

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

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going to rise and say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection; after me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 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?

(No response.)

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: Fourteen (14) members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Proclamations and Certificates. 8322-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating Mark A. Nordenberg upon the occasion of his retirement as Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh and thanking him for his 19 years of dedicated service and leadership to the University of Pittsburgh and the region. Sponsored by Council members Robinson, Baker, Danko, DeFazio,

Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Rea.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. We have many opportunities in this chamber to talk about a lot of things and a lot of people. And I always feel that it's appropriate for us to make sure that we include those who have served our community well. Certainly, today it's a distinct honor and pleasure for me to present to you, in terms of honor, Mark A. Nordenberg, Esquire, Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, for his 19 years of dedicated service and leadership at the University of Pittsburgh.

I'd just like to make a couple comments, personal comments about Chancellor Nordenberg before I read this lengthy proclamation. First, let me say, he's in the Hall of Fame here --- because this is a two pager. I can't remember the last time someone got two pages, and this is not all. He's worthy of every bit of it, but ---. Okay. I first heard of Mark Nordenberg when he was the Dean of the Law School at the University of Pittsburgh, and I was a member of his Board of Trustees. And after we searched for a replacement for Dr. Posvar, who had been our Chancellor for 23 years, the name of Mark Nordenberg came up for several reasons.

One, he was a dedicated employee. Two, he was mild mannered. Three, he instilled confidence in the search committee and the trustees. He accepted the awesome responsibility of interim chancellor as we continued our search, and we picked Mark Nordenberg, a lawyer, Dean of our law school, a relatively unassuming gentleman who could serve us well. That's the gentleman that I present to you today. I had the occasion to serve on an education commission at the state level with Chancellor Nordenberg on the issue of higher education. So I had a chance to interact with him, flying back and forth to Harrisburg.

Also, part of his duty was to entertain legislators and other important people, and he and his wife, Nikki, were always so gracious, so kind, so humble, in making their presentations. I found Mark Nordenberg to be the same man in private that he is in public. That was refreshing. This business we're in oftentimes causes us to puff up bigger than we really are. We puff up like frogs, myself included. And sometimes we don't know how

to un-puff. Someone has to stick a pin in us. You don't have to do that with Mark Nordenberg. He's the same guy. And for those of you who have interacted with him even this evening, the way he talked to you, the way he presented himself, that's Mark Nordenberg. That's the Chancellor at the University of Pittsburgh. Money didn't change him when he became one of the highest paid executives in this region. His wife was probably happy. He was happy. But it didn't change him. I remember one time --- and I will tell this quick story before I read the proclamation --- he and I had a private conversation before a meeting. You know how you're just in a meeting, and we were over at Baker Hall. We were up on a floor there. And that's when the university changed its symbol from one kind of a panther to another panther. He probably doesn't remember this.

And everyone was sporting those new pins, but he wasn't. He was wearing the old pin. And I said to him --- I got real close to him and I said, Mark, this looks like a mad dog. And he just smiled and said, I'm still wearing my old pin. He's probably got it on --- if not today, he'll have it on. He just smiled and made that comment, let me have my moment. He didn't tell me it wasn't his decision. He didn't try to deny it. He didn't embrace it. He simply said, I'm wearing my old pin. And that was the end of it. If Mark will join me, I would like to take this opportunity to read this two pager. This is something. And if his wife, Nikki, is here, she can feel free to join us. If not, Mark can tell her about being in the Hall of Fame when he gets home tonight.

WHEREAS, Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg joined the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh Law School in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg served the university in a number of different capacities, including Dean of the School of Law, Interim Provost of the university and Distinguished Service Professor; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Chancellor Nordenberg was elected Interim Chancellor by the university's Board of Trustees, and in 1996, following a national search, was formally elected chancellor, one of the best decisions the university has ever made;

WHEREAS, last year Chancellor Nordenberg announced he would step down in the summer of 2014, following 19 years of service; and

WHEREAS, under Chancellor Nordenberg's tenure, enrollment has increased by over 20 percent. SAT college entrance exam scores and the requirements have risen over 180 points, and the university's endowment has increased sixfold. The trustees were very happy with you when you announced that. This guy can raise some money;

WHEREAS, the University of Pittsburgh is among the nation's leading producers of Fulbright Scholars, Boren scholars, Whitaker International Fellows, National Science Foundation Fellows, Critical Language Scholars and Humanity in Action Scholars; and

WHEREAS, the University of Pittsburgh now ranks fifth among all American universities in federal science and engineering research and development support obtained by members of this faculty; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg has cultivated strong partnerships with both the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center --- and I want to give Mark credit for jumping in to untangle one of the most complicated relationships in the history of man or womankind, and that was the relationship between the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, two ships sailing what appeared to be in the same direction, linked together. It took a team of lawyers and leadership from Mark Nordenberg to separate those ships so that they might follow their mission. And I thank him very much for that kind of leadership. I'm not sure anyone else could have done that except a Mark Nordenberg. That was a mess; a good mess, but it was a mess, and he straightened it out for us;

WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg has cultivated strong relationships with both the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and Carnegie Mellon University; and

WHEREAS, the University of Pittsburgh continues to be an academic and economic powerhouse of western Pennsylvania. Annually, more than \$1.3 billion in personal income is generated in the region from over 30,000 University of Pittsburgh-supported jobs. And you remember, when this council was struggling with how we would raise more money and we said, let's get it from the non-profits, the University of Pittsburgh was represented. And they made their case that they felt at that time, they were doing plenty. And I thank Mark Nordenberg for his leadership. Again, he didn't criticize us. He didn't try

to tell us what to do. He simply presented us with the facts as he understood them;

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many accomplishments, Chancellor Nordenberg has received many awards, including the Homer S. Brown Law Association's Spirit Award, Community College of Allegheny County's Legend in Leadership Award, the Pittsburgh Area Jewish Committee's Community Impact Award, the Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership Exemplary Leader Award and the Elsie Hilliard Hillman Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Public Service; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg has also been named Pittsburgh's Person of the Year by Pittsburgh Magazine and the History Maker by the Senator John H. Heinz History Center; and

WHEREAS, aside from his commitment to the university, Chancellor Nordenberg has also been very active in the Greater Pittsburgh region, including chairing a committee that examined issues of leadership in governments, Pittsburgh Public Schools;

WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg has successfully led the University of Pittsburgh for nearly two decades and will continue to serve the community after he steps down as chancellor. If you read the paper over the last few days, Mark Nordenberg has offered himself as chair of the Institute of Politics at the University of Pittsburgh. He's not going to leave us completely. He's the right guy at the right time to stay here and help us with leadership issues. And I thank him again for being the Mark Nordenberg that I know privately and publicly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby honor Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg for his unparalleled dedication and commitment to the University of Pittsburgh and the region. Furthermore, we thank Chancellor Nordenberg for his leadership to us, which has transformed the university and the city into a thriving epicenter for education, innovation and business. If you've ever had a chance or an opportunity to meet the chancellor's wife, Nikki --- very charming, very unassuming --- they probably get along well together most of the time. As long as he knows who's the boss, he's okay. All right. Sponsored by all members of Council and presented this 17th day of June of 2014. Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you my friend, a friend of this community and a man who's dedicated to public

service, Mark A. Nordenberg, Esquire, Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh.

(Applause.)

CHANCELLOR NORDENBERG: Thank you all very much. I think that is the first time anyone has called my wife unassuming. And since we have been married for more than 43 years, I hope we get along. Yeah, as you can tell, Council member Robinson and I have traveled a fair distance together. This proclamation was not only of Hall of Fame length, but it was overstated in its kindness. I'm a pretty ordinary person who's been given some extraordinary responsibilities. I feel very lucky that I've had the chance to discharge those responsibilities here in Allegheny County, which has been my home for 37 years. I'm a person who believes in government. I feel a deep sense of gratitude to those who shoulder the responsibilities to deliver good government to the people who have elected them. In that sense, I have great respect for all of you and receiving this recognition from you means a great deal to me. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8323-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating St. Clair Hospital upon the occasion of its 60th anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Means.

MS. MEANS: It's my great honor this evening to give an award to St. Clair Hospital. And I would like to invite the three gentlemen that are here this evening to receive the award --- can everybody hear me okay? G. Alan Yeasted, M.D., Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of St. Clair Hospital, Thomas M. Medwig, Chairman of St. Clair Health Corporation Board of Directors, Melvin D. Rex, Chairman of St. Clair Hospital Board of Directors. I'm really excited and honored to give this award tonight for several reasons.

As a nurse, I love hospitals. I do not have the same reaction as most people do whenever they have to go to a hospital. I look around and say, IVs, medication, people helping people. This is just a great story. The story of St. Clair Hospital is a great story. It's a story of one physician, Dr. Arthur Haines, who had an idea in 1941 that the South Hills needed their own hospital. And it took him several years to talk to the community. And after a few years, a women's auxiliary was formed and

40 women had bake sales, and they had fundraisers and ---. And then the community joined in, community leaders joined in and businessmen joined in, and then they were able to raise the funds to build a hospital, which was built in 1954. And at the time when they opened the hospital, there was 104 beds and 35 bassinets, and it served a population of 104,000 people. Today they have 328 beds and only 26 bassinets. What's up with that? I figured that one out on my own, because it used to be when you had a baby, you stayed for a week or ten days. And now it's only a few days, so you don't need as many bassinets.

