

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
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
Amanda Green Hawkins	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Joseph Catanese - Director of Constituent Services  
Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services  
Walter Szymanski - Budget Director

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. Will all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and remain standing for silent prayer; after me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Remain standing for silent prayer and reflection.

(Silent prayer and reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

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: Present.

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: Ayes --- 15 members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Proclamations and Certificates. 8297-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review for being named the 2014 Best Overall Daily Newspaper by the Society of Professional

Journalists, Keystone Pro Chapter. Sponsored by Councilwoman Heidelbaugh.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to make a short statement before I read the proclamation. I love newspapers. I love their touch, the ink on your fingers, their smell. I love hearing the delivery man at 5:30 a.m. toss two packets out of his car into my driveway. I love to walk out the front door, pick up the papers, rain, shine or snow, walk into the house, read my morning paper, while gulping caffeine into my system. I'm fond of saying the phrase, life's simplest pleasures bring the greatest joy. And I have been known to say that the morning newspaper is a simple pleasure; well, simple to me. I pay next to nothing to have news from Nairobi, Uzbekistan and Perry Hilltop neatly delivered in about 20 usable, readable pages and it comes every day. I would venture to say that we, as Americans, surely have failed to recognize how incredibly blessed we are to receive the news daily in the form of newspapers.

And I would absolutely go out on a limb to suggest that we here in Pittsburgh surely have no idea how fortunate we are to have two daily newspapers, two reliable and trustworthy deliverers of the news of the day. Today we recognize one of those newspapers for excellence. Recently, on May 31st, the Pennsylvania Press Conference recognized the Tribune-Review as the best overall daily newspaper in the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We've heard a lot about the eventual demise of daily newspapers, and its eventual replacement with the internet. I hope I die before that happens. Without newspapers, we lose large news staffs, beat reporters, who we have here every two weeks, comprehensive, in-depth coverage and investigative reporting.

I'm certain without newspapers we would have little to no coverage of what this body does and the issues we face. The Tribune-Review is a great newspaper with great reporters and a thoughtful, provocative, intelligent editorial page. Congratulations, Mr. Martin, on your award. You're the CEO, and I wish you and your paper continued success in the future. On a personal note, I'd like you to please give my personal thanks to Mr. Scaife, who I know is ill, on his life's work which has greatly benefited this community by always assuring that both sides of the issue facing our community are represented. Now, let me read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, in 1970, Richard (Dick) Scaife purchased a small market newspaper, then known as the Tribune-Review, based in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. In 1992, Mr. Scaife expanded operations of the newspaper into Pittsburgh and re-named it the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, the centerpiece of Trib Total Media, now the city's largest source of news and information in western Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scaife has devoted his professional life to producing a quality daily newspaper for our region. His belief that newspapers are essential to America and to any free and prospering nation is demonstrated by his commitment to delivering international, national and regional issue seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, on May 31st, 2014, at the Pennsylvania Press Conference, the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review was named the Best Overall Daily Newspaper in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in an annual competition sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists, Keystone Pro Chapter; and

WHEREAS, judges in the SPJ spotlight contest called the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review a substantial, well-rounded print edition with many features relevant and important to the community. They cited a sophisticated and reader-friendly layout and a great engaging sports section; and

WHEREAS, this council expresses its appreciation to the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review for its commitment to providing in-depth coverage of Allegheny County Council. This commitment is evidenced by its designated reporter who attends the regular and committee meetings to inform the public on matters before the legislative body of county government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review for your award, and we thank you for bringing professional, award-winning journalism to the residents of Allegheny County. Thank you, sir.

(Applause.)

MR. MARTIN: Thank you very much. Let me just say that on behalf of Dick Scaife, our publisher, politics aside, he's very passionate about news and the robust debate that it should bring. And on behalf of Dick and our editor, Frank Craig, and the 1,100 employees that make

up the Trib Total Media, we truly appreciate this honor and this recognition. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8258-14. Oh, I'm sorry.

MR. FINNERTY: Pictures.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm rushing too much.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8258-14. Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Go ahead, Joe.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring Reverend Donald W. McIlvane, in memoriam, for his leadership and contributions to the cause of social justice and equal rights. Sponsored by Council members Finnerty, Martoni and Macey.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Joe Delale, would you come up, also? The Reverend Donald M. McIlvane has passed, but he remains in the hearts of the working men and women, just like Father Cox and Monsignor Rice. He was always there for them. He went out of his way and participated in many, many events to try to bring the working men and women up in the world, where they'd get a substantial raise of a monetary effort, so that they can support their families. And also, he was extremely active in the civil rights movement. So without further ado, I'd like to read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is blessed with individuals dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhood and the community as a whole, such as the late Reverend Donald M. McIlvane, a retired Roman Catholic priest and civil rights activist;

WHEREAS, Father McIlvane served in the Naval Reserve in World War II on the SS Yale Victory ship. After his discharge from the service, he was ordained to the priesthood on June 7th, 1952. And in 2012, he celebrated his 60th anniversary of his ordination;

