

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. The meeting will come to order. Please be seated. Will you all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and remain standing for silent prayer --- prayer or reflection. After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: As we stand, I would also like to make mention that we say an extra prayer --- or do whatever you want to do at this time --- for Sophie Masloff, who passed away. We'll do some things later, but for now just --- let's take a moment of silent prayer or reflection right now.

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here (via telephone).

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

(No response.)

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 currently present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Proclamations/
Certificates. 8379-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Fort Pitt Block House and thanking the Fort Pitt Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Allegheny County for their work to preserve and protect this historical treasure. Sponsored by Council Members Green Hawkins, Means, Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I understand that Liz Wheatley, President of the Fort Pitt Society, is here with us this evening. I'd ask her to join us. Do you want to do this first?

MS. MEANS: Okay. It's a great honor on behalf of all of County Council and my fellow councilwoman, Amanda Green Hawkins, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Fort Pitt Block House. History, history, history, your history. This is our history. The Fort Pitt Block House is the oldest existing structure in the City of Pittsburgh. It was built by the British after the French and Indian War. Hey, you can correct me if I'm wrong. I'm sure you're the one ---.

MS. WHEATLEY: No, you're fine.

MS. MEANS: And it was built by General John Forbes --- Forbes Avenue, and it was named after William Pitt, the British Secretary of State. And he later became Prime Minister. It was first called --- the area was first called Pitt's Borough; right? It was called Pitt's Borough. I love history. History challenges us all to do our very best for this generation and for generations to come. History makes us remember the sacrifice that others have made before us. We celebrate today the endeavors of the pioneers who came before us. They dreamed of a new life, a better life in the new world. They are a part of our history.

And today we also want to make mention to the Daughters of the American --- Daughters of the American Revolution. Because of their efforts over a hundred years ago, they preserved the site. The industrialists wanted to move it or take it away, but because of their efforts --- and their efforts continue today --- they preserved this part of history for all of us to remember. And now Amanda is going to read the proclamation.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you.

WHEREAS, the construction in 1764 of the Fort Pitt Block House has served as a center for trade, diplomacy, independence. The block house is all that remains of Fort Pitt, one of the largest and most elaborate British forts in North America and a key defense during the French and Indian War; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Pitt Block House, recognized as part of the forts of the Ohio National Historic Landmark, has been preserved and administered by the Fort Pitt Society of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution since 1894; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Pitt Block House stands in the Point in downtown Pittsburgh because of the Daughters of the American Revolution's brave fight against the industrialists, including Henry Clay Frick and the Pennsylvania Railroad that wanted the block house either moved or demolished. Edith Darlington Ammon wrote the legislation that became the historic site back in 1906, which provided for the protection of the Fort Pitt Block House and other historic sites throughout Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, many activities and events will be held throughout 2014, including the Block House 250 Gala Celebration on September 11th, 2014, at the Wyndham Grand Hotel, to highlight the significance of the block house in early Pittsburgh and American history, and to celebrate the remarkable women who worked tirelessly for more than 100 years to preserve and protect this historical treasure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Fort Pitt Block House, and we commend the Fort Pitt Society of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for their continuing dedicated efforts to the preservation of the Fort Pitt Block House. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. WHEATLEY: Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. It's truly an honor to be here tonight and receive this award on behalf of the Fort Pitt Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. As many of you know, the Fort Pitt Block House is the oldest authenticated structure in Pittsburgh, and it's the only part of the four forts that have stood in what we know today as Point State Park that is still standing. It was

originally built as a defensive redoubt to Fort Pitt, but that's not all.

For example, do you know that it served as a residence? At one time, they had two separate families living in the Fort Pitt Block House. There was a time when the Pennsylvania Railroad wanted to demolish it or at least move it to Schenley Park. But because of the tireless work of my predecessors in the Fort Pitt Society, State Representative Michael Kennedy and many of the good people of Pittsburgh, it remains today in its original location. Its purpose may have changed but it has adapted over time, and it stands proud, a microcosm of this great city of Pittsburgh and in the place where Pittsburgh itself was born. Please come down and see us any time, whenever you get an opportunity. This is a great year to visit; 250 years not just of block house history but Pittsburgh's history, and we would love to see you.

I am tremendously proud to stand here today and accept this award, but it would not be possible without the relentless effort of my team of volunteers and the block house staff, who have worked so hard to make this year such a special one. Once again, thank you so much for this award. I'm truly honored to know that our work has been recognized, and the Fort Pitt Block House holds such a place in the hearts of all the wonderful people of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. WHEATLEY: Can I have them in the picture?

MS. MEANS: Sure.