But I love St. Clair Hospital as an independent regional hospital, rated in the nation's top 100 hospitals. I've been there too many times with my five children, but I always have had a great experience. And it does not have --- I was recently there, and it doesn't have a hospital feel. I felt like I was in a five-star hotel, really. The hallways are beautiful. The rooms are decorated great. But more than that, they have a great reputation of giving excellent, excellent care. That's why I am so proud and excited today to read this proclamation in honor of St. Clair Hospital's 60th anniversary. And congratulations on your award for being one of the top hospitals in the nation.

WHEREAS, in 1941, Dr. Arthur Haines, a dedicated Mt. Lebanon physician, decided that the residents of South Hills needed a hospital of their own. Formed in 1945, the St. Clair Hospital Auxiliary sponsored bake sales and raffles and flower sales while the community members worked with area businesses for corporate and employee donations. The Sihol family donated land on the corner of Bower Hill and North Wren Drive for the hospital building;

WHEREAS, after ten years of tireless working to raise funds and find property, St. Clair Hospital opened on February 22nd, 1954, with 104 beds and 35 bassinets;

WHEREAS, today St. Clair Hospital is an acute care facility that provides advanced, high quality healthcare to more than 500,000 residents of southwestern Pennsylvania. With 550 physicians and more than 220 employees, this makes St. Clair the largest employer in the South Hills and has contributed \$6.3 million in taxes paid to the community;

WHEREAS, over decades, three leaders, Cortland E. Chandling (phonetic), Benjamin E. Snead and James M. Collins, have created a vision for the hospital, allowing

it to remain independent as other healthcare facilities have been taken over by insurance companies and embroiled themselves in a marketing war;

WHEREAS, St. Clair Hospital has been recognized for its excellence and efficiency by the Truven Health Analytics, having been named one of the nation's top 100 hospitals in 2012 and 2014. This honor signifies that St. Clair Hospital delivers quality, high satisfaction and lower costs to patients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, does hereby congratulate St. Clair Hospital upon the monumental occasion of its 60th anniversary. Forever more, this council honors St. Clair's medical staff, employees, volunteers for ensuring that the community's health needs are met and served as a model of excellence.

(Applause.)

DR. YEASTED: Sue, thank you very much. It is an honor for the three of us, Mr. Rex, Mr. Medwig and myself, to accept this on behalf of the physicians and Board and administrators at St. Clair Hospital. We are very fortunate to be located in Allegheny County. We've had a wonderful relationship over the years --- 60 years, with the members of Allegheny County. Our employees are truly our gem. Our nurses, which Sue did not mention but --- though she mentioned the number of physicians; but I have to say, as a physician and chief medical officer, we would not be where we are today, winning the high quality of awards, without the excellence of our nursing staff that we have.

We wouldn't be independent at St. Clair without the farsightedness of our Board of Directors, represented by these two gentlemen to my right. It's a commitment on our part to remain a low cost, high quality hospital and to serve the members of the South Hills community. We never thought 60 years ago that we could have developed into the institution we are today. As Sue mentioned, we're actually one of the larger hospitals in the area, and in fact, in the country, to think that the United States has so many smaller rural hospitals. A 328-bed hospital is really quite large across the United States. It's in the top five percent. And we forget that, being in the city and the county are very large institutions. But most hospitals in this nation are very small, and

quite honestly, struggling. We've been very, very fortunate at St. Clair Hospital to be led by gentlemen such as Mr. Rex and Mr. Medwig and colleagues who were not able to join us today. But truly, it's the employees who live in this county. It's our relationship with the governments, with Mr. Lebanon, the park in Upper St. Clair, the surrounding communities in the county, that have enabled us to remain as successful as we are. We hope that this is just the first 60 years, that 60 years from now someone else --- for none of us will be here --- will be here accepting an award for St. Clair. We intend to remain where we are, remain independent. And again, we want to thank all of you for recognizing us. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8324-14 will be read into the record, plus all the rest will go into the record.

MR. CATANESE: 8324-14. Proclamation recognizing Celeste Stevens for her dedicated service to Allegheny County Council. Sponsored by Council members Heidelbaugh, Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

8326-14. Proclamation recognizing A+ Schools upon the occasion of its tenth anniversary and naming June 19, 2014 as A+ School Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council member Baker.

8327-14. Proclamation congratulating Mr. Emmai Alaquiva upon the occasion of his second Daytime Emmy Nomination and thanking him for his community service. Sponsored by Council member Baker.

8328-14. Proclamation thanking the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania for hosting the 31st Annual International Bridge Conference at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center from June 8th to the 12th, 2014. Sponsored by Council members Macey, Baker, DeFazio, Finnerty, Kress, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson, Danko.

8329-14. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Robert Yates of Boy Scout Troop 916 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

8330-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Patricia Thompson upon the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

8331-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. James and Patricia Sivak upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

8332-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. Jeff Jelic from Mt. Lebanon High School and Pitt wrestler for being inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Western Chapter, on May 3rd, 2014. Sponsored by Council member Means.

8333-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Toni S. Kendrick upon her retirement from the Pittsburgh Public School System after 36 years of dedicated service. Sponsored by Council member Robinson.

8334-14. Proclamation thanking the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Incorporated for hosting its 79th National Convention in Pittsburgh at the Omni William Penn Hotel on July 21st through the 26th, 2014. Sponsored by Council member Robinson.

8335-14. Proclamation honoring in memoriam beloved author and poet, Maya Angelou. Sponsored by Council member Robinson.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Add me, too.

MR. FINNERTY: Add me also, please.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Me, too, Joe.

MR. PALMIERE: Me, too.

MR. MACEY: Me, too.

MR. FUTULES: Joe?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. At this time, our County Executive will address us.

(Applause.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. It's a pleasure to come here. I know I say that every time, but I do miss my Tuesday nights that I used to spend here for 12 years. It's always a good --- always good to be back here and talk about what's going on in the county and county government. Let me start --- before I go to my prepared remarks, obviously, we had the President of the United States --- was here again today for the third time in a little over four months. And I was honored to be able to greet him when he got off the plane with Mayor Peduto. And we welcomed him back to Pittsburgh and his response was I love Pittsburgh. And I tell Pittsburgh about what's going on here everywhere I go. And I'm not just saying

that because I'm talking to you two and Senator Casey happened to be standing there with him. And Senator Casey relates, no, he does. He really likes what's going on in Pittsburgh and some of the things we're doing, so ---. But he went to East Liberty today to talk about the tech works and some of the innovative things that are happening in our region. It's really something we can all take a great deal of pride in. So I just wanted to start with that.

We got good news a week ago; you saw the financial report that came out from Moody's. Moody's upgraded our bond rating. That's the third upgrade we've had in the last --- a little over a year. Standard and Poor's upgraded us twice in the last year. And I think it shows some of the good things we're doing with respect to the finances of this county. The biggest thing, I guess, that sticks out is the fund balance. When we started, when I took office in January of 2012, our fund balance was a low of 5.7, the lowest in history. The bond rating agencies would like to see that around \$40 million which is about five percent of our operating budget of around \$800 million.

After the first year, we increased it to 12.2, and after the second year, the end of last year, we increased it to 27.5. That's the highest it's been since 1998, something we can all take a lot of solace in. It's not where it needs to be. Obviously, \$40 million is what they'd like to see, but we're continuing to move into that --- into that range. And we've done it in a very sustainable way. We've done it without using one-time revenue sources the last couple of budgets. And as the county manager and the budget department have worked towards budgets this year, we're hoping to do --- do the same thing.

This is also the first time that there was --- there's been a cash balance at the end of the year since 2007. And we continue to make data-driven decisions to try to find efficiencies to hold down costs. Just a couple that we're working on --- we saved last year \$324,000 getting rid of unused electronic devices, over \$150,000 saving within our municipalities with our salt contracts, and then over \$300,000 on streamlining our copying services, so --- copying practices. So we're continuing to look for efficiencies, and we'll continue to work with this council to do those kind of things. I want

to talk a little bit about the economics of what's going on here. Recently --- an again, these stories are good stories. Last year, from year to year, from March of last year to April of this year, over 10,000 jobs were created in Allegheny County, something, again, we can be very, very proud of. Our unemployment rate is 5.6 percent. We have been low and continue to remain below the national and the state average.

And one thing that's a really great statistic that comes up is over the last four years, wages in Pittsburgh grew. The average --- the median wage in Pittsburgh grew by 13 percent. That's double. What happened in the State of Pennsylvania --- and when you compare it to the nation, the nation --- the national median income only went up 1.5 percent over that same period. So for us to go up 13 percent, not only are we creating jobs, but we're creating very, very good jobs. And presently, there are over 30,000 jobs that are available in Allegheny County for people that have the skill sets to reach that.

Our population grew. The census came out, and again, we went up over 1,600 people. It doesn't sound like a lot, but when you see the trends that were happening for about 25 years, that's a tremendous increase. And downtown residents continue to go up over ten percent over the last four years. So we've got a lot of good metrics that continue to happen, and we want to keep that momentum going. Just some of the accolades, some of the ratings that we've gotten, the Farmers Insurance and Sperling's listed America (sic) one of the best places to live. Most --- secure in America is number three, third most secure place to live in America. National Venture Capital Association ranks Pittsburgh as number 13 of the top cities for capital investment.