WHEREAS, Father McIlvane's ministry took him to various parishes and chaplaincies throughout the diocese of Pittsburgh, from 1952 to 1994. He became involved in interracial issues, ecomedical dialogue, labor equality and political responsibility; and

WHEREAS, on March 7th, 1965, Father McIlvane walked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the historic Selma, Alabama march. In 1964, he traveled to South America (sic) to work as an official monitor for the

election that made Nelson Mandela the first democratically elected leader of that nation; and

WHEREAS, Father McIlvane lived and served among the poor in Pittsburgh for many years. He regularly advocated for economic equality and grew to love the famed mural of Maxo Vanka in St. Nicholas Church in Millvale, depicting the struggles of the workers. His name is among the local civil rights activists honored on the Freedom Corner Memorial in the Hill District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby honor, in memoriam, the Reverend Donald M. McIlvane, for his passionate ministry and tireless work for the equality and social justice. Father McIlvane's commitment to serve the community is an inspiration to us all. And while we mourn the loss of a great leader, we will also remember his significant contributions and caring spirit. This is sponsored by myself and other members of Council on June the 3rd, 2014. And I'd like to introduce Joe Delale.

MR. DELALE: Thank you, Mike. Thank you for the nice words about Father McIlvane. Again, my name is Joe Delale. I'm the AFL-CIO Community Service Liaison with the Allegheny County Labor Council. Jack Shea, President of the labor council, sends his greetings, and he wishes to thank the council for honoring Father McIlvane, as well as Father Jack O'Malley. I want to also mention Mary Petrich, who is a retired teaching nurse at Duquesne University, who was a longtime friend of Father McIlvane and became his caretaker when his health was failing. Mary wanted to be here today but due to a fall she was unable to attend, so we will carry this message back to Mary about the honor to her friend, Father McIlvane.

You know, Father McIlvane was a Catholic priest who had a very passionate heart. And he especially had a regards for issues around social and economic justice. He loved the labor unions. He loved the steelworkers, especially. Father McIlvane was greatly influenced by Pope John XXIII and the Second Vatican Council. You might say that he carried this out into the streets among his fights for the workers. Father Mc --- again, as you heard Mike say, he had a fondness for St. Nicholas Church. I am a member, or I was and my mum and dad was. I attended grade school at St. Nick's, so I know all about the --- also about the paintings.

But also, again, he used those paintings as a springboard for working with workers; you know, always talking about them and relating them to the struggles of all workers. You know, it was not uncommon to find Father Mac at a union meeting or a picket line or at a protest. As recently in 2004, he was arrested for civil disobedience on behalf of the fired janitors at City --- at Center City Tower, along with Jack Shea and Father Jack O'Malley. And again, you know, just like Mike said about the murals, he was very, very fond of them and he kept going back to St. Nicholas Church in Millvale. I'm very proud to say that we had a funeral mass for my mom and my dad at St. Nicholas. It was their lifelong church.

Also, too, Father Mac's favorite eatery was Barb's Country Kitchen in Lawrenceville, within walking distance of his apartments. I used to make frequent stops down there in the morning just to bump into him and hear about his rich history. There he would talk about some of the items that might get talked about. He was very, very proud about --- you know, helped monitoring the South African first Apartheid (sic) election in '64. Also, too, he always talked about the election of Nelson Mandela. In his final months, he repeatedly spoke about the delights of Pope Francis and his combating poverty and his clerical privilege. Pope Francis, to him, was a reminder of who gained his respect many years ago. It is with my great honor to accept this proclamation honoring the memory of one of our labor priests, Father Donald McIlvane.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8259-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating and recognizing Father Jack O'Malley, recipient of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Citizen of the Year Award. Sponsored by Council members Finnerty, Macey, Martoni and DeFazio.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Mr. President, I'd also like to co-sponsor.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President. I welcome all co-sponsors.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Can you read it, Joe?

MR. CATANESE: I already did.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Father Jack O'Malley is the same type of priest that Father Cox, Monsignor Rice, Father McIlvane ---. He's always been with us when we go

out and demonstrate. In fact, as Joe said, he went to jail with Jack Shea and Father McIlvane over one protest. But he's always looking out for the person that doesn't have as much as we do, and he's always out there fighting for them. So without further ado, I'd like to read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, Father Jack O'Malley is a Pittsburgh native, born in 1936 in the Strip District. One of seven children --- three sisters, three brothers --- he was a member of St. Patrick's Parish until fourth grade, when his family moved to Morningside --- to the Morningside section Pittsburgh and then attended St. Raphael's Parish and school. He was an original member of the Morningside Bulldogs football team in 1950-51. He graduated from Central Catholic in 1954, where he participated in varsity basketball and football. He graduated in 1955 from St. Francis Prep School, St. Francis College today, earning varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball; and