MS. WHEATLEY: They're part of our team. This is my middle daughter (indicating), Amelia Wheatley, and one of our associate members and good friend of ours, Phyllis Bianculli.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8394-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation designating the month of August 2014 as Immunization Awareness Month in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Palmiere, Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Rea, Robinson and Danko.

MR. PALMIERE: Hi. Good evening, everyone, members of Council, Mr. President. The proclamation tonight designating the month of 2014 (sic) as

Immunization Awareness Month in Allegheny County, and I'm glad to have our Director of the Health Department, Dr. Karen Hacker, with us. There's a whole list of communicable diseases I'm not going to read here. I'm going to tell you that right now. I want to thank our lady over here for putting them all in here. This is just wonderful. Holy mackerel.

WHEREAS --- I'm going to just read the proclamation, then I'll let Dr. Hacker speak here.

WHEREAS, each year children, adolescents and adults die from vaccine-preventable diseases or their complications; and

WHEREAS, the burden of vaccine-preventable disease occurs in Pennsylvania among people of all cultures, races and ethnic and societal group; and

WHEREAS, safe and effective vaccines are readily available to protect against disease, disability and death from communicable diseases, including --- forget that; all right --- we're leaving the communicable diseases.

WHEREAS, the Allegheny County Health Department, Infectious Disease Division provides adult, childhood and travel vaccinations. And the Allegheny County Immunization Coalition is a growing alliance of physicians, pharmacists, teachers, human service workers, community members interested in promoting immunizations of healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, every August the National Immunization Awareness Month campaign is devoted to increasing public knowledge, acceptance and use of vaccines to protect individuals against serious and sometimes deadly diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby proclaim August as Immunization Awareness Month in Allegheny County. We urge parents, young people and adults to make sure that they and their loved ones are up to date on their immunizations. And we thank the Allegheny County Health Department and Allegheny County Immunization Coalition for working to protect our community from preventable diseases. Now I'll let Dr. Hacker speak to the place. You go on and name those diseases.

DR. HACKER: I don't think I'm going to name them all. First of all, I just want to thank everyone for this proclamation, the immunization coalition and, in particular, a shout out to Sharon Silvestri, who's been the head of our infectious disease program for quite a

long time. They've just done an amazing job of, really, advertising, educating the public and making everyone aware of the fact that immunizations are really probably one of our greatest successes in public health at preventing a whole variety of these lists of infectious diseases. Literally, immunizations have changed the face, particularly, of childhood illnesses. Now that doesn't mean that occasionally we don't get a case of measles, which I'm sure everybody's heard about, because it gets a lot of press and we spend a lot of time ---. But obviously, without these immunizations and without people getting them, it would be a very, very different picture. We continue to have to promote these things. There are new vaccines that come on board all the time. One of the ones that we are really interested in now is something called HPV, or human papilloma virus vaccine. It is the only vaccine that we have that actually helps to prevent cancer, and yet we know that it's very under-utilized by young people.

And we're going to try to promote that, along with our partners in the coalition. With that said, of course, I'm going to put in a plug for flu vaccine. Flu season is just around the corner. September is, I think, when I usually get my vaccine on the radio. So I want to just urge everyone to remember that. And of course, all the children who are returning to school, certainly those kindergarteners and the seventh graders are going to be asked for their vaccine records. So for those who have children those ages, please make sure that they're up to date. So thank you again for this.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: We're going to go over here and take a picture in a second. I just want to also say that as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, I'm really honored to be able to work with Dr. Hacker. And we have a lot of nice things coming up in the future, and we'll keep you all apprised of what's going on. Now, we'll go over here and this is for you.

DR. HACKER: Okay.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8395-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing Mr. Bryant Andrews-Nino, for his remarkable accomplishments and outstanding community service. Sponsored by Council

Members Danko, Robinson, Means, Green Hawkins, Martoni, Finnerty, DeFazio and Kress.

MR. BAKER: Mr. President, can I be added, too?
I'm Joe.

MS. DANKO: This is a great story. I think as most of my colleagues know, I've served as an adjunct faculty member at Pitt and CCAC over the years. And a few months ago, I was reading a Pitt Chronicle, and I read this remarkable article and I thought, I know that student. And I went back and I went through my grade book and I said, yes, in fact, I did have him in my class. And I can remember where he was sitting. And the story that I'm going to tell you --- I had no idea when he was in my class. He was always such an upbeat, positive presence in the class. You know, he had good attendance. He got a good grade. And I just --- there's a couple other things I'll say but first this goes, kind of, with this proclamation, too. I was reading an op-ed by Nicholas Kristof last week. And it said, those who start on third often don't see their advantages. And I'll just read a couple sentences here. It says, one delusion comment among American successful people is that they triumph because of hard work and intelligence. In fact, their big break came when they were conceived in middle class American families who loved them, read them stories and nurtured them with Little League sports, library cards and music lessons. They were programmed for success by the time they were zygots, yet many are oblivious of their own advantages and other people's disadvantages.

