 50 miles an hour. There's a 25-mile-an-hour speed limit there, and you're backing out and you get hit. Now, there's a lot of times this happens, and it happened in our neighborhood, not to me but one of my neighbors. And the thing of it is that this would definitely be a deterrent.

Even if the person didn't get the radar, they could pretend they have it. And I think that would make people think. And I think that's important. That's how I feel about it. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Nick?

MR. FUTULES: Okay. We're all talking about getting tickets. I'm the only one that has a license plate that says arrest me.

MR. FINNERTY: And they've done it.

MR. FUTULES: They have, yeah, ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well deserved.

MR. FUTULES: --- a couple times. And I just wanted to remind everybody not two weeks ago we did have a

meeting. And we adjourned and they were here. It's our fault that we adjourned the meeting, and they didn't have an opportunity ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hold on one second.

MR. FUTULES: And waiving the second reading is ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: One thing you got to remember, it's proper if someone on this panel makes a motion to adjourn, you can do that at any time.

MR. FUTULES: Oh, I'm not disagreeing with that. But I'm just --- I'm making the argument why we should waive the second reading.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, I understand that.

MR. BARKER: Mr. President, can I interject here for a second? You don't need a second reading on a motion. I didn't realize this was a motion and not a resolution.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We could just vote on it.

MR. BARKER: So you could just vote on the motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: It's a motion, yeah.

MR. FUTULES: Right.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The only thing I --- look, the only thing I want to say, to make it proper, did someone make a motion and second it?

MR. BARKER: But they did it for the second reading.

MR. FINNERTY: It's not necessary to have a second reading.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We know that, but I don't know if he ---.

MR. BARKER: We should have them withdraw their motion and then ---.

MR. MACEY: I'll withdraw that motion to waive the second reading. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you for that correction.

MR. KRESS: Okay. I make the motion that we pass 8281.

MS. REA: I'll second that.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'll second that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seconded, two. All right. Okay. Hold on a second. Other remarks? Go ahead. You didn't get a chance to talk.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. I wanted --- this hasn't been mentioned, and I believe this to be true. If I'm incorrect, you'll correct me, but I, as well, did not grow up in Pennsylvania like you, Ms. Fraasch. I grew up in Missouri where guns were commonly used, radar guns were commonly used. And as a young lawyer, I did a lot of traffic tickets for folks. I think that the principal reason law enforcement wants the radar is because it is scientific proof that a person has been speeding, and it reduces the amount of defenses that VASCAR induces into the process. So when you are accused of speeding and you've been accused by a police officer by using VASCAR, there's a lot of different facts that go into that. And so the speeder could really muck up the whole system. They file appeals, they go to the magistrate. There's a he said, she said. And so that particular speeder has to hire a lawyer. They have a defense. Then we have hearings. Okay.

And the whole system from 30,000 feet becomes much more complicated. So when we have radar guns, what we have is we have a printout. We have a printout of the speed. Now there are still defenses. The calibration for the radar gun can be off. There are some other defenses, but principally it would be the calibration. But when I hear this issue, principally I think it's an evidence issue to reduce the congestion in the magistrate courts on --- on issues that should be pretty straightforward. We caught you speeding. Here's the scientific evidence. Pay up. Now we're always going to have police in the communities who are going to try to attack the speeding problem, whether we pass this or not. What this really, I think, principally is doing is trying to reduce all the costs that society pays because we don't have scientific proof of the speeding. So a lot of the arguments that you have made, Sue, are good arguments, but I'm not really sure that the sequelae of this, the result of this, is going to produce what you're fearful of. I think the purpose is what I have said. They're nodding, but that's not on the record. So I just thought I'd bring that point up because I have experience a long time ago in that area.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Go ahead, Mr. Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. Well, as usual, we beat these things to death. I just can't understand, you know, why anyone would have any objection

to this. With all due respect to my colleagues who seem to have some doubts, this is a matter of public safety. This is a key issue in all the municipalities. I live on a street in Baldwin Township. It's called Dewalt Drive. It should be Dewalt Boulevard. It is absolutely horrendous. It takes me five, six minutes, eight minutes sometimes to get out of my driveway.

People are flying up and down there, and I've approached our Chief of Police many times about patrolling there. And like it was said before, there's no proof. They really can't prove that these people have been going that fast, and so on and so forth, because they don't have the adequate equipment. So your point, the point that people that are for this are making is a valid one. It is difficult. I've had --- we've had poles taken out on our street I can't tell you how many times, people flying up and down.

I think it's a wonderful idea to give the --- our local police the opportunity to be able to prove beyond a doubt these people were speeding and nail them, because it's going to be a real safety factor in the long run. And we have children coming out. I'll tell you what. When my grandkids come to the house, I'm scared to death to let them go out the front of the house, because of the speed --- the speeding that goes on in our street. So I'm all for this and I hope that we can get this thing passed.

And the other thing, folks, we're not writing this. All we're doing is we're just telling the people up in Harrisburg that we're supporting this and that's it. That's all we're really doing here. So thank you very much, Mr. President.