WHEREAS, Father Jack O'Malley attended St. Francis University on a basketball scholarship and graduated in 1959 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Business and as president of his class. As a student at St. Francis, he captained the basketball team that played in the NIT at Madison Square Garden in 1958; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Father O'Malley signed with the Detroit Pistons as a free agent. However, he made the decision to enter the priesthood and, in 1965, was ordained in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Father O'Malley served as pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Manchester during the civil rights era, where he began --- he became active promoting social justice, desegregation of education, open housing and measures to eliminate job discrimination. He also helped form the Thomas Merton Center and the Association of Pittsburgh Priests; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 Father O'Malley became the first labor chaplain to the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO. He was awarded the first Labor Social Activist Award by the Allegheny County Labor Council, and his name is among the local civil rights activists honored on the Freedom Corner Memorial in the Hill District; and

WHEREAS, Father O'Malley was inducted into the St. Francis University Athletic Hall of Fame, the Hall of

Fame at Central Catholic, East Boros Sports Hall of Fame and the Sports Hall of Fame of Western Pennsylvania.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate and recognize the Reverend Jack O'Malley as the 2014 recipient of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Citizen of the Year Award. We thank Father O'Malley for his leadership and immeasurable contributions to the cause of social justice and human rights. It is sponsored by myself and all members of Council on the 3rd day of June, 2014. Thank you, Father.

(Applause.)

FATHER O'MALLEY: Thank you, Mike. That's just exactly the way my sister wrote that. Mike mentioned I was born in the Strip District in 1936. We lived above a saloon, Snorty's (phonetic) Saloon, and we used to roller skate with that metal --- you know, you folks are too young to remember that. We used to have keys to wind up our skates, and they were metal. So the patrons in the bar would come up and talk to my dad about --- if you could keep it down so we could drink in peace, you know? He said, these kids are liable to be hockey players. Don't bother them. Go downstairs and get your drink. I wanted to say --- first of all, I apologize to Stephanie. I'm a month late. I was supposed to be here last month. I apologize for that.

I know that every faith tradition has teaching about the rights of workers. You can't put workers in unsafe conditions. Workers have a right to organize. Workers have a right to a living wage. So you have to know that many of us were totally thrilled when we were --- when we were awakened this morning where Seattle announced that their minimum wage would be \$15 an hour. And you know, a lot of people think that's a lot of money. But if you're a --- if you're a full-time --- your children depend on you and you're the full time breadwinner, \$15 an hour is not a lot of money. It's just that we've been on 7 hours --- \$7 an hour for so long, it seems like all of a sudden it's doubled.

But I'm one that believes that many and most of the fast food workers are breadwinners for the family. I mean, I know there's young people who are working their way into the workforce. I understand that. But when I go into a fast food, I invariably see people --- well, certainly not my age, but people who are in their 20s and 30s and 40s, and they are working to put bread on the

table for their families. So I actually got started with a lot of the civil rights with --- in athletics where we'd play on the Mullen (phonetic) field with Clarence and the fellows here. And they taught us how to play basketball. But they also taught us, you know, about where race relationships should be and not where they were at that time, back in the '60s, Maurice Stokes and Ed Fleming and so many wonderful players up on Mullen field. So that helped us a lot because we grew up in --- I grew up in the Strip, but --- and then we moved to Morningside. And there wasn't much integration at that time there. So I accept this award on behalf of so many workers that struggle to feed their family, take care of the children at home. And I'm now working with an organization, Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network, and the theme of our work there is to love our neighbor.

And so when you go to the Scriptures and you see what it means to love our neighbor, this is why we're involved. So I want to thank Council, and I want to congratulate Seattle for setting the pace for low wage workers. And I wanted to acknowledge that our new pope, Pope Francis, he's the guy that I've been waiting for, for 49 years. And it was worth --- it's worth the wait. Thank you very much for your kindness. I appreciate it.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Joe, is anyone here for 8258?

MR. CATANESE: No.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. I'll go up. Okay. The next one will be 82 --- what is that?

MR. CATANESE: 98 ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8298-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing the Obediah Cole Foundation for Prostate Cancer, for its continual efforts to raise awareness of prostate cancer and declaring the week of June 15th as Prostate Cancer Awareness Week in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council members DeFazio, Baker, Danko, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Let me say this first before I read the proclamation. I know this group. Robin Cole and this whole group have done a heck of a job on

working to educate people on prostate cancer. So I'll read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, 230,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year, and about one in six men has a lifetime risk of being diagnosed with prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Obediah Cole Foundation for Prostate Cancer was founded in 2006 by prostate cancer survivors, Jerry Bortman, Jerry Livingston and former Pittsburgh Steeler player, Robin Cole; and

WHEREAS, the foundation is dedicated to educating others about prostate cancer and rising --- rising awareness in the disease; and

WHEREAS, the foundation will host its 12th Annual Father's Day 5K/10K run/walk on June the 15th, 2014, at the Riverfront Park on Pittsburgh's North Shore, where thousands of people are expected to participate; and

WHEREAS, because of the efforts of the organization, men have become more aware of the importance of being tested for this deadly disease and, as a result, have lived longer and healthier lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council, along with County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, does recognize --- does hereby recognize the Obediah Cole Foundation for Prostate Cancer for its continued efforts to raise awareness of prostate cancer. And we proclaim this week of June 15 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Week in Allegheny County. We hope the foundation continues its impressive efforts to fight prostate cancer. Sponsored by all members of County Council, Executive Rich Fitzgerald, and presented on this 3rd day of June, 2014.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jerry Bortman would like to say a few words.