I mean, I can say that, being one of the people that --- I won the parent lottery, so I had the parents that did all this. Bryant was not so fortunate. I gave out this article for all of you to read. I don't know how many of you did read it. But without going into a lot of detail --- and some of it may be in the proclamation, I want to say that clearly Bryant wasn't one of those people that was born on third base, but he's done tremendously well in his life. I was so thrilled to read this article and then to have him agree to come down here and get this proclamation. So I'll read the proclamation, and I don't know if Mr. Robinson wants to say something now or wait. Why don't you come on up?

MR. ROBINSON: I always want to say something. Thank you very much for including me, Councilwoman Danko. I just had an opportunity to meet this gentleman before

our opening prayer. I just want to say a couple quick things. The proclamation will say it all, except what I'm going to say. This young man has some aspirations to join those of us who engage in politics and in public service. I want to encourage him to keep his story. Nothing aids you more in politics than a poor story. If you've got a poor story to tell, tell it. It probably resounds better than all your college education and all the other nice things that you're going to say.

If you've been poor and you came up on the rough side of the mountain and you succeeded, tell people that. The average person relates to that. And that's as good a reason as any to vote for you or to support you. This is a country full of poor people, as well as others who are not poor. And for those who were not born on third base, you had to be at bat. I remember something that John Stallworth said once, and I pass this on to this young man. Someone asked him how the Steelers beat the Minnesota Vikings in the first Super Bowl that they won. And you know the Vikings, like the Buffalo Bills, tried many times to win a Super Bowl, and they couldn't do it. The Steelers did it six times after 40 years. Stallworth said, the players were equal in talent and ability, but we had the will to win. That's how we beat them.

We wanted to win. This young man is a winner. He's got a poor story, but he's got a smile on his face. And just reading a few things about him I said, oh, my goodness. How did he survive all of that? The will to win. And I'm very happy that he's here with us and a shining example to many people who are trying to get time at bat or maybe on first base or second base. Bryant is an example of someone who's a winner, and he's encouraging others. But as you go into politics, remember what I said. If you got a poor story, shape it down to a couple short paragraphs and tell it. Everywhere you go, when you're introduced, tell them your quick poor story. If you don't get elected to something telling a poor story, I'm an elephant. Thank you.

MS. DANKO: Okay. So I'll read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant Andrews-Nino was born into an abusive home in Trenton, New Jersey, was separated from his biological mother by the New Jersey Division of Children and Youth Services when he was five years old, was a ward of the state for more than three years and

lived in eight separate foster homes before being adopted at the age of eight by a family living in the upper middle class borough of New Hope, outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Bryant overcame immense odds through his determination to never give up. His resilience can be attributed to the six principles that guide his life: passion, vision, dedication, desire, determination, drive --- or as he calls it, PV4D. Despite his adversity, Bryant received his undergraduate degree in communication and political science from the University of Pittsburgh and will enter the University of Pittsburgh School of Law this fall; and

WHEREAS, in August 2012, Bryant established the University Pre-law Association, an organization dedicated to Pitt pre-law students professional development and community service projects within the City of Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Bryant has served the community as a student resident relations intern for the Oakland Planning and Development Corporation, as an assistant basketball and soccer coach for the Urban Impact Foundation, as a reading and writing tutor for Jump Start Pittsburgh, and as a camp counselor of children with special needs for the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Bryant was inducted into the National Leadership Honor Society --- and I'm not sure if I say this word right --- Omicron Delta Kappa, and he is the recipient of Pitt's 2013 Honors Convocation Student Leadership Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby recognize Mr. Bryant Andrews-Nino for his remarkable accomplishments and outstanding community service. You are an inspiring example of what it means to give back to the community, and we thank you for dedicating your time and effort to enriching the lives of others.

(Applause.)

MR. ANDREWS-NINO: Thank you so much. I would just like a few moments to talk. The mic apparently ---.

MS. DANKO: You can hold it.

MR. ANDREWS-NINO: I'm just very humbled and honored to hear those words. I'm so thankful. I'd like to just take a few moments to boast of our amazing city and to speak about how incredible the people and the City

of Pittsburgh is and how it's impacted me. When I first came to this city, I was scared and excited, wee-little freshman at the University of Pittsburgh. There were many who welcomed me with warm and open arms. They welcomed me into their homes; they welcomed me into their communities. And they welcomed me in an intimate way that allowed for this huge city to have a small-town appeal for me.

These people connected me with friends and explored with me opportunities to serve. I found serving the people of this city to be one of the most rewarding and fulfilling passions that anyone could be a part of. During my year as an undergrad, it would come as no surprise to me when our city was to be awarded America's Most Livable City. I think that's incredible.