Kiplinger listed us in the top ten great places to start a business, and the Atlantic Region last year, top ten of the best places to pursue the American Dream. And so we continue to receive these great accolades, and we're very, very proud of them. One that really stands out that just came out recently, Pittsburgh is ranked first in the world --- in the world --- in housing affordability. And what that is, is a measure of median housing income versus the median housing price. So that's by Demographic International Housing Affordability Study. That may change in the coming years as our housing

stock will continue to increase in value, but for now it's a really good story to tell. One other accolade we got, that this body got, was that the Pittsburgh Business Times called the CONSOL airport deal that we made last year as the business deal of the year in western Pennsylvania, something we can be very, very proud of, that they --- that that publication talked about that deal as being the best deal of the year.

I mentioned about our third visit this year from the President of the United States. It's always great to have that happen. We're also going to be hosting the U.S. Gymnastics Championship, which is the prelude to the Olympics, later in August. And we also have some exciting things coming up with the Pittsburgh JazzLive International Festival. They're going to be trying to break a line dancing world record on Friday, June 20th. So if anybody is into line dancing, they can go down and be part of that. We're also --- we've seen a big influx and a big improvement in our Latin American population, and we're going to continue to try to help that along. And one of the things we have coming up this week is El Gran Combo of Puerto Rico. Now, I don't know who they are, but they are --- they're supposed to be called the salsa lover's equivalent of the Beatles coming to town.

So for folks that are aware of that, they know that --- what that means. What it really means, is there's a lot of good things happening in this region. We can be pretty proud of some of the things that are happening. To talk about some of the projects that are coming up, we were recently approved for PHFA, our State federal tax credit project, Heidelberg Apartments. We're going to be adding people for autism in that community. Wilkinsburg is going to be receiving in the Falconhurst Neighborhood Restoration, 33 units with some other community resources, and out in Plum, Serenity Ridge has been granted 62 units of senior living and community services. So we're grateful for the State, for the housing authority to do that.

We continue to have tremendous growth out at the airport --- the airport corridor. We've been breaking ground on so many increases. Recently, over \$1.5 million --- \$230 million of investment and 1.5 million square feet of new development, including Industrial Scientific and West Point Corporate Center. And a lot of that is driven by the oil and gas entities that continue

to locate there and continue to grow there. I want to talk a little bit about our change. You've probably seen some of the things that --- we've talked about this in the past --- the creation of the Memory Care Unit, which is going to be opening later this summer in Scott. We're pretty excited about that; and also, new partnerships. Carnegie Mellon's Technology Consulting, they created a web-based virtual tour of the new unit and also put together a Skype card to allow communication between residents and families, as well as for care and planning.

And we also talked a little bit about Allegheny Alerts, a new system that we put in place. Over 1,000 people have used that in the two places we've rolled that out. One was in the Kanes and at our parks. And I'm glad to see people using --- be able to use technology to make notifications easier about what's going on at the Kanes. I'll talk a little bit about the parks. We recently did the pond restoration project dedication last month. That's been working with the Botanic Gardens. It was a wonderful project. I think I mentioned this before. This was a pond that had acid mine drainage going into it. The pH was somewhere around one or two. Nothing lived in this pond. The Botanic Garden partnering with the parks department and a lot of other people put a neutralization system in place. And now there is --- there's life back for that pond. It's very exciting, something we can all take a lot of credit for.

In South Park, we're going to be taking down the Duck Pond House and the McConkey House and the McConkey Barn, the Sedota House and Schoonamaker Hall. This was something that the community wanted very badly because these buildings have really fallen into disrepair. I know Councilwoman Rea a couple of years ago talked about, you know, putting together an inventory of our park buildings that really had fallen into disrepair and were beyond the point of which they could be saved. So that project is going to be going forward assuming that Council passes that bill that's on the agenda tonight. The North Park boathouse --- obviously, that one was in the news recently because of the parking issue. It's really --- what it is, it's a victim of success, the success of the lake, which we restored a couple of years ago, the boathouse, which we partnered with a commercial opportunity with a restaurant in which you can't get a seat most days and most nights because of the wait, and the zip line, the Go Ape that's

been out there. So because of that success, we had some people parking where they shouldn't have been parking. I think we've got that pretty much straightened out. The county manager got on that. They've created two new areas with 85 spots --- 85 parking spots and then also better signage for an additional 100 spots --- 100 parking spots that are available down at the Rose Barn, which is a little more than 100 yards away from the boathouse.

In Deer Lakes, we got --- the bathrooms are being painted and new ones being ordered. A parking lot plan will be built this fall, timing at the request of the folks in the Wagman Observatory, spray parks being repaired, new signage, shelter roofs and demo of abandoned bathrooms is also going out to bid. We've got some things going on at Hartwood with the GOAL Day, Get Out and Learn Day, The Market at Hartwood Acres. That's been very, very positive. And Boyce Park, I've talked about that, the success that we had; again, partnering with a commercial developer who can put together the ski slope operation. Our rates were woefully low for that market, what they were.

We didn't think it was the right thing to ask for an increase, because we hadn't produced. But I think this winter we showed that we could produce. The crowds broke all kinds of records, both on attendance and in revenue. And I'm glad to see, Councilman Futules, the Parks chair, has put that on the agenda to take a look at how we can bring the losses, if you will, into line. We didn't lose nearly as much money as we had over the years, but there's still a deficit there. And if we bring those fees up a little bit --- still way below what everybody else is, but bring them up a little bit --- we could bring some revenues into there.

I'll talk a little bit about the health department. What they're doing is a Community Health Assessment under Dr. Hacker's leadership. That's a process to identify factors affecting the health of county residents; public input through the website until June 30th. Advisory Coalition will meet this week and have community meetings in the fall. One of the things we have going on in this region that we're behind the curve, is in public health. Our smoking rates are much higher than the national average. Our obesity rates and diabetes rates are much higher than the national average. And we're hoping with some of the education that can go on and how

people can improve their health and quality of life, it's something that we probably should have done years ago. But you know, now that Dr. Hacker is in place, we're able to do that.

You've probably been reading about the restaurant grading system that the Health Board is starting to take a look at right now. That's something that once the Health Board does approve that --- and we assume that they will approve that at some point throughout the year --- that will then come to this council. And Council will then have to approve or not approve a restaurant rating system that can be used throughout Allegheny County. We've been doing a Healthy Allegheny Teen survey --- the response has been overwhelmingly positive --- to target over 1,600 teens. And that's being done in conjunction with the Pitt School of Health. It's great to see Dr. Nordenberg here tonight, Mark Nordenberg, who's been very cooperative and very helpful in doing a lot of those things.

And of course, the Live Well Allegheny Program that we announced earlier this year, now moving towards educating some of our young people at schools, again, along the lines of obesity, healthy living, exercise, et cetera. Another thing that the Health Department has been working on, they reached an agreement in April with the Shenango Coke Works. I think it was very --- an innovative agreement that is --- the Shenango Coke Works is causing problems for the people in the northern boroughs. But with the Health Department, they're going to be using new techniques and putting money into improving that operation. So we're glad to see that.

I mentioned the launch of the Allegheny Alerts, the parks and the Kanes. We've had over 1,000 people enroll already, so they get alerts on their phone or their computer, wherever they want to get it, to find out some of the things that are happening in the areas in the county that they want to have access to. Human Resources; we have a contract to monitor Family and Medical Leave. You might have seen a story on that today. We have an issue in which cost has kind of gotten a little bit ahead of us, so the county manager and the budget department and the HR department --- they're really taking a look at how we can streamline that operation. We've also been doing a much better job of doing the applications online. And now over 97 percent of our applications that are received in

the HR department are done online. We also made an announcement where our emergency services, under Alvin Henderson, people can text to 9-1-1. We're one of the first places in the country that you're able to do that; again, an innovative thing where certain people years ago --- not that many years ago, just a couple of years ago, could not text a 9-1-1. The Virginia shooting comes to mind.

Those students were sending texts to 9-1-1 and they were not received, and they didn't know that they weren't received, because it wasn't --- that availability wasn't there. It is now; it is now on people that are on Verizon. It's open to anybody right now. And as soon as the other communication centers, the other cell line --- off-cell phone operators have that, that will be open to them, as well. We received a couple of awards since I was here last time. The Allegheny County Jail Collaborative received the Governor's Award, as did the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program. So we're very proud of the work at the jail, as well as Economic Development did on working on this.

They also received the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation, one of only 95 agencies out of over 1,200 in Pennsylvania to receive that. And our medical examiner forensic lab received international accreditation by the American Society of Crime Lab. So those are some of the things within our county departments that I touched on. I want to just hit on a couple of other things that deal with our authorities. You may have seen, we've reached an agreement, the SEA reached an agreement with the Steelers to do some new seats and scoreboards at Heinz Field. We're delighted to say that that's going to be done without any public money going into that. It's going to be done with revenues that are generated within the facility, within Heinz Field, seat licenses, ticket surcharges, et cetera. So it was pretty innovative what we were able to do, and it will let more people go to games, bring in more revenue and not necessarily put that burden on the taxpayer. Out at the airport, we announced that we're going to be opening service to Fort Lauderdale and Newport News. The Fort Lauderdale is going to be with JetBlue; Newport News with People Express. I also real quickly want to talk about the August Wilson Center, because I know you've probably seen a lot of the stories about that. That is moving

forward, but it's moving forward in a --- how do I say --- one step forward, one step back, two steps forward, one step back --- as this process goes through the bankruptcy courts. I can tell you that the mayor and myself, along with a lot of our other stakeholders, are continuing to work. The important thing, from my standpoint, is that the mission of the August Wilson Center gets carried out in a positive way.