MR. BORTMAN: Thank you very much for the proclamation. I'm one of the unlucky --- one man out of six --- who was contracted with prostate cancer 16 years ago. But I'm alive and well and many of us are, primarily due to some of the early testing that has been done with PSA tests, little blood tests each man, every man over 40 we believe should have done each year. And that's one thing that our foundation is doing, is going out and educating men about this disease and the simple preventative technique that they can use, and that's this

blood test. They should talk to their doctors about it, but we go out in the community and we do that.

We do --- last year we did about 850 screenings out in the community. And we'd like to thank UPMC. They have a community group that helps us get a lot of screening and also, formerly, the Allegheny County Health Department. And we would like very much to regain their support in going out into the mobile unit and doing screenings in the community. And Representative Palmiere and others have approached us about that, and we'd like to talk to them about continuing that process. We think --- we know it saves lives, and every man should take that little precaution each year. And again, prostate cancer is the second worst cancer killer of men, next to cigarette smoking, next to lung cancer. So it's definitely a danger to our community. We're losing a lot of guys who simply don't have a doctor, who simply don't get the right PSA test. And again, thanks very much for the proclamation.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Appreciate it.  
(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

VICE PRESIDENT FUTULES: 8299-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring William Gadson for being named the 2014 Boys and Girls Club of America's Pennsylvania Youth of the Year. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

MR. MACEY: It's an honor and privilege to recognize one of our young people from the Mon Valley who has reached certain milestones that others should attain. Unfortunately, in many cases we find young people who go astray and don't do the next right thing. But coming from a traditional family --- your father, Basketball Coach Mr. Gadson in McKeesport High School, and his mother, a community leader, as well as a Board member of the McKeesport School District. You come from good stock. You could have gone many ways, but through the Boys and Girls Club in McKeesport, the LaRosa Boys and Girls Club, you had a lot of mentors.

You had people who gave you direction and you became a leader yourself, which we're very proud to say.

WHEREAS, for the past 13 years, Mr. William Gadson has been a member of the LaRosa Boys and Girls Club in McKeesport, an organization providing recreation and

social programs for youth, which focus on building leadership and character and development; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gadson, a McKeesport High School senior, now serves as a youth coach for the LaRosa Boys and Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America has named Mr. Gadson the 2014 Pennsylvania Youth of the Year and as the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship; and

WHEREAS, before a panel of judges, Mr. Gadson eloquently described the challenges that the residents of McKeesport face, along with the negative perception of the city. He shared his perspective that with positive role models and a range of activities, young people can overcome the negative aspects of their environment and ultimately succeed in their personal and professional lives; and

WHEREAS, the Youth of the Year Program founded in 1947 celebrates youth who have overcome enormous odds and demonstrated exceptional character and accomplishments. These deserving young people are recognized for service to their club and community, academic performance and contributions to their family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby honor Mr. William Gadson for being named the 2014 Boys and Girls Clubs of America Pennsylvania Youth of the Year. And we wish him further success at the upcoming Northeast Regional Youth and Year --- Youth of the Year competition in New York City. Mr. Gadson's achievement has set a high standard of commitment and dedication, which the youth of this great county may follow and serve as an inspiration to this council and the citizens of Allegheny County. Sponsored by myself this day, the 3rd day of June, 2014. And I'd also like to say that the executive director of the LaRosa Boys and Girls Club --- and I quote, he is the kind of kid that others can look to. He makes smart cool. That's the way I've always felt about him. And that was from James Barry, Executor Director of the LaRosa Boys and Girls Club. Now it's your turn.

(Applause.)

MR. GADSON: Thank you. Well, first and foremost, I'd like to thank Mr. Macey for the proclamation. And it's always great to represent McKeesport in a positive way. And like you said before, I gave a speech to a panel of judges on the Pennsylvania

state level about the perception about McKeesport and how everyone sees us and how what people see on the news reflect about how different people see us as students and individuals of McKeesport. So just to be here and everything the LaRosa Boys and Girls Club has done, Mr. Barry, Mr. Brown of the LaRosa Boys and Girls Club, have done a lot. And just in McKeesport itself, being there, the teachers and faculty have been a helping hand and the reason why I'll be attending Gannon University to major in biomedical engineering this fall. So thank you once again.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8300-14.

MR. CATANESE: The remainder will be read into the record. Proclamation honoring the United Way of Allegheny County 2014 Be There nominee and awardees, for putting the needs and concerns of Allegheny County's school children first and foremost in their lives and declaring May 29th, 2014 as Be There Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilman Baker.

8301-14. Certificate of Recognition honoring the 2014 Mooseheart Community Spirit Award winners for dedicating their lives to serving seniors and youth. Sponsored by Council member Kress.