(Applause.)

MR. ANDREWS-NINO: Yeah, that's right. Great job, because that's due to you guys. That's due to you and how you've chosen to serve our city. And that's something that I am so proud to be a part of, and it is my hope that we can all continue that legacy together. I'm excited to be attending the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where I will have at least three more years to serve our community and help to maintain that kind of reputation. When people come to experience our city with us, whether it be for their education, for their vocation or for their vacation, let us continue to show them how rooted and established we are and a passion for this city and service for the city and community across the city.

I've seen how those three things, passion, service and community, have radically transformed my life since I've been in this city. And I know that there are many who join me every day and doing what they can with what they've been given to ensure that everyone, not just me, but everyone can share in that experience. And so I want to thank our Community Development Centers for their activism, our City Council members for their vision, our professors and staff across the many universities for their diligence, our police forces for their resilience. And there are millions of unsung heroes, for making Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh. Thank you all, and thank you for your service.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8396-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing the students in The Future is Mine (TFIM) Club from Steel Valley High School, for creating a film entitled, 437. Sponsored by Councilwoman Danko.

MS. DANKO: Okay. The people from Steel Valley coming up, we have here Denis McCormick. He's a junior --- or rising junior, okay, and the student liaison for the Steel Valley Senior High School and the CREATE Lab at Carnegie Mellon University. Some of you might remember that I did a proclamation for the club, The Future Is Mine, last year, too. They did a film called A Place Worth Investing In. It was a short, kind of, documentary saying, you know, the Steel Valley gets a lot of bad rap and they --- you know, said hey, you know, we're a community worth investing in. And they did a documentary, and they worked with the people at Carnegie Mellon putting it on. Well, it wasn't a one-time thing. We have another club this year that's continuing. And this year's film is called 437. And for those of you who might not know what that means, we have about 500 school districts in Pennsylvania and, as you know, they're ranked based on test scores; and so Steel Valley has --- is number 437.

So what they decided to do was, they --- you know, we're really more than 437. You need to be looking at all the great things that we do, and test scores are just test scores. And since my husband was a teacher in the school district that I believe was number one this year, he would also agree that test scores are just test scores. They're one indicator, and I'm happy that the --- you know, the Steel Valley High School kids, they --- they come roaring back and they challenge sort of the status quo of what it means to be a great community, because I think Steel Valley is a great community. So anyway, I'm going to read the proclamation. Is there anybody else you want to bring up here?

MR. MCCORMICK: My two co-workers, Jessica Pachuta and Jessica Kaminsky.

MS. DANKO: Okay. All right. But I'll start reading; how about that? Okay.

WHEREAS, students in The Future Is Mine, Hear Me 101 Program at Steel Valley Senior High School, confront the theme of overcoming adversity through their production of a film entitled 437, which explores what it means to be ranked 437th out of 500 school districts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 2013;

WHEREAS, the rankings, published annually by the Pittsburgh Business Times, are based on three years of student scores on the PSSA and the Keystone Exam; and

WHEREAS, the film, which debuted on May 22nd, 2014, at Pittsburgh Filmmakers Melwood screening room, shows students expressing what it feels like to find out that their school district is performing poorly academically. The film asks viewers to consider that the students of the Steel Valley School District are more than just a number based on the test scores; and

WHEREAS, the students in the film are proud of their academic arts and music, athletic and extracurricular programs, school spirit and sense of community, and they would like to be recognized for the many positive characteristics of the Steel Valley School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby recognize the Steel Valley Senior High School TFIM Hear me 101 students, for creating 437, and we thank you for inspiring people to consider the Steel Valley School District in a more holistic manner. Sponsored by myself and presented on behalf of Allegheny County Council this day. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. MCCORMICK: Hello. My name is Denis McCormick, and I want to say thank you for giving me this --- letting me accept this proclamation. I participated in making a short documentary this past year about how the ranking systems and the assessment systems --- excuse me, how the assessment systems affect students in a school community as a whole. We asked the question does this number really define us? And we interviewed students, staff members and other school community members to find out if they actually feel like they have been labeled as just that number.

Personally, I --- personally, I know that there's something wrong with the way that rating we're all grouped together in numbers and ranked, but we get ranked on attendance or graduation rate or other factors, but we never get ranked on the quality of the actual students inside the school. I feel that's what we should be measuring, instead of just numbers. But I do know that there are ways --- there has to be a way to rank the students in schools into certain groups, but they shouldn't just be on test scores or attendance.

I was an intern over at the Carnegie Mellon University with the Hear Me 101 and the CREATE labs. I learned how to make a plan on how to get my voice and my group --- our voices out there. And I just want to say thank you to my two co-workers, and I want to say thank you to Councilwoman Danko.