That's not to say we're not willing to partner with a hotel, with a restaurant, with some other commercial operation, but it can't be the hotel being, quote, unquote, in charge. It's got to be supported by the community, and it's got to be something that's sustainable. So we're working with the foundations. We're working with the business community. And we're hoping to come to a resolution at some point in the future. Legislative priorities in Harrisburg, I think there's two that really stand out since we got the pension bill passed last year and the transportation bill. One is the 9-1-1 funding. We run about a \$6 million deficit, and that deficit is going to continue to grow the 9-1-1. The only thing we're allowed to charge is landline. I made the analogy that, you know, charging landlines to run the 9-1-1 center is almost like putting a surcharge on horse and buggies to do road improvements.

It's a technology that's just going away. We've got to put it on these devices, whether it be smartphones, whether it be cell phones, whether it be iPhones. Whatever the communication device is, we've got to be able to capture those revenues to match those up to provide the public safety services that we need at the center.

And then the other thing is the crime lab funding. This county pays \$13 and a half million to run a crime lab that is really the state's responsibility. We're the only county that does it. Every other county that has a crime lab, it's funded by the state. We're going to work with the state. I know they've got some tough issues, but it's just not fair to the property tax owners of Allegheny County that they have to pick up that burden, as they have for many, many years without the state --- without the state kicking in. So with that, Mr. President, I'll open up to any questions that you or the members of Council may have.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Anybody have a question? Sue Means?

MS. MEANS: Mr. County Executive, are you aware or is Allegheny County in any discussions or negotiations with any company to drill or lease gas or any other minerals in or under Round Hill Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: No, no to all those. We're not doing it. We're not talking to anybody. We're not in negotiations. We're not even looking at it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay? Any other questions? Any other questions?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have a question.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Heather.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Did you have any discussions or conversations with any member of this council, in which in exchange for a yes vote for the drilling at Deer Lakes Park, you agreed to provide a benefit of any kind to that member or their district?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I don't understand the question.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Did you have a discussion with any member of this council in which you agreed to provide a benefit to them or their district for a yes vote on the Deer Lakes drilling bill?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, first of all, I don't discuss private conversations that I have, as I've said in the past, but we had a lot of discussions about that particular aspect.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is that it? Go ahead, Mr. Baker.

MR. BAKER: Okay. Just a little bit of a softer subject, but the first Live Well Allegheny --- I know Amy and I talked a little bit about this. But for any of the 15 of us, if we wanted to start, like, a Live Well in Ross Township or a program like that in our communities --- I know Amy and I talked a little bit about it --- but how would any of the 15 of us go about doing that? Or if anyone in the room or watching on TV would want their community to be part of Live Well Allegheny, how would they get started in their actual community?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, we would encourage all the municipalities to do that, Councilman. It's something that Mayor Peduto became the first --- the City of Pittsburgh became the first city or municipality to do that. So it's really working with our Health Department, working with the communications director, working with Amy, that we can do that. And we're still

rolling that --- I'm still, you know, looking to --- you know, some of the funding that's coming forward, some of the foundations that are willing to be part of that, it's all kind of part of that comprehensive study that we're doing with the University of Pittsburgh School of Health.

MR. BAKER: But there's room for more of us to get on board?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Absolutely. Yeah, there's lots of room.

MR. BAKER: Okay.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: They can start with the salsa dancing, I guess, or the line dancing that's coming up.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Fitzgerald, in regard to the restaurant rating system that we're putting in, it's an A, a B, a C?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. FINNERTY: Is that correct?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: This period right now, it's a test period?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yes, it's a trial period.

MR. FINNERTY: It's a trial period. And how long is that going to last?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I think it's going to last --- a year?

MR. THOMPSON: Two months.

MR. FINNERTY: Two months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay. Mr. Jim Thompson is here. Okay. So that's being rolled out now, okay, and nobody's getting a grade right now. They're getting a quiet --- like, private grade, but they're not going to post it on the door at this point. And with that grading system --- what it is, Councilman, let's say you get your visit and you get an A. You're probably very happy, and you're going to be good for a year. Well, let's say you get a B or a C and you're not happy. You got a couple violations and there's a list of what they are. You can get re-tested right away; you know, within a certain --- I think it's within a month, maybe 60 days. And then if you get --- if you don't get another one again, you can pay for one in which you can, again, try to be tested again. So it gives a restaurant operator an

opportunity, once they learn what's wrong, where they got points deducted, how they can get those points back up. This is something that New York City and a number of other cities have put in place. It's just basically to give people more information about the safety and food safety of the establishment that they're going to.

MR. FINNERTY: Let me follow up on that, if it would be all right. If I'm a restaurant owner and I get a C, do I have to wait a month, or could somebody come, like, two days later ---?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I don't think you get --- the grade doesn't get posted right away. I'll ask Jim Thompson to give the details on it.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you for giving us your time.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Sure.

MR. THOMPSON: Yeah. And we just came out of a public comment period for the grading system. We're resolving a lot of public comment associated with this. But as --- but the way the regulations and the policy stands now, if there are violations, as soon as the violations are to be corrected, the owner can call us, and we will re-grade them. They won't have to wait months.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay.

MR. THOMPSON: There's certain violations, however --- for instance, let's suppose they do not have adequate refrigeration. Obviously, it takes --- it may take longer than a month to get a commercial size refrigerator. But the first evaluation, if there are violations, as soon as they're corrected, they can schedule an inspection for us to be re-graded.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Thank you very much. I'd just like to make one comment about that. I think by charging a restaurant to come out and re-inspect them after the second time, I think that's an important thing, because some people will violate continually.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Another thing is --- I want you to know that the plan that the Health Board --- the Health Department has put together was done with the Restaurant Association. There was a panel that was put together, a committee that was put together under Dr. Harrison, the Chairman of the Board, and Dr. Hacker. And they've had a lot of input, a lot of give and take with the restaurateurs in getting a lot of suggestions on what should be done.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Fitzgerald, on Sunday, on Father's Day, I ran in the Obediah Cole Foundation races on Father's Day. And they're asking and requesting the fact that the unit --- the power unit of Allegheny County used to go around, and they were able to have people that couldn't get to a doctor, and so on, and do free testing. And they're asking again, since we had stopped that for a while --- is there any possibility that we can possibly pick that up again at some point, because they --- you know, in my opinion, it's very important that the people who don't have access could at least be tested, and so on and so forth, because that's --- as you know, that's a real health hazard for most men.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: You're absolutely right. And you know, I've been at that event a number of times over the years. It's a great event on Father's Day that they have. We'll have to take a look at that and see if there's a way, whether it be the Health Department or the Department of Human Services, that we can provide that type of services, that type of testing and screening for prostate cancer. I don't have the answer for you, Councilman, but I will take a look at it.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: If I could piggyback off something that Councilman Finnerty had said, I think the public needs to understand that, but for myself -- and we talked about this earlier --- I mean, there's not a lot of us left anymore, people who were born and raised here. You know, I lived in this city for 58 years. Restaurants, particularly, we knew who they were, people that had been in the community for 30, 40 years. You had an idea of what you were getting into. But with this huge influx of new restaurants that are just growing everywhere, not to mention, you know, we're getting an opportunity to see all these new ethnic foods and things that folks aren't used to --- it makes --- I'm going to be honest with you. It makes me feel more comfortable to see something that I know that I may be trying something that I never ate before, that I didn't even know what it is. But I think it's important that the people know that, you know, with

all the new restaurants, that things are safe. And again, I have to applaud Dr. Hacker, who has consistently changed the paradigm of the way the Health Department should be run. And I applaud her for all the thinking-out-of-the-box things that she does to try to prevent things, whether it be measles or whatnot. So again, I'm president of your fan club, as you all know. Dr. Williams, you know, we got our own Horatio/CSI guy here. He does some great stuff down at the lab and he should be applauded. He's one of them guys you don't see much, because you know, he's in the lab, and you know, Mr. Davin, who consistently makes me look really good, after he's already done all the labor and everything for me. I thank you for that.

Mr. Johnson, who consistently --- I can brag about --- the county roads that are in the city look much better than the city roads, and I thank him for that, and all the other directors. I mean, you know, I haven't been opposed the last few times, and a lot of it is because of the work that you responded to in helping me get the things done. And I want you to know I personally appreciate all the callbacks and all the other stuff. Mr. McKain, who has always been available, and yourself; I think people need to know that I actually wonder if you're kind of, like, half vampire. See, he never sleeps.