8302-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Audrey Catanzaro, upon the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

8303-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Miss Mary Simko upon the occasion of her 100th birthday. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

8304-14. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Devon Nemeth of Boy Scout Troop 57 upon the occasion of earning the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

8305-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Castle Shannon Borough for hosting a Community Day on May 25th, 2014 and a Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2014. Sponsored by Council member Palmiere.

8306-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Doris Hall Evans Curry, upon the occasion of her 100th birthday. Sponsored by Council member Robinson.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Mr. President, I'd like to co-sponsor, too.

MR. CATANESE: 8307-14. Proclamation honoring, in memoriam, Thelma Lovette, civil rights pioneer and community activist. Sponsored by Council member Robinson.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Mr. President, I'd also like to co-sponsor that. Thank you.

MR. MACEY: I would like to co-sponsor.

MR. FINNERTY: I would like to co-sponsor.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah, I would also.

MS. DANKO: Me, too.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Public Comment on Agenda Items.

MR. CATANESE: None.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Presentation of Appointments. 8284-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Susan Goughler to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Harrison Hills Park), for a term to expire on June 3rd, 2016.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Nick, do you want to ---?

MR. FUTULES: Move for approval.

MR. FINNERTY: 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. Okay. 8286-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Nancy Furbee to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (North Park), for a term to expire on June 3rd, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Green Hawkins.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Amanda?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Ms. Furbee is an outdoors enthusiast and serves on --- has served on the board of an organization, Pittsburgh Cares, that strongly encourages and promotes the use of our outdoor space and our parks. And with that, I move for approval.

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. 8287-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Butch Adams to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (South Park), for a term to expire on June 3rd, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: John?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, move for approval.  
(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
8288-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Tom Woods, to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (South Park), for a term to expire on June 3rd, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: John?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, move for approval.

MR. ROBINSON: 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.  
8289-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of David J. Buchewicz to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (South Park), for a term to expire on June 3rd, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, move for approval.

MR. ROBINSON: 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.  
8290-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Suzanne M. Vertosick to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Harrison Hills Park), for a term to expire on June 3rd, 2016. Sponsored by Councilman Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Move for approval.

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.  
8291-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Anthony Villinger to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (White Oak Park), for a term to expire on June 3rd, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Villinger is a community activist. He's a volunteer fireman and is quite the public servant. And therefore, I nominate him to the Friends of the Parks.

DR. MARTONI: 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.  
8292 --- 8292-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Patrick Kopnicky to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Harrison Hills Park), for a term to expire on June 3rd, 2016. Sponsored by Councilman Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Move for approval.

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.  
8293-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of George Kurn to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Harrison Hills Park), for a term to expire on June 3rd, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Move for approval.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Other remarks?

MR. FUTULES: No.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
8294-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Bob Vishneski to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Hartwood Acres Park), for a term to expire on June 3rd, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Kress.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Mr. President, I move for approval.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
8295-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Charlene Campbell, to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Hartwood Acres Park), for a term to expire on June 3rd, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Kress.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Mr. President, move for approval.

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.  
8308-14.

MR. CATANESE: You skipped one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8296-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Elizabeth Lewis-Scripps to serve as a member of Council of Friends Organization (Hartwood Acres Park), for a term to expire on June 3rd, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Kress.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Mr. President, I move for approval.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
8308-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Dina Clark, to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Juvenile Detention Board of Advisors, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. FINNERTY: Appointment Review Committee.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, that goes to the Appointment Review Committee. Okay. 8309-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Floreda Taylor to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Juvenile Detention Board of Advisors, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jan, I forgot to call your last one.

MS. REA: That's okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. 83-10 --- 8310-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Ed Eichenlaub, to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (South Park), for a term to expire on June 3rd, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Council member Means?

MS. MEANS: Mr. President, I move for approval. (Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all ---.

MS. MEANS: I would like to say something.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: I think that Mr. Eichenlaub will be a great addition to the Friends of South Park and the Council of Friends. He has vast experience. He has experience as a blacksmith, a master gardener and 25 years of working with the Boy Scouts. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anyone else? Okay. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Unfinished Business. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 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: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. This was put out at committee with a unanimous recommendation for approval, and I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

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. Does anyone have one?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Heather.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes. I just want to bring an issue to the attention of Council. I was a little concerned by a recent press release issued by the County

Executive. It was dated May 22nd, 2014. I just think we will go down a slippery slope when we start this. The title of the press release is titled --- and this is no reflection to my colleague --- Fitzgerald-Palmiere Announce South Park Demolition Projects. And the way in which this is written, you have got to get to the very end of it before you discover that this is going to be an ordinance that's going to be submitted to Council. It basically looks like this has already been decided. And I think we go down a slippery slope when we announce that things are going to be done before we even have the ordinance, before it's been sent to committee, before it's been analyzed, discussed and then voted up or down. So I just think that, you know, for the press releases that go out, we ought to be a little bit more careful because this legislative body is the one that decides these issues.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will be going to committee. Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'd just like to remind everybody that this Friday is the commemoration of D-Day, so if you can take a couple of minutes sometime Friday and say a little prayer for the people that participated and the people who died on D-Day. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Mr. Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. Is this on or off?