MS. DANKO: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8397-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating the Allegheny County Conservation District Board of Directors, for receiving the 2014 Leadership Excellence Award from the Pennsylvania State Conservation Commission. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Kress, Macy, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and Means.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. This is Don Newman standing next to me. He's the Chairman of the Board. And Jan Lauer couldn't be with us today, but she is the district manager. And I'm on that Board, also, and this conservation district --- Allegheny County Conservation District has come a long way in the last five years. And most of it is due to Don, who's the chairman, and John Thatcher, who was the chairman before him, and especially Jan, who has just been outstanding, as she organized everything and moved the conservation district over to, how should we say, a modern area --- I'm being nice about it --- but into a modern area, and also that ---. I'll let Don go into what the conservation district does, because he's really good at it and ---.

But the conservation district serves a tremendous --- a tremendous --- I don't know what you'd say; like, an environmental type of --- type of project for Allegheny County. And I'm just going to read the proclamation, then I'll let Don give you a little --- a little view of what goes on there.

WHEREAS, the Allegheny County Conservation District, the ACCD, is an urban conservation district that engages and leads through partnership, innovation and implementation to conserve, promote and improve Allegheny County's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the ACCD's staff are professional, technical, educational and hands-on in their support of conservation practices, and they serve the community

through agriculture, soil, watersheds and storm water management programs; and

WHEREAS, the current nine-member Board of Directors consists of a diverse and talented group of individuals that has made major improvements in the area of program and personnel management, accountability, oversight and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Board hired a new district manager, expanded and opened a more accessible office on Pittsburgh's South Side, promoted outreach and education. And today, because of these efforts, the district is financially sound; and

WHEREAS, during the 2014 Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, the PACD, Pennsylvania State Conservation Commission joint annual conference, the Allegheny County Conservation District Board of Directors was recognized as a leader in environmental stewardship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate the Allegheny County Conservation District Board of Directors for receiving the 2014 Pennsylvania State Conservation Commission's Leadership Excellent (sic) Award. And we thank the Board and the staff for this contribution to the conservation and preservation of Allegheny County's natural resources. Sponsored by myself. Okay; Don?

(Applause.)

MR. NEWMAN: Thank you so much. Here, I'll just take this thing. Thank you, and I'd just like to state a few words of appreciation in this opportunity for this proclamation on behalf of the County Conservation District Board. Last month as I traveled to Altoona to receive the award to our Board as the most improved district in the state for 2014 --- this recognition is for the Board. Okay? And as such, it needs to be shared with this body, because County Council, along with the County Executive, has been responsible to the nomination and appointment of the current Board of the conservation district. Along with the nominated organizations and the staff, all have provided direction to re-purpose and re-energize an organization that, quite frankly, was in the doldrums. Steel Valley, you're not alone, let me tell you, because the view from the bottom ---. It's a good thing they didn't give out rankings for conservation districts,

because this district was getting very, very close to being well-nigh invisible.

And we had so narrowed our scope and our focus that we were just looking very, very narrowly at permits. And even though that's a vital component of what we do, in terms of development and redevelopment in this county, any earth disturbance is required by state regulation or local ordinance to go through this permit. For example, last year we had 200 active permits just in this county alone. We had gotten to the point where we had become invisible, irrelevant and not even doing our job very well.

And due to your efforts in reconstituting this Board, we've been able to make tremendous strides. And I won't belabor you right now in terms of the important mission or what we do or transition, but let me just say that we appreciate your assistance in our transition, both financially and via the council of your colleague and our friend, Mike Finnerty, who sits on our Board, not to mention the interesting emails that we get. But what we have done is undertaken for the last three years a very purposeful strategic plan in reinvesting in our organization through focus groups, strategic planning. We've done a lot of capacity building. We've been hiring.

We have plans in terms of our programming. One of our most successful programs has been an annual disbursement of \$100,000 in grants to all organizations. We've been doing this --- this is our third year, I believe, in the program. We're looking to energize our Dirt and Gravel Roads Program. We're looking for park initiatives, whole farm approach, ENX expansion. And this has all happened while we maintained a healthy organizational balance sheet and transparent audited financing --- finances, excuse me. But basically, let me just tell you that the central mission of our district remains service to our county and our concept solutions center.

As part of this, we have tried to expand our role rather than refine it and reduce it to --- again, look to how we can be of greater service in terms of facilitating the permitting --- the environmental permitting process in our county. To capture the creation of what we hope will be the new conservation district of the future, I'd just like to encourage you, which will speed up this whole process, to visit accdpa.org, which is our website. And you can see our efforts on facilitating

and simplifying the permitting process and providing a real window into our organization. I think you'll like what you see. And last, as I have to reiterate, great credit needs to be given to our district manager, Jan Lauer, and our staff in meeting and exceeding our expectations during this whole transition process.