MR. FINNERTY: He has a clone.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Because he does --- I mean, he always gets back, and you know, we've had our knock down, drag outs, but I appreciate the fact that we have access to the work that your folks do. And I think that it's understated. I mean, a lot of people say this and that, but your people need to be appreciated, and I for one --- and I'm sure I speak for many of my colleagues. And now I see something about these basketball tournaments, which, you know, I'm sure that Mr. Hopkins is probably going to get out on the court and probably dust a few of the younger folks, as he still can, I'm sure. But thank you; and thank you all, really.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. Ellenbogen. Well, first of all, I want to give the credit to Mr. McKain, county manager, his leadership, working with each department, working with the directors, you know, moving things forward. I mean, we do try to put best practices in place to serve the citizens of this county and this region, that we're charged with doing. And I think what Mr. McKain is able to do is a testament

to that. And to take it back to the restaurant thing, we're opening about a dozen restaurants a month. It's an amazing statistic. I don't know how long we're going to be able to sustain that.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Well, it's interesting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: But it shows what's going on.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Well, you know, I see it more than most people because the sales tax licenses and things and LCBs have to go across my office. And the influx in Allegheny County is just, you know, so ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And I'll tell you --- the restaurant grading system, I'll tell you, the most positive input I've been getting is from seniors. Seniors really, you know, feel vulnerable at times, you know, that they have the most, you know, challenged immune systems. And they want to know when they go to a restaurant what it means. And I know some of those things are online, but not all the seniors have --- able to use, you know, technology to go online and research the restaurant that they go to. So we've gotten a lot of plaudits and praise from seniors when I go to a senior center, about thanking us for taking a look at this.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: And if I could just say, there are people like myself who have food allergies and things that, you know --- you know, I want to know what's going on here, so you know what I'm saying. So I appreciate it probably more than most of them. But thank you, again.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no other questions up here --- Heather?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes. There was a comment that was made that has confused me. I think you indicated previously when you were talking about the drilling, that the parks were operating at a deficit, and you said it again this evening. And since that time when you first made that comment, I've done some research. And it appears that the county receives approximately \$17 million in funding for the parks from RAD, yet we spend only \$16 million, so it's a million dollar benefit, and we're not spending all of the money that we receive. So when you --- when you're upping these charges at the parks, are you aware of that?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, I don't know that I totally agree with your numbers. I think we do run --- we spend more money than what the RAD brings in.

We also put some money into the operating budget from property tax in the parks.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I looked at all of that.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And quite frankly, if we just based it on fees, we do run a deficit. You know, I guess the definition I'm giving you, a deficit meaning any tax dollars that we have to use to fund the operations, whether it be ski slope, golf courses or what have you. So I don't think there's any question our parks are woefully under-funded and have been for many, many years when it comes to capital projects, when it comes to operating projects. And I think the study that was done when I was on this council early on showed back in 2001, 2002, that we had over \$100 million worth of deferred maintenance. And quite frankly, we haven't done very much of it, so I'm assuming in present dollars, it would be more like \$150 million or more right now.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Mr. Fitzgerald, in your budget that you'll be proposing to us --- of course, we're the funders, as you know, since you were president of Council --- will you be suggesting that the parks receive more county dollars? Because as I had looked at the numbers, the only money that the parks are getting is from RAD money, which isn't county money. Are you going to up the funding for the parks?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: We'll have to take a look at it. First of all, the parks will get more money just because of the deal we just did with Range. So there will be money coming to the parks and the park improvement fund and the upfront fund that we talked about and some ongoing revenue. So as we go through the budget process --- and I'm not sure if we're going to increase or decrease; you know, where we'll be on the parks with respect to property tax dollars. It will probably be somewhere near the same.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Seeing no other questions, thank you, County Executive, Mr. Fitzgerald.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Give us a minute before we continue.

(Short break taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We'll get started. Public Comment on Agenda Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have one person, Yvonne Brown.

MS. BROWN: Good evening. My name is Yvonne F. Brown. I live in the Hill District. I'm an advocate for Children, Youth and Family and hospital workers, even though UPMC say they don't have any employees. Well, I'm representing those people. I come here tonight because I want you to understand that as a citizen that lives in the Hill District --- and for over 19 years, at least, I've been going to City Council. I've come here. I spoke with the School Board. The other night when I came here and you had --- about the digging up under the ground, I wanted to say something to you, Mr. DeFazio, because when I spoke, as soon as your red light hit --- please play the tape. As soon as it hit, you started telling me to sit down, you know that, because I even heard him swearing. Did you swear at them?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, I didn't.

MS. BROWN: What's going on?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You got the wrong guy.

MS. BROWN: Come on now. It was on the radio.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You got the wrong guy. Go get your tape. I didn't swear.

MS. BROWN: When I left --- when I left, there was hollering here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I never swore. First of all ---.

MS. BROWN: Okay. Mr. DeFazio takes care of this. I just want to say this. I just want to say this to you, Mr. Ellenbogen, whatever your name is. I came here and I saw the way the people were --- they were fussing. And the reason why they were fussing is because you're getting ready to dig up under the land, and you're ready to do oil, and so on, and you --- that man stood up and he said, I'm not going to take it; you can't disrespect me. And he left.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yvonne?

MS. BROWN: And he left.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yvonne?

MS. BROWN: And he left.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Hold it. Hold it. Yvonne?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I went in the back.

MS. BROWN: And he went in the back.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Before you go any further, you have to speak on ---.

MS. BROWN: Okay. The deal is --- okay. The deal is since you don't have the papers out there ---. When I signed up, there was ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. You signed up for 8318 or 8339.

MS. BROWN: Yes. But it's not --- there's no papers for me to even --- to refer to. But it said about grants. It said about you having grants. See, I don't have the paper. Then it wasn't out there. But anyway, what I came for --- because if you're giving out grants and things, I came to speak for August Wilson Convention Center. The reason why I came to speak ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You've got to speak about --- well, you could speak after, okay, because you're speaking on the agenda items that are on ---.

MS. BROWN: Yeah, because you said budget. You're having for --- you're going to ---. This is which one, Number 8338?

MR. CATANESE: 8339.

MS. BROWN: 8339? 8339-14. Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget, 2014. Now, the reason why I thought that I could just come and speak, if this is your amending, I was thinking that maybe you could do something with August Wilson's Convention Center. Now, the other reason why I say that is that when I was over at City Council, this Dr. Winters (phonetic) that runs the operation of the Bread Basket all over the world ---. When I was talking to him --- and I says, do you see what's happening to August Wilson? And he said, it's so terrible. He's in Africa. He said, do you realize that they have a thing named after August Wilson? The only reason why I'm saying this is because when you put the August Wilson Center downtown, you made that decision. We wanted it in the Hill. I'm saying that August Wilson is known all over the world. On TV, if you watch Channel 17, they talk about --- quite a few times about August Wilson. I'm saying ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Summarize it, however you will.

MS. BROWN: Yes. Summarizing is that we need to consider helping to fund some money for August Wilson. I seen Dan Onorato finding money for a school, so I'm just asking.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. BROWN: And I'm sorry about --- I'm out of time. But you know, you need to really learn how to talk to people.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Now wait a minute. You've got the wrong --- I know who you're talking about.

MS. BROWN: Oh, yeah. You need to learn how to talk.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, you better get your story straight.

MS. BROWN: Hey, well, sir, let me tell you, if I'm wrong, I am sorry.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right.

MS. BROWN: Sorry. I'm apologizing. I'm not getting smart. I'm apologizing.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8336-14.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council, held on April 22nd, 2014.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

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.  
8318-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Ina Jean Marton, to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (White Oak Park), for a term to expire on June 17th, 2016. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does somebody want to make a ---?

MR. MACEY: Yes, I will.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. Ina Jean Marton has served the Friends of the Park very well for White Oak Park, and therefore, I make a motion to have her reappointed.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

MR. ROBINSON: I second it.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
8319-14. Go ahead.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Amy R. Schrempf to serve as a member of the Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board for a three-year term to expire on September 23rd, 2017. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Appointment Review. Jan?

MS. REA: I think it goes to committee.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Yeah, we'll put that in the Appointment Review Committee, Jan Rea's committee. Okay. Unfinished Business. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 8316-14.

MR. CATANESE: A 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: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. We discussed this and we voted unanimously to move this to full council with an affirmative recommendation, so I make that motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, okay. We're going to do a voice vote --- I mean, a hand vote, a roll call vote.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: 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. 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, 14, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8313-14.

MR. CATANESE: 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: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Thank you. On June 11th, the Parks Committee had met, and we discussed the demolition of several buildings in South Park, and there was a recommendation for Council to send this to the full council for recommendation. I make a move ---

MR. MARTONI: Second.

MR. FUTULES: --- to approve. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. Under remarks?

MS. MEANS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. FUTULES: Motion to approve.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: There's a motion to approve and second.

MS. MEANS: I do have an amendment that I would like for Mr. Barker to pass out for that bill.

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MS. MEANS: May I speak ---?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'll second the amendment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: May I speak to it?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. MEANS: When we had the meeting, the Parks meeting, it occurred to me that we don't know how much it's going to cost the county to demolish these buildings. And I'm sorry; I don't even have that on --- it occurred to me that we don't have a number for how much it's going to cost us to demolish the buildings. And it seems to me that Council should just make a policy always that if we build something, tear something down, that we should know the good government to know how much this project will

cost. Now, I understand that we have an approximate estimate on how much it would cost to tear down the duck pond --- Duck Pond House, the McConkey House, the McConkey Barn; also, the --- I'm sorry, Sedota House. That was estimated at approximately \$33,000, but we don't know how much Schoonamaker Hall is going to cost, because it's right next to a creek. And then we have to get a permit from the DEP, and they have to tell us what we need to do to tear it down.

It's a large building. It was --- and my understanding, it was an airplane hangar. And so I feel very uncomfortable giving just a blank check saying, okay, you can go ahead with this project, without knowing how much it's going to cost. I would feel much better knowing how much it would cost. But I realize that these projects have been on the books to go ahead for quite some time. It's a good thing for the park. I also realize that in the budget, there is earmarked \$170,000 for demolition in all the parks, but I just feel uncomfortable. That's why I proposed a cap that all of the demolition of all these properties would be under \$135,000. And then if it exceeds that, that they have to come back to us. So that's my ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You said \$135,000?

MS. MEANS: \$135,000 --- \$135,000.

MR. FUTULES: Your amendment says \$133,000.