MR. CATANESE: You're on.

MR. PALMIERE: Am I on? Okay. Thank you. A couple things, Mr. President and members of Council; first of all, I just wanted to mention the fact that on Sunday before last I attended Community Day down at Castle Shannon. They have a wonderful Community Day down there, and it should serve as a model for so many other communities as to how it's done. They do a remarkable job. The next day, Memorial Day, I was honored to be a part of their parade and ceremony --- memorial ceremony; and also, an excellent --- it was just so well done. It was just I was so proud to be a part of that.

The other thing I'd like to mention also, Mr. President, members of Council, Sunday I had the --- this past Sunday I had the occasion to run in the Greenfield Glide. I want to --- I congratulate all the members of city parks for doing a wonderful job. It was the 32nd running. I think I ran further than I think ran in the last 29 of them. And I want to tell you, it's not an easy

one. That finish line keeps getting further back every year. It's a --- they do a wonderful job with that. And I just wanted to mention that.

Also, Mr. President, members of Council, I'd like to mention the Eighth Annual South Park Flag Retirement Ceremony that will be hosted by County Council in conjunction with Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and will be held on Wednesday, June 11th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the South Park Flag Retirement Plaza by the dawn's early light and will serve the purpose of retiring in a dignified manner United States flags that have become unserviceable due to their service --- due to their service to our country. With the successes of the program over past years, new organizations have sought to be included in the program, one in particular being the Knights of Columbus.

Through the participation of community groups and organizations such as the Boy and Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania, the Knights of Columbus, the South Park Flag Retirement Ceremony has become a staple of the Flag Day celebrations in the South Hills communities. All are welcome to attend our Eighth Annual ceremony and please share this information with your family, friends and colleagues. We hope to see you all there. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Seeing no other hands, we'll go on to New Business, Ordinance and Resolutions. 8312-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 650 of the County Code of Ordinances entitled Parks Rules and Regulations to restate the prohibited activities in the park involving motor vehicles and to change, provide for specific penalties for violations of prohibited activities in the parks involving motor vehicles. Sponsored by Council members Futules, Martoni, Ellenbogen and Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's going to be sent to the Parks Committee, but Mr. Ellenbogen --- he's already on that committee, so it could go either way or both, and we're just going to put it in the Parks, and he agrees.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: As a co-sponsor, may I speak?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I've been listening to the --- I don't know what other word to use other than media exposure of this entire thing. And I can understand sometimes how Orson Welles convinced the world that Martians were attacking. As the chairman of Parks, it's Nick's concern that people that are parking in the grass could destroy the grounds; and the money and labor costs to repair it ---. As Public Safety chair, I'd like to bring something else to the attention of the public. First of all, these fines were a sliding fine. What that means is the law says that the District Judge may impose between \$100 and \$300 on a fine. The police officer makes no recommendation. These four \$100 fines were imposed by the District Justice. It is up to him or her to make that determination. Second of all, there is all the, you know, hoopla about, you know, parking in the grass and it not being a big deal. Well, I agree that the fines are a little bit high.

But I want the public to think about one thing as the Public Safety chair. You're dealing with a race. And in a race, you have roads that are closed. Traffic is backed up. In the event that someone has a health emergency, a heart attack or something otherwise, that lawn area, those berms of those roads have sometimes become the only access that an emergency vehicle has to get through. Now, if there are cars parked all through the grass and this and that, what happens is these emergency vehicles, God forbid, are prohibited to be able to get out of there or get in there.

And I think that's something the people should think about. You know, I don't want people parking in the grass because --- in the event that someone you love may be in need of emergency help, and that access is the only way that an ambulance or emergency vehicle can get through, it's important for there to be some way. So I'd just like to add that to it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of Council.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Heather.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Because we're seeing so much media attention through our staff, I asked that the Chief of the County Police come here today and to begin to answer some questions that we had because we were going to get this ordinance. And I don't believe that the gentleman is here today, even though he was invited. So I would ask that he come to County Council at our next

session and present himself so that we can ask him questions. In regard to this particular ordinance, which we're just getting today, there's a lot of things, I think, we need to think about. So I hope that this is scheduled, so that many of us can attend and kind of fully flesh this out, not go from sort of one mistake to another, because there's a lot of different things we need to consider.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. FUTULES: This is certainly a discussion for the Parks Committee, not on the floor, but we should have sent this to committee about ten minutes ago. But Charles Moffatt will be at the committee meeting tomorrow for discussion. We have it on the agenda.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Tomorrow? It's on for tomorrow?

MR. FUTULES: It's on for discussion. We can't do it on the agenda because of the Sunshine Act. So we're just going to talk. He's going to be in a budget hearing. Is it before that? So he is going to talk. We're going to have some conversation. Then we're going to officially take it to the committee and give us some recommendations as to what we should do.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: When is he coming tomorrow?