Again, our sincere thanks for this proclamation, and we look at it as a challenge to continue our growth and right-size our role as your partner in sustainable and sensible growth in our county. Thank you, again.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8398-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating the Sandcastle Waterpark upon the occasion of its 25th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Members Macey, Danko, Finnerty, Means, Palmiere, Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Martoni, Rea and Robinson.

MR. MACEY: Thank you. Good afternoon, everybody. I'd like to introduce --- and I always --- I'm still traditional; I think women always should go before gentlemen --- Melissa Kelly, Marketing, Group Sales and Public Relations Manager, Sandcastle Waterpark, and Damian Dondero. He is the General Manager.

(Brief interruption.)

MR. CATANESE: You're on the line, Councilwoman.

MR. MACEY: When giving out proclamations or trying to recognize people or organizations for milestones and for anniversaries, I always try to do 25 years as a benchmark. I look at 25 years. If you're there for 25 years, you're doing something right. However, I certainly want to congratulate Bryant for his efforts, and I don't even know if you're 25 years old; but congratulations, Bryant. Sandcastle has been a focus of many different events. We're going to celebrate I don't know how many years, Councilman Kress, for the Irishfest, which is known to be a good time for many. And you don't have to be Irish to have a good time.

Also, the Chambers of Commerce, the Lions, Kiwanis, and many of our groups who like to listen to oldies and celebrate dancing and just having a good time in the Mon Valley; so

WHEREAS, for the past 25 years, the Sandcastle Waterpark, situated along the Monongahela River in

Homestead, has created enchanted family memories for millions of smiling children and their parents. And once the site of a railroad yard that serviced U.S. Steel Homestead Works, Sandcastle and Pittsburgh's favorite --- is Pittsburgh's favorite destination for refreshing water fun; and

WHEREAS, open since July 1989, Sandcastle spans 60 acres and offers over a dozen different water slides with varying speeds and angles of descent for thrill seekers of all levels, three pools, including the Mon-Tsunami Wave Pool and the Mushroom Pool and the Tad Pool, Relaxing Lazy River and a children's playground named Wet Willie's Water Works. Guests can enjoy food and games along the Boardwalk or unwind with a drink at the Sandcastle Bar;

WHEREAS, Sandcastle Park/Palace Entertainment, the nation's largest operator of water parks and family entertainment centers, employs 400 mostly seasonal workers and significantly contributes to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate the park's 25th anniversary, Sandcastle sponsored a variety of in-park specials, contests and special events each day throughout the month of July.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate Sandcastle Waterpark upon the occasion of their 25th anniversary. And we thank the owners and staff at Sandcastle for bringing joy to so many guests over the past 25 years. Sponsored by myself and members of Council. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: By the way, Sandcastle is in Councilwoman Daly Danko's district.

MS. DANKO: I thought I had said enough tonight, but I just want to add that you all must be doing something right because my four kids, when they were teenagers, all wanted season passes; so congratulations.

MS. KELLY: I just wanted to say, it's a real honor to accept this proclamation. We thank you very much, and we are proud to be on a team of people who not only make Sandcastle a Pittsburgh staple but a fun place to visit where families and friends can make lots of memories together; so thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. DONDERO: Just to reiterate what Melissa said, we're proud to be a part of western Pennsylvania and

to be able to provide fun and amusement for all families throughout the summer; so thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8399-14, that and the rest of them will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: If I may, Councilwoman Heidelbaugh, are you on an open line?

MR. MACEY: She was.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes, yes.

MR. CATANESE: Okay. Let the record show that Councilwoman Heidelbaugh is present.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I've been on since the beginning.

MR. CATANESE: Correct. Proclamation thanking The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust and declaring Friday, July 11, 2014, Cosmopolitan Pittsburgh Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

8400-14. Proclamation congratulating the 2014 Pittsburgh Circle of Courage Awardees. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

8401-14. Proclamation awarded to students that participated in the 2014 Local Government Academy Municipal Intern Program. Sponsored by Council Members DeFazio, Baker, Danko, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

8402-14. Proclamation honoring Mr. Richard J. Federowicz for being named the 2014 Outstanding Polonian by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation. Sponsored by Council Member Ellenbogen.

8403-14. Proclamation commending Chief Thomas D. Devin, for 37 years of dedicated service to the Collier Township Police Department. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

8404-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Marcella McGrogan upon the occasion of her 90th birthday. Sponsored by Councilman Finnerty.