MS. MEANS: I'm sorry. Does it say --- I'm sorry, \$133,000. Okay. Thank you for correcting me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Yeah, go ahead. Start with Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Well, I just wanted to say that although Councilwoman Means' thoughts are very good, the situation here is these buildings have to come down regardless. And there are asbestos items in this --- in these halls, which --- sometimes you can get into it and you don't know what you're dealing with. And with that creek there, sometimes when you're tearing stuff down --- you know, you don't know where that creek goes. Sometimes there's issues in the foundation that you don't see until you get up under it. So sometimes it would be kind of hard to say, you know, in the middle of a project, well, you know, I spent \$133,000. Okay. Here we go. There's an outlet to the creek running underneath this foundation that has a little bridge under it, and what are we going to do about that? But the minute we go in there, we don't

isolate it. I'm just giving you an example, but you know, so ---. I mean, I think you know what I mean. I mean, it's a great thought, but in construction --- and you know, I hate to do this because Nick always gets me. I ran that park for a while when I was Chief of Special Services, so I'm very familiar with those buildings. And they probably should have been torn down a long time ago; so thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Mr. Futules is next.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah. Sue, I understand your concern, but I think what we need to do is ask our county manager to come up to clarify what he's already done at the committee meeting, that there are some certain unknowns. And there was a budget cap that they did have in mind, and I'd like to ask him to come up and clarify these --- that for us.

MR. MCKAIN: As we discussed at the committee, for the four buildings that came in, we asked that --- the bids were actually \$35,000. As Council member Means says, we do have a line item budget block that was approved by Council for \$175,000. The Schoonamaker bid will be in this week, and we'll evaluate that. We always build in for the projects that come to Council, you know, stock cost and park cost. There's advertising and there's, you know, budget management, if appropriate. We believe that the budget block that we have of \$175,000 is sufficient to move forward. If controls are that it isn't, we would come back to County Council and ask for a transfer. We would ask --- we would identify where that payment would go to the Budget and Finance Committee and move the money.

The controls in the county are that I cannot void a contract or pay bills until the appropriate appropriations are funded. So I do believe that the budget block is already approved for \$175,000. The controls are in place. If the cost would exceed that, we would come back to Council. I do think we have enough money. These are exciting projects. I understand the merits of the legislation; however, I would respectfully say that it's in the budget, and if we would have to exceed that, we would come back.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Why, I think our --- thank you, Mr. President. I think our county manager explained it quite well. Whether you're building or tearing down, there are change orders, and change orders can come about because of

the unknown. And I think Councilwoman Means is --- her thoughts are in the right direction, but there again, what you're doing is you're hindering the job in the process of being completed in a timely manner. For them to come back and ask for additional money is micromanaging, and I think we ought to just allow this project to go forward. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other remarks? Go ahead.

MS. DANKO: This is a question for Mr. McKain. You said the budget block is \$175,000. And based on what Council member Means said, that was for all the parks? So is there no plan to demolish anything else in any park during this fiscal year?

MR. MCKAIN: These are the ones that we're doing now. The capital --- we have many capital projects that haven't begun yet. If there's going to be any more, we would come back to Council, as we're required to, to demolish in the Administrative Code. So we're still valuing this. We've determined these as the five most egregious. But if we do, we'll come back, because we have to.

MS. DANKO: So you're saying, basically, that when you budgeted the \$175,000, you were basically just budgeting for South Park?

MR. MCKAIN: Actually, yes. Looking at the budget block, it actually identifies, you know, at the time in 2013, work that would have been in South Park, and we're following up on that. We do have a greater need countywide to look at our other parks. I'm not sure if I'm answering your question, but if we are going to do any others, we'll come back. These are the five that we're doing.

MS. DANKO: And if you come back, we would have to amend the budget and cut somewhere else and add it there?

MR. MCKAIN: If we didn't have the funding. Again, this is a '13, so we may have other projects that are appropriate that are funded. This one is very specific, demolition of parks building. If I wanted to, in your situation, the way you asserted it, knock something down in the budgeted budget, I'd have to come back, yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Sue?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah. So he's essentially saying anything over \$175,000, then you have to come back to us. But anything up to that, you don't; correct? Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Sue?

MS. MEANS: Well, my comment is if Mr. McKain believes that he will have the bids by next week, then I don't know why we can't wait until July 1, the next time we meet. And we can put this on hold and then have a better amount of money, then we can vote on it then.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I think it's pretty well explained there. If there is a possibility of some other demolition going on in any of the parks, the administration will put up an ordinance or resolution and it will come to us just as this has come because that is park property. And it's County property. And according to the Charter, they can't do anything until we look at it. So that's where we're at. So I see no reason why to wait. Let's get it started.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Seeing no more comments, let's take a roll call on the amendment first.

MR. CATANESE: This is on the amendment. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Ms. Danko?
MS. DANKO:	Aye.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN:	No.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY:	No.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES:	No.
MR. CATANESE:	Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS:	No.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY:	No.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI:	No.
MR. CATANESE:	Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS:	Yes.
MR. CATANESE:	Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE:	No.
MR. CATANESE:	Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: No.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?  
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes 5, noes, 9, the bill fails.  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: The amendment.  
MR. CATANESE: The amendment fails, sorry.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Now we go to the main

motion.

MR. FUTULES: I make a motion.  
MR. FINNERTY: And second.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Remarks? Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I would just like to ask Mr. McKain a question and a comment. And I asked this last time. There was a press release issued by the administration and the title said South Park Buildings to be Demolished. And then at the very bottom it said County Council has to vote on it. And then this evening I was careful to write down the comments of the County Executive and it said --- he said that these buildings are going to be demolished and then parenthetically he said, if we vote on it. And I just want to understand from the administration's perspective, why are we even voting on it if these things have already been decided?

MR. MCKAIN: I don't do the press releases. I came to this Council and in consultation with the law department it's appropriate to receive your authority. That's why I'm recommending that we vote affirmatively on this.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, I would just say as one member of Council that, you know, I certainly feel that many of the things that we do here are already pre-decided. So I certainly don't --- I certainly hope that we don't get into a situation where the press releases announcing to the public completely diminish our role in this County. Because we could certainly vote this evening to not demolish those buildings.

MR. MCKAIN: If I may, I have to pay a lot of respect toward Council and what they do for us. Otherwise, I wouldn't be here working with you.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I know you do.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: So the bottom line is we have to vote one way or the other on this. No matter what

they say in the paper, no matter what anyone says, we still have to vote and make a decision.

MR. FUTULES: It was discussed at the committee meeting that not only are these buildings dangerous, they're a public safety hazard. You talk about people drinking in them --- and this is a public safety issue that this Council has been talking about for years, okay, and we just didn't have the money. Now that we've got the money, and we're arguing over something that's right. I think this is a good project because it's for safety of moving South Park forward towards the future of their master plan of rebuilding. So before you rebuild, you have to tear down the old stuff. So I don't see any problem with this and I really feel that this Council does have that decision to make that vote yes or no. But I'm making a vote, not because the Chief Executive suggested it, but it's a public safety issue and it's the best thing for the people of South Hills at this time. And that's why I think I'm voting in that way, because it's what best for them and that park.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Actually, I'll defer to Councilwoman Means. She did have her hand up.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. MEANS: I just wanted to say that I think it's a good project. I think it needs done. I agree with Councilman Futules, it's a safety hazard. I want to see it move forward. I just think it's a good idea, you know, to know what something's going to cost before we say yes. But I definitely want to move forward with it, especially since it --- if it happens soon, it will be done by December and it will coincide with refurbishing the oval. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Well, I just wanted to say that --- and probably more so than anyone, Councilman Palmiere, who spends an inordinate amount of time down in that park will tell you this is something that those communities, they want them torn down. I can vouch for the structures from here to --- that should have been torn down in the '90s. That's how bad they have been. They are a dangerous situation. They need to move forward. And they need to move forward in a timely manner so that they can get it done and it will not interfere with the rest of the summer events that will be happening in that park.

As far as these things being in the media, I mean, if they do say if Council votes on it, I don't really --- I mean, the rest of it is assuming one way or the other, you know, if the media did say that, you know, if they voted on it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I think --- Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. This is in the 2013 budget. It's already been approved, so I would assume, just like the media assumes, that it's something that's been --- going to pass. In addition to that, we moved and passed it in the committee. In committee, media is there. Media heard us move and pass it without any objections. So there again, it could be ineffectual. I certainly don't come to this Council meeting with a presupposed inclination that I'm going to vote for everything just because it's something that the administration wants. Laugh if you will, but I'm here to serve my constituents and that's what I think I'm doing.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Councilwoman Rea?

MS. REA: Thank you, Mr. President. The reason I didn't support the amendment and I'm so pro to get this done as fast as we can is I did ask a few years ago to evaluate all the properties in the park. It would cost us more to keep those buildings there to police them, to go in and fix them every time there is vandalism. And God forbid there really would be a tragedy in one of those buildings. We have a barn in North Park and Andy is probably aware of it. I mean, I hold my breath that someone isn't in that barn when that thing caves in. So I'm really pro get moving on these buildings in the park that do need torn down. It would cost a lot less money than to try to refurbish or do anything else to them, a lot more than \$170,000 to go in and repair anything. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Councilman Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd just like to say that I think we're talking about transparency, releasing things to the press. And usually there's a press release of all items that the Chief Executive sends to us. And that's done about three or four days before our meetings. I think it's important that the public knows what we're voting on. And I think that is what's important, to know what we're voting on, not to have a release of what's going on --- would

actually make it kind of cloudy what's going on. So you know, it does specifically say that this is what is being proposed but Council has to vote on it for it to go forward. And I think that's very transparent. Thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. Chairman, I call for a vote.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You could do that.