MR. FUTULES: He's coming to Budget tomorrow. After budget, I've asked him to come under discussion topic to address this issue, because it is such a high profile. That's why we're going to have that conversation tomorrow. So you're all welcome to come, and then we're going to discuss this. Officially, we'll take it to the committee, because we can't yet tomorrow because of the Sunshine Act. So he will be available to have any question you might have tomorrow to ask for him.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: This only ---?

MR. FUTULES: I suggest we take this to committee.

MR. FINNERTY: Oh, we've already sent this. But I'd just like to --- you know, our superintendent is coming to Budget tomorrow not because of this, because he was scheduled three or four weeks ago to do this. And you received an e-mail in regard to this, that he's going to be at Budget tomorrow to talk about the operations of the County Police, as we've been doing with other department heads, and so on.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 8313-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny granting authority to demolish certain structures in South Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive and Councilman Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to the Parks Committee. 8314-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations, pursuant to Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. Section 12001. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to the Health and Community Services Committee. Okay. 8315-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, approving a project for the benefit of Chatham University, to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority, by the issuance of the Authority's revenue obligations to be issued an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$18 million, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the obligations in determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to Economic Development Committee.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: May I speak on this, Mr. President? I just want to announce, because this is the first I'm seeing this, that I serve on several boards at Chatham University, so I'm going to recuse myself from all discussions and committee meetings.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 83-16 --- 8316-14.

MR. CATANESE: Resolution of the County of Allegheny, amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission 08-14). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to Budget and Finance. Public Comment on General Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have five.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Number one is Lester Ludwig.

MR. LUDWIG: My name is Les Ludwig, 6589 Rosemoor Street in Squirrel Hill. And I hope that people out there have a pen handy and take down my phone number,

because I'm trying to build a following for a way for which students would get out of college debt free. One day I was in the public library, and all the newspapers of that day, every single newspaper, had an article about this issue. The purchasing power is destroyed. The students can't make the payment. Eleven (11) percent of the loans are going bad because the kids can't find a job. I'm here because of the fact that I came to Dr. Martoni's office in regards to what's called revenue opportunities at City Council. I was the father of new thinking of how can government make money instead of thinking solely in terms of taxation and budgets. And I hope that Mr. Finnerty and I can exchange views in the immediate future to move forward. It's a disaster. We're literally destroying young people's lives because they can't live up to the obligation.

I have a solution for this problem. And at 81 years of age, pardon me for being a little selfish. Up until now, I have always spoken free of charge. This time, I want to be called on to be a consultant with pay. I have information available that says that we can be in the black, that we don't have to go ahead and have kids' lives destroyed by this problem, and that it's for the good of society that I come to you and I ask you and the people who are watching, take down my phone number, 412-758-1111; 758-1111. Why? Because I'm going to need every one of you in this room. Even though you may see me as a bad guy in the fracking issue, on the other hand, I spoke from the heart as a food technologist, and I'm not ashamed for anything that I said or did in this room. I'll stand to it. I still believe in it. Thank you for your attention, and I hope I'll be hearing from people in support of a method of doing away with this problem.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Lonnell Hughes? How about Dr. Ron Miller?

DR. MILLER: Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, 40 Beltzhoover Road in Pittsburgh, 412-381-3753. My comment before County Council concerns public comment in the Allegheny County municipality of Pittsburgh, with implications for municipalities in the 67 counties of Pennsylvania. I'm a Global Intelligence Society candidate for governor in Pennsylvania in 2014 announced in December of last year; Pittsburgh mayor, 2017, advancing Pittsburgh as a global city and Pennsylvania as a global state; founder, Pennsylvania Democratization Initiative, 2010;

City of Pittsburgh Committee for Executive Surveillance, 2012; and City of Pittsburgh Committee for Legislative Oversight, 2012. I have three comments tonight, three warnings. One, unless the Council of Pittsburgh provides a definition of impermissible speech during public comment within City Council meetings, examples of impermissible words, expressions, sentences, paragraphs and a list of specific impermissible words or expressions, any effort to suppress any speech during City Council public comment will be met with resistance. Send a police officer behaving like a goon after any of us and the officer of the council and the council president will be recorded and very likely sued. Say anything explicitly or implicitly constraining the speech of any individual during a Council meeting and the Council or the President of Council and the individual uttering the constraint will likely face a lawsuit in federal court.

Two, until Pittsburgh City Council provides the Pennsylvania Pittsburgh public with a federal and/or state and/or city law and rules derived from that law, regulating public comment, we will assume that speech during City public comment is unrestricted free speech, consistent with Amendment One of the 1789 U.S. Constitution. Public tantrums by Mr. Peduto, Council President Kraus or any other council on this matter will be treated as opera buffa by autocratic wannabes who, deflowered by the State of Pennsylvania, like the emperor, have almost no clothes, no power.