8405-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Philip and Eileen Albensin --- Albensi upon the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

8406-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Nancy Smith upon the occasion of

their 60th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

8407-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Sylvia Estok upon the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

8408-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Sophie Mandella upon the occasion of her 100th birthday. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

8409-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Lavinia Schumann upon the occasion of her 100th birthday. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

8410-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Ruth Whirl upon the occasion of her 100th birthday.

8411-14. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Jarod Michael Palmer of Boy Scout Troop 99 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

8412-14. Proclamation thanking Ms. Barbara Arensberg for her 28 years of dedicated service to the Community College of Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilman Martoni.

8413-14. Proclamation thanking Ms. Betty Borello for her 26 years of dedicated service to the Community College of Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilman Martoni.

8414-14. Proclamation thanking Dr. Charles P. Bostaph for his 34 years of dedicated service to the Community College of Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilman Martoni.

8415-14. Proclamation thanking Dr. Roberta Ward for her 25 years of dedicated service to the Community College of Allegheny County. Sponsored by Councilman Martoni.

8416-14. Proclamation welcoming the 91st Pennsylvania Federation of Republican Women Convention to Pittsburgh and Allegheny County from August 15th through the 17th, 2014. Sponsored by Council Members Means, Baker, Heidelbaugh, Kress and Rea.

8417-14. Proclamation recognizing Mr. Sherman Barnette for his 40 years of unwavering commitment to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Sponsored by Councilwoman Means.

8418-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to the Baldwin Borough for hosting Community Days on August the 2nd, 2014. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

8419-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to the Pleasant Hills Borough for hosting Community Days on August 9th, 2014. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

8420-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Whitehall Borough for hosting Community Days on August the 23rd, 2014. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

8421-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. Gerrod Lee Travis of Boy Scout Troop 59 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We've changed the order. I moved up ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Public Comment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, let's go first with this here, because the person has a problem. We're going to go with 8387. It's on page seven.

MR. CATANESE: It's 8387-14. It's under the Committee on Economic Development and Housing, Second Reading.

8387-14. A resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny, authorizing the third amendment to the South Side Works TIF Plan to remove three parcels from the previously established TIF District. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Barbara?

MS. DANKO: I chaired the meeting for Council Member Green Hawkins. This is fairly straightforward. We are simply removing three parcels from --- from the previously established TIF District. We're not doing anything related to a LERTA or --- at this time. If the administration wants to go down that path, Economic Development --- the administration will come back to Council. This simply removes three parcels, and it came out of committee with an affirmative recommendation.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you make a motion?

MR. FUTULES: Make a motion to approve.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second, anybody?

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second; okay. All right. We'll have a roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
(No response.)
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: Okay. We'll go to Public Comment on Agenda Items. I don't think we have any.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have none. Approval of Minutes. Let's go with 8422-14.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Allegheny County Council, held on June 3rd, 2014.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anyone want to make ---?

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make the motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second?

MR. MARTONI: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
8423-14.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Allegheny County Council, held on June 17, 2014.

MR. MARTONI: So moved.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Presentation of Appointments. 8390-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Marc Bowman to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (South Park), for a term to expire on August 19, 2016. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Bill?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. Move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 8391-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of George R. Jucha, Jr. to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Deer Lakes Park) for a term to expire on August 19, 2016. Sponsored by Councilman Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Bill?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. Move for approval.

MR. BAKER: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Okay. 8392-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Dr. Ronald Stone to serve as a member of the Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission for a term to expire on December 3rd, 2018. Sponsored by Council Members DeFazio and Martoni.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. That would go into Appointment Review. 8393-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Daniel Garcia to serve as a member of the Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission for a term to expire on December 3rd, 2017. Sponsored by Council Members Means, Baker, Kress and Rea.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That would also go to Appointment Review. Unfinished Business. Committee on Parks, Second Reading. 8225-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of a donation from the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation and Highmark for the construction of a deck hockey facility to be located in the county's North Park and Settler's Cabin Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah. Back in June, 4th, of this year, the committee met and we had approved at the committee process with an affirmative recommendation. I'd like to move it to the full Council for consideration.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We have a second. Under remarks? Seeing none --- oh, that would be a roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS? Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

(No response.)

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, 12, noes, 0. The bill passes. It's hard to tell if someone is on, Councilman, with all that noise in the background.
MR. FUTULES: Tell them to mute their phone.
MR. CATANESE: Whoever is on the line, you should mute your phone so that we can hear.
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Thank you.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 8226-14.
MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the extension of a lease with Oliver Miller Homestead Association to continue the establishment and operation of the historical property in the county's South Park known as the Oliver Miller Homestead. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Also on June 4th at the committee process, we also had this recommended as an affirmative recommendation. I move it for full Council.
MR. MARTONI: Second.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. There's a second. Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll have a roll call.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?
MS. DANKO: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
(No response.)
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
(No response.)
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, 13, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8282-14.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Also during the Parks Committee during June 4th, we had made an amendment and affirmatively recommended, as amended, to the full Council for consideration. I move for approval.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all --- oh, have a roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?
MS. DANKO: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
(No response.)
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
MR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?
MS. REA: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8387-14.