MR. PALMIERE: I did.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, that takes two-thirds.

MR. MACEY: Why don't you let her speak

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, it's up to him.

MR. PALMIERE: I didn't realize she had her hand up. I'll defer. Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I just want to clarify what I was saying that I think everyone misunderstood. What my objection is, is not to tearing these buildings down because I'm a yes for that. My objection is that things are announced in the press that they're happening before we vote on them. It should be the proposal is to tear down the buildings, Council will vote. Instead of, the buildings are coming down, oh, by the way, Council has to vote yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We got it. Okay, press, remember that, we're the boss. Okay. Let's have a roll call vote.

MR. CATANESE: This is on Bill 8313-14. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: 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. 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 14, noes, 0, bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Report. Anyone have a liaison report? Seeing one over here, Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thanks, John. I just want to remind people that West Mifflin No. 3 Volunteer Fire Company has a car cruise for all you antique car buffs out there. It's every Wednesday from 5:30 to 8:30 at the No. 3 Fire Hall on Rodeo Drive in West Mifflin. It's one of the ways we raise money to help pay for equipment and to help get different accessories. So remember, every Wednesday. The last four Wednesdays, though, have been rained out. But let's hope and pray that we're going to get some nice Wednesdays and make some money. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Sure. Thank you. The County Executive mentioned earlier that there was a nice spread in Allegheny West Magazine about -- Mr. Finnerty and I read. It's for the Pittsburgh Botanical Gardens and we would celebrate that as well here. It's not what the County Executive talked about earlier today. And Governor Corbett honoring the amazing work that's done there by the Pittsburgh Botanical Gardens. So Mr. Finnerty and I were on hand just to provide some words and a resolution from Council. Mr. Finnerty did about 90 percent of the talking. But it was a very nice celebration and we were honored to be part of it. And I should mention he also makes fun of me for talking about Big Brothers, Big Sisters too much. But we do have a big conference coming up on August 5th and it's going to be a great day-long conference of all the Big Brothers and Big Sisters serving the state, the president as well of our state association. We're having a statewide conference. All Council, I'll be putting these in your mailbox. You're all invited to come in. If you want to recognize it as Big Brothers/Big Sisters Day in Allegheny County, we'd love to have you there. And we do have --- Mr. Finnerty also has his daughter --- actually, her little sister just graduated

from our program as an 18-year-old coming out so we're very proud of his daughter, Lynn, and all the good she's done over the years. And we do have 212 children in the community that are waiting for a Big. So we would love for a Big so we would love for anyone watching or here in the room to step up and be a Big Brother or Big Sister in our program. Thanks, Mr. Finnerty.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Finnerty and Heather.

MR. FINNERTY: I'd just like to say that I don't mean to make fun of that at all. I'd just like to --- I think it's a great organization and I like that you emphasize it, that's important. And I'd like to pick up on it and say something to get it out there also.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: He tells me he sees himself as your Big Brother, so that's why ---.

MR. FINNERTY: But I did pin him by the way. I'd just like to mention about Neighborhood Works Western Pennsylvania. They had an open house June the 13th and their mission is to create greater neighborhood wealth through accessible financial education, coaching and community leadership. It's a very good organization and if you would get a chance, you might --- if you're having a problem with your housing or anything of that nature, it would be a smart move on your part to get in touch with the Neighborhood Works Western Pennsylvania. They could probably help you out. And I'll give you the telephone number if you want to call them. They are located, by the way, at 1710 Fifth Avenue, which is right down the street from here. It's 412-281-1100. So if you want to give them a call --- and their website is [www.nwwpa.org](http://www.nwwpa.org). So if you want to look into that and hopefully they can help you out. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MR. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes. As most of you know, the Pittsburgh Community Food Bank came to County Council to report on several occasions. And on one occasion they asked if anyone could assist them with increasing donations to the food bank and/or providing food to the poor of our community. So I took them up on that offer and last Saturday we had our fourth Garden Grow Tomato Giveaway. And the program based on some things we were able to do with Controller Wagner's Office and the law firm, Leech Tishman, that I am employed with, we were able to go from 3,000 tomato plants given away last year to the

poor in our community to 10,000 tomato plants, peppers, cucumbers.

And we were also able to give huge buckets filled with soil so that if you were elderly poor and you didn't have any place to plant, you could put a bucket in your house in a nice sunny place and grow tomatoes. We also encouraged all the folks that came through if they had more tomatoes that they grew that they couldn't use themselves, to provide tomatoes to their neighbors. And so it was an extraordinarily wonderful event. This is my third one. I'm going to go to my next one next Saturday at the North Side. In our community, there are a number of people who are still searching for food. At the Braddock Giveaway the line was wrapped twice around the facility and we served 250 families last Saturday. And each person that took a plant was just so filled with joy and happiness. They were really excited about this new program. So it was really my pleasure to be a part of that.

The second liaison report is a question for, really, Mr. McKain. In the Post Gazette this morning I read about your efforts to try to get FMLA under control here in the County which I laud you for. I think that's an excellent effort. We're always trying to make government more efficient. But what I'm wondering is if you might please report to us on --- as you implement this project, sort of what you find in terms of the losses that we've had in the County on improper FMLA. And what savings that you anticipate as we go forward, what you see in the first month, you know, just regularly report to us because I think it's a very important initiative we get those costs under control. Would you be willing to do that, Mr. McKain?

MR. MCKAIN: We do think it's a good investment. We are such a service-oriented organization. Our greatest asset are our personnel. We want to make sure that we have the right tools to monitor those activities. Of course, every employee has rights within the law under policies and procedures. We will be rolling that out and still, quite frankly, haven't executed the contract yet. One of the challenges and a comment is we really don't have a baseline because we've been so fragmented. So now we're going to be a central deposit so we certainly can get statistics. We certainly can share those with a program to make sure that we're not violating any HIPAA

and collective bargaining, things like that. But one of the goals is to measure that performance. So once we get our arms around it and figure out the appropriate measurements, sure. We do believe that there will be savings. One of the hard things to measure is dollar savings, sometimes their productivity and efficiency and those things. But I don't know how we can evaluate what we're doing unless we measure it. So to answer your question, I think we have to figure out how we measure and then share.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Councilwoman Means first.

MS. MEANS: I just wanted to challenge all the chairmans of the committees who haven't met this year to please meet. Because I was looking over this review of all the different bills that have been entered with the Council, and there are so many of them that are just sitting in committee. And correct me if I'm wrong, that the only bill that wasn't introduced by the County Executive that had passed this body is the one that Councilman Palmiere and I changed the term of the office of the Council from one to two years. So there's a lot of good legislation that's sitting in these committees. And so I would like to please encourage my fellow Council members that are chairmen to please meet so we can discuss these bills. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Who was next, John?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. I just wanted to --- I touched on it earlier about the Obediah Cole Foundation and their race on Sunday. I want to make a couple comments about that. First of all, I want to congratulate Robin Cole and Jerry --- Jerry whose name --- I can't remember the last name. But anyhow, those gentlemen were instrumental in starting this foundation to raise money for awareness. When I --- I think this was the eighth one this year. And when we started out I think there were like 400 runners. And on Sunday, we had over 2,500 runners. And that's just a wonderful indication of the interest and the support that this city and this county and the constituents give to these different races and different causes. It was really nice. And I really felt good when I saw all those people there because that's a lot of work putting those things on, especially in reference to a wonderful cause.

The other thing I wanted to mention, too, Mr. President, if I may, the 4th of July parade, Brentwood parade has --- I think we're the largest in Allegheny County as far as parades are concerned. The one in Monroeville also and another large one in Canonsburg, which happens to be Washington County. I want to invite all my colleagues here. Please let me know who's coming so I can make arrangements. Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay. Ms. Danko, are you coming?

MS. DANKO: I already talked to you.

MR. PALMIERE: I want to make sure because he called me today and he wants to know who's coming to make arrangements. I don't want to put this on anyone, but what about you, Jimmy?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Leave us alone.

MR. PALMIERE: I'm putting you on the spot. I want you to come.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I can't.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay. Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Oh, definitely, no. I have communities I have to go to.

MR. PALMIERE: Well, I just wanted to know. Okay. Heather, you're going to be out of town?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm going to a wedding.

MR. PALMIERE: How about you, Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: I'll be there.

MR. PALMIERE: Are you going to be there?

MR. KRESS: I have to check my schedule.

I haven't missed the last ---.

MR. PALMIERE: Sue, Jan, Bill?

MR. ROBINSON: I'll be there.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more liaison reports, I'll go to 8337-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance Number 07-06 and 31-08 existing schedule of facility and recreational rates and fees for the use of County recreational and park facilities. Sponsored by Councilman Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll put it in the Parks committee?

MR. FUTULES: Oh, yeah, parks subcommittee. No discussion tonight.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay. I'd like to cosponsor that, Mr. President; may I?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. PALMIERE: I'd like to cosponsor.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I also.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Ellenbogen also. 8338-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the creation of a working group to study the John J. Kane Regional Centers for the purpose of evaluating the potential for their partial or complete privatization. Sponsored by Council members Heidelbaugh and Robinson.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I believe there are some other cosponsors.