Three, under present vague non-transparent Pittsburgh city government references to transparency, any oral or written ordinance related use of the term transparency by Mr. Peduto, Council President Kraus, Council Natalia Rudiak or any other council will be considered meaningless. To give transparency meaning --- Sunshine meaning, Mr. Peduto and Pittsburgh City Council must publicly show us to what degree any public city government information is edited by the NSA, FBI or the U.S. Departments of Defense and Homeland Security. Who is doing the editing to whom all Pittsburgh city government information available and to whom some information is restricted? And why? What is the clearance justification? And when a federal intelligence surveillance court or national intelligence interferes with publication of Pittsburgh city government information

or requests for making a penalty-shielded government classified information public.

Copies will be sent to the Pennsylvania state and U.S. federal authorities and counties throughout the State of Pennsylvania.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Edward Chute?

MR. CHUTE: Ed Chute, 904 Valleyview Road, Mt. Lebanon. As usual, you may call me nobody. It is a month since I attended and commented at a council meeting, the infamous one when you voted to approve Rich Fitzgerald's originated, sponsored and submitted ordinance to enable the extraction of natural gas from beneath Deer Lakes Park. While I am extremely disappointed at Council's authorization, I am here this evening to thank publicly those members of Council who comported themselves in favor of governmental honesty, transparency, openness and who mainly voted no on the ordinance. Specifically, I want to praise the individual efforts of my own District 5 representative, Sue Means. She not only kept her word to keep an open mind concerning the issue, but also she demonstrated over and over again her promise to make an independent non-partisan evaluation and judgment before the vote, eventually exposing for everyone to see the underbelly of county government.

Factum Optime. Well done, Sue Means, and thank you for your efforts. They were Herculean within the context of so many procedural, administrative and nonsensical manipulations by some of your colleagues on Council and within the County's Executive Branch. Councilwoman Means may be wee, but she be mighty. My kudos also are extended to Councilwoman Danko, who was among the first to recognize the County Executive's put-up job and who managed to remain constant and cordial while attending numerous additional and un-required (for her) Park Committees and committee --- and other meetings, listening attentively to the many, many, many --- literally, thousands of --- residents who were still opposed --- who are still opposed to the ordinance and want to protect our parks from industrialization.

Likewise, Councilwoman Heidelbaugh deserves high praise for her dogged efforts for good government amidst the chorus of those who simply did not want to hear any dissenting view. Councilwoman Rea, who showed that she is a person of character, being engaged throughout the process and knowing a boondoggle when she encounters one.

Councilman Robinson perhaps doesn't look like the others in my grouping, since he is the only male, which itself does raise some interesting what-if possibilities. However, he does know how to apply the cui bono smell test, recognizing stench when it is present.

I respect Councilwoman Green Hawkins for recusing herself from the vote, since it is clear to me that she demonstrated her interest in good government, ethics and appropriate behavior. I do wish that I could say that the remaining all-male, hyper-partisan contingent of council members deserve the honorific title of honorable, which is the traditional mode of address for Council members, but I cannot.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next is Gwen Chute.

MS. CHUTE: Good evening. I'm Gwen Chute, at 904 Valleyview Road in Mt. Lebanon, 15243, and Vice Chair of the Allegheny Chapter Sierra Club Executive Committee, which represents over 5,000 members. Although I have been a bit delayed in doing so, I am also here this evening to formally and publicly thank the five Council members who stood up for what was right and voted no to the proposed ordinance, allowing fracking under Deer Lakes Park. To Sue Means, Barbara Daly Danko, Heather Heidelbaugh, Jan Rea and William Robinson, thank you. I was gratified by your efforts to learn the truth about the ordinance and the fracking process, its health risks and the threats it poses to the environment and persons living and working and recreating in or near this industrial activity.

You ferreted out and rejected the falsehoods being tube-fed to other members who swallowed them whole. Thanks also to Amanda Green Hawkins for having the integrity to recuse herself from the vote. To all other Council members, I suspect I don't have to tell you how deeply disappointed I was in your choice to vote yes, caving to political pressure, monetary gain and false promises, while steadfastly ignoring a mountain of scientific evidence and testimonials and rejecting opportunities to learn from true experts. I was also, frankly, dismayed by the disregard for rules of order and even, at times, the lack of common courtesy afforded those who sat for hours waiting to express their sincere opinions.

Sitting through those long hours was, for me, an opportunity for observation and reflection that served to

strengthen my most firmly-held beliefs, belief in standing up to do the right thing, rather than the expedient or politically advantageous thing, and belief in the critical importance of caring for and protecting our only planet. My resolve and that of my friends and colleagues from Sierra Club and Protect Our Parks has not diminished, because we know that every one of those 1,500 diesel trucks carrying fracking fluid and waste to and from each of the wells near Deer Lakes Park will be spewing toxic benzene and other pollutants into our already badly polluted air. And we know that while natural gas may burn cleaner than coal, the methane produced in the process of obtaining it will be released into the atmosphere as an extremely potent greenhouse gas, contributing 86 times as much as carbon dioxide to global warming and climate change. So no, we're not going anywhere. And we've become quite good at composing our thoughts into three-minute speeches. We'll definitely be sticking around.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. That's all of the speakers. Does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. MARTONI: So moved.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:17 P.M.

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