MR. MARTONI: I'd like to call the question.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going to do --- we're going to have to have a roll call, because there's both sides of the issue here, so let's have a roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Okay. This is on Bill 8281-14 on a motion. Mr. Baker?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: I will abstain.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'll abstain.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 11, noes, 1, with 2
abstentions. It passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We're down to Public
Comment on General Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have five.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have five speakers. The
first one is Lester Ludwig.

MR. MACEY: He's not here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Lee Kontis?

MR. FUTULES: Not here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Not here? Pat McConville?

MR. FUTULES: He's here.

MR. MCCONVILLE: County Council, thank you for
letting me speak tonight. Do you need my address or not?

MR. CATANESE: Yes.

MR. MCCONVILLE: You do. It's Pat McConville,
824 Frank Street, West Mifflin, 15122. I've been in a
custody battle for my son for approximately --- over seven
years. I come to find out just recently that there's a
county solicitor, Stanley Lederman, he's been making a lot
of false statements against me. I know I only have a
couple minutes here. For instance, he's said that, like,
the schools over in Steel Valley --- my son was attending

Steel Valley School --- that the school --- he went for a motion for my son to move. He's saying that the schools in Peters Township are far more superior. And I kind of have a hard time with that, being that being a taxpayer myself, saying that the schools here --- over by my house are not good enough.

Another instance. He put in his motion that it's only 20 minutes from West Mifflin to Peters Township. I don't know if anybody --- you guys know where that's at. It's actually 15 to 20 minutes past Trax Farms, so it's like 50 to 60 minutes travel time I've been doing to see my son. He's also tried hiding inappropriate relationships with a man and my son in family court, which I kind of have a really hard time with all this. And I'm tired of all the false statements Mr. Lederman made against me. I'm requesting to speak either to the president of County Council or the county manager to go over some of the paperwork that I have.

You know, it's myself as being a county home owner and a disabled Gulf War vet, I have a really hard time with all this. I'm asking for all the false statements to end.

(Brief interruption.)

MR. MCCONVILLE: Okay. And all the false statements to end and the harassment to end. All's I want to do is see my son. Kids need to see both their parents. That's all I got. Like I said, I would like to request a meeting with either the manager or the president of County Council.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Leave your phone number and everything. We got your name and address here, I guess. Oh, here is the number.

MR. MCCONVILLE: Do you have my phone number, sir?

MR. MCKAIN: Yes, it's on here.

MR. MCCONVILLE: Okay. And that's all I got. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. I think what we have to do, though, is you have to get more than myself. Get myself and the county manager or somebody.

MR. MCCONVILLE: That would be beautiful. I would love that, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right.

MR. MCCONVILLE: Okay? Thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Terri Supowitz?

MS. SUPOWITZ: This is the first time I feel like crying. I haven't felt this way before, and I've been up here a lot. So we're back; I'm back. I want to begin to thank those of you who voted against this harmful, dangerous and immoral ordinance; Barbara Daly Danko, Heather Heidelbaugh, Sue Means, Jan Rea and Bill Robinson. You've touched my heart and the heart of everyone who has been here arguing against it. Thank you, thank you and thank you, again.

All of you who voted for this ordinance heard what you wanted to hear, saw what you wanted to see and turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to everything else. I know for myself, I would have been less angry, less disappointed, had the process been democratic, open, objective and clean. It was not a fair fight. Had you had experts in the field come and give you scientific information, which is what Sue Means did, the outcome might have been different. At least it would have been democratic. At least it would have been transparent.

Instead, frankly, it stunk for all of us who are on the other side. On May 14th, Range --- I'm going to talk about Range Resources --- equipment failure on May 14th leads to gas leak, precautionary evacuation in Washington County. This is the company that's going to be drilling under Deer Lakes, this wonderful, wonderful company. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is investigating an equipment failure at a Range Resources well pad in Washington County that caused a gas leak and spurred a precautionary evacuation of about 35 residents on May 14th. The DEP spokesman said that Range Resources reported the equipment failure. The local fire department and Range personnel responded. The incident was reported under control. Okay. There was --- a failure led to a release of methane in the air and indicated that while such a release is a violation, it is too early to tell if formal notice of violation would be issued to Range Resources. Quote, we do not believe there was a tremendous amount of methane released, but there was some. DEP has taken air quality samples just to be sure.

Range Resources spokesman, Matt Pitzarella, did not return an e-mail seeking any further information. Range Resources, the gift that keeps on giving, and this is just the beginning. Thank you.

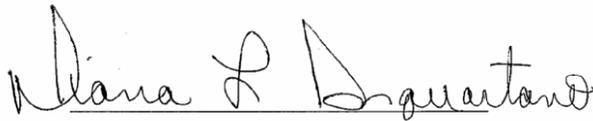
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Next we have Thaddeus Popovich.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: He's not here.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Pia Colucci?
AUDIENCE MEMBER: She is not here.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Not here. Okay. Is there a
motion to adjourn?
MR. FUTULES: So moved.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there a second?
MR. KRESS: I'll second.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All those in favor signify
by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
Meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.

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