MS. MEANS: I'd like to cosponsor.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: May I speak to this because this might be my only opportunity?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead and speak. This will go into the Health and Human Services, but you can make a quick statement on it. Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. As everyone knows, there's four regional centers for the Kanes. And for at least the past 11 years the Kanes have collectively operated at a loss ranging from \$1.2 million to \$10.2 million per year. And from 2003 through 2011 alone, these operating losses totaled \$27.5 million. When I first came onboard here, we raised the millage in this County by a mill in order to fill a funding gap of \$12 million. So this is twice, more than twice that funding gap the first year that we raised taxes that we could save an enormous amount of money.

In 2006, the Kanes --- there was a study done and the Kanes operated at a loss of only \$1.2 million, but in the four years since the action plan was released, the operating losses range from \$1.8 million to \$4.2 million. And the Kanes collectively lose approximately \$2 million per day to this --- \$2 million per year to this day. So what this resolution is designed to do is to have all of us each appoint one person to come together as a working group to study this issue and put everything out on the table to look at what the Kanes are doing, look at the occupancy rate, the certified beds, looking at what other counties are doing --- because Beaver County shut down all --- sold all of their nursing homes. And to come up with facts, figures and possible recommendations for us to have

to look at this. Because this is a huge driver of costs in this County. And the only requirement is that if the people that each of us get to appoint have a background in either healthcare or finances.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: It's going into committee.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Oh, I can't wait until we have a committee hearing on this.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. 8339-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014, Submission 09-14. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That goes to Budget and Finance. 8340-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution ratifying certain year-end transfers pursuant to Section 805.03 of the Administrative Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go in Budget and Finance. Notification of Contracts, 8341-14.

MR. CATANESE: Summary of approved Executive Actions for all departments from 5/1/14 through 5/31/14 to be received and filed. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. FINNERTY: I make a motion.

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. Public Comment. We have four. First one, what is it, Donna L. Hanlon?

MS. HANLON: All right. Thank you. Good evening. My name is Donna Hanlon. I'm the supervisor of the Allegheny County Fifth Judicial District. I'm a part of Allegheny County's Association for Court Supervisors. We're a meet and discuss group. We're not a union group. The whole reason that we have this group is because we've had a history of lack of communication with our human resources, management, administration at Allegheny County. I'm here today because we've had some salary compression issues that we've been asking them to resolve for many years that have continued to be a problem. On the packet that I gave you, if you flip to the second page, that's a copy of the Allegheny County Fifth Judicial District webpage. On there I underlined a document because it says --- well, let me go back a little bit. Honorable Judge

Donna McDaniel in 2011 did a survey to figure out what some of the problems with adult court, family court, child --- juvenile court. And one of the issues that was brought to her attention in this proactive move was that the salary compression issues with Allegheny County had to be addressed. That was 2010.

On her webpage, she states that there's a final report detailing strategies to address salary compression issues. So when I saw that on the webpage, I called her office and I asked if I could see this report, like what are your ideas, include us in this conversation, let us know what --- how you're going to resolve our salary compression issues. Her answer to me was that it's --- I'm sorry, I'm speaking on behalf of her staff. I actually didn't talk to her directly, but her staff told me that it wasn't a public document yet because it's been sent to the County Council to review. I'm just curious before I go any further if any of you have seen this document in any way, shape or form. I really kind of expected that answer. I didn't think any of you have seen this document. If you between now and the next Council meeting can go back to your desk and try to find anything that would help us to figure out what she's talking about, we would really appreciate it.

When myself and other supervisors got the position with the County, they were told we would get longevity after ten years of service. We have not gotten that. We've been told --- we haven't gotten that for probably about six years. The employees who did get it prior to their ten year anniversary --- I mean, because they were already at their ten-year anniversary, it has become completely stagnant. So the other issue that we have is we've been trying to communicate peacefully and reaching out, you know, with letters. I included a copy of one letter that we sent out to Richard Fitzgerald that was cc'd to numerous county executives and county administrators. This is just one letter. I probably have a stack of at least 20 in the past two years, more if you go back further than that. But we're just asking him to come and meet and discuss with us, have a conversation with us regarding what is the problem with our salaries, why are they able to give people below us raises, they're able to give people above us, managers, raises, but yet all the supervisors in Allegheny County, their salaries are stagnant?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Why don't you wrap it up.

MS. HANLON: I'll wrap it up. Myself and all my fellow supervisors work hard ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wrap it quick because I get it from both ends. You've got ten seconds.

MS. HANLON: I'm introducing these concerns today. I'll be happy to answer any questions you have. Mark Kelly, who's the president of our little organization that we have, is requested to be on your agenda for the July 1st Council meeting as an agenda item. So I would really like for you to take my comments back to your offices, research and seriously consider adding this as an agenda item. Because we're not getting anywhere with the administration. We need your help to try to push this through. Do you have any questions? Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Lester Ludwig?

MR. LUDWIG: My name is Les Ludwig. I live at 6589 Rosemoor Street, Squirrel Hill. As a result of many weeks of watching --- watching what, watching the newspaper, every newspaper practically in the country covered one particular sore spot. And that was graduates from college, from undergrad school, with serious problems, \$30,000 debt, 13 percent of the people who have these loans can't pay them. And then our President, thank God, did something. He signed an Executive Order to allow for a lower interest rate. But what we're not really looking at is what we're doing to our children. Let's go back and think in terms of a statement that has always stuck with me, the future of the world is in whose hands, in our children's hands. And when we tie those hands to a disadvantage, starting out in life with \$30,000 in debt or even worse yet, saying I can't go to college because I can't stand the thought of being \$30,000 in debt, therefore, the heck with it. And yet, the Post-Gazette analysis of government ends up with a very direct statement that an Undergrad degree is still a great investment and leads to more employment than when you don't have one. So now, what is it that we can do?

Well, I've done something. I've done research and I found a source of funding that would have no effect, no ill effect, and if government steps in and says, let's get this done so that we can send the kids to college and have the benefit of all the children being able to go forward, promise program included, where there's gaps, serious gaps because you don't get the 10,000 just for

good looks. You only get it if you show up from day one in the public school system. So what I'm asking for is a contract because I have the information. And when I have that contract in hand and I know what it is that you --- that we're all on the same together, we'll see that the money is there and we may be able to send them all to school without any debt.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wrap it up.

MR. LUDWIG: That's it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, good. Thanks. Take care. Does anyone want to make a motion to adjourn? Oh, I got to turn the page over. All right. Dr. Ron Miller.

DR. MILLER: I'm Dr. Ronald Miller, 40 Beltzhoover Avenue, Pittsburgh, 412-381-3753. I'm a Global Intelligence Society candidate for Pennsylvania Governor in 2014 and for Pittsburgh Mayor, 2017, advancing Pennsylvania as a global state, the whole state, Pittsburgh, a global city, candidacies announced by me in November/December 2013. In talking to the Pennsylvania State Police and County officers in Greene, Washington, Beaver, Lawrence, Mercer, Crawford, Erie, Warren, McKean, Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wayne, Pike, Monroe, Northampton, Bucks, Philadelphia, Delaware, Lancaster, York, Adams, Franklin, Fulton, Somerset and Fayette, Pennsylvania counties and Allegheny, all in large, that they cannot stand the flow of unregistered, illegal aliens into Pennsylvania under the present circumstances. Talk to the police. Non-U.S. Americans are here in Pittsburgh, in Philadelphia and elsewhere in our state. How are they getting here? Through the sieves that are our state and county borders. What do we do? I think that we should create a Fortress Pennsylvania, the model for which is Pittsburgh and Allegheny.

I introduced Fortress Pennsylvania 5/8/2014 to Pittsburgh City Council and I have had hundreds of inquiries about this issue that I've introduced. I advocate building a wall on the interior boundary of our state 900 miles or 1,900 kilometers at a cost of \$20 million per mile. The upper side surface of the wall should be 30 meters or 30 feet wide for a highway capable of transporting cars, trucks, tanks and drones if necessary. The upper level would be able to be lowered a range of ten meters or 430 feet via a steel concrete hydraulic system made in the state. The lower subsurface level would be principally space for a Maglev subway

system circumscribing Pennsylvania to eventually link all five major regions of the state. The wall would have towers every 20 kilometers or 10 miles. The wall would be able to intercept missiles and drones to shield our citizens from sub gamma radiation via an electromagnetic field to neutralize dangerous chemicals and sterilize deadly microorganisms by releasing microbicides. The wall would be able to stop and start transmission of economic and financial trade data that goes in milliseconds.

The wall would have solar panels on each side of the subsurface roadway for supplying electrical power to the wall and for making an independent Pennsylvania electrical bridge for generating supply to Pennsylvania residents if and when the U.S. regional grid would fail. The wall would provide a landline cable foundation for PA internet, the towers for microwave service. The wall would put tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians to work in defense of their state and our county. The estimated \$18 to \$20 billion cost would not be paid for by Pennsylvania taxpayers and would not be primarily a Pennsylvania State or Allegheny County government project. The wall would be paid for by the Fortress Pennsylvania corporation or Allegheny or Pittsburgh and Philadelphia corporations owned by the people of the state via the purchase of shares by the Bank of Pennsylvania and by fees from subway use, PA internet and electricity sharing.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does someone want to make a motion? I still have to call a name. Joni? Where are you at, Joni? Okay. All right.

MR. FINNERTY: Make a motion to adjourn.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Other remarks? Hearing no further remarks, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

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

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