MR. CATANESE: We did that one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We did that. Oh, wait a minute.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, we did that already.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8429-14.

MR. CATANESE: Liaison Reports.

MR. FUTULES: We're on liaison, so that's you, Mike.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. Liaison Reports. Does anybody have a --- go ahead.

MS. MEANS: Last summer a friend of mine, Judge Robert Wyda, passed away very suddenly, and he left two children and a wife. So last year and then again this year, we're having the Robert Wyda Memorial Golf Outing to raise money for the educational fund of his two children. And it will be held on September 12th at Linden (sic) Golf Club on Friday. And if you have any questions, you can call Heather Sherman (phonetic) at 412-719-0196. And also, on this Sunday, there's going to be a Jam for Joey Fabus. He's an eight-year-old boy in Bethel Park who has an inoperable brain tumor, and they're having a fundraiser to help with his medical expenses at the Dormont Hollywood Theater at 1:00 p.m. on this Monday. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Anyone else? Nick Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah. Now that we approved it, I want to personally thank the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation and Highmark for their generous contribution to Allegheny County of these deck hockeys. They're not just putting them in our county parks, but they're putting them in several communities around the county. And I witnessed the one in Oakmont that was built last year, and ever since then, youths have been playing on that hockey field just about every day. And I just want to thank them again. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Barbara?

MS. DANKO: I just want to note again the passing of Sophie Masloff. She was a resident of Squirrel Hill in my district, and she met ---. Some of you who don't know, probably most of you don't know that in the 1980s I worked for Mayor Caliguiri in the Mayor's Office, and I was there during the transition to the Masloff administration. I can say that it was really a privilege to work for both of them. And the public servants who worked in there, in that office, at the funeral they talked about many of the important things that were done during those years. And I'm sure most of you have read about it in the newspaper, but it was ---. She was a wonderful person in office and out of office.

And I know we're going to do a proclamation later on and bring her family in, but I didn't want to let this opportunity go by without recognizing her on the day she was buried. Thank you.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Go ahead.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. If I could follow-up very quickly on Ms. Danko's comments about Sophie Masloff. I had the honor and privilege to run as a candidate for Pittsburgh City Council with Mayor Masloff on two occasions and oftentimes had the occasion to have private little conversations with her and her husband, Jack, and watch their family grow. People used to oftentimes wonder why Sophie would leave the City-County Building at a certain time every day. This was back in the day when we had drivers that would drive us back and forth to work.

And I always wondered why she left at that time. If you know anything about where Sophie lived, she lived

right off the parkway for many years. So she would get the driver to pick her up in front of the City-County Building at a certain time so she could beat the traffic on the parkway and she could be dropped off right in front of her house. And I had occasion to ask her once, why do you leave here at a certain time every day? And she just said I'm trying to beat the traffic like everybody else, and I'm grateful. But she was, as Barbara said, a very kind and generous person, pretty much the same person at work when she wasn't at work. And it was an honor and a privilege to run with her. Just one last personal comment in that regard. Four of us ran together, Bill Coyne, Bob Stone and Sophie Masloff and Bill Robinson. I'm the only one left sitting, standing or talking, for better or for worse. Thank you, Mr. President. I look forward to when we pay tribute to her in a more formal setting.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Just to follow-up on that, we plan to have a proclamation from everybody up here that wants to be involved with it, and try to bring in some family members and people maybe in our first meeting in September; so we could do that then. Okay. Is there anyone else? All right. Okay. New Business. 8424-14.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We're going to put that in the Health and Human Services Committee. 8425-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing a revocable license to Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Incorporated, for a facility located in South Park on Stoltz Road. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going to put that in Public Works. 8426-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA), Pa. Statute Title 72, Section 4722, et seq. (1995), as amended, providing for a program of temporary exemption of increases in Allegheny County Real Property Taxes, for specified time periods, resulting from improvements made

by an owner of property located within a specific geographical area within the City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, previously determined to be a deteriorated area; establishing a schedule for exempting increases in Allegheny County property taxes resulting from such improvements; and prescribing the requirements and procedures by which an owner of property located within the deteriorated area, can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll put that in Economic Development Committee. 8428-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission 10-14). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll put that in Budget and Finance Committee. New Business, Motions. We have 8429-14.

MR. CATANESE: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing the Budget and Finance Committee to conduct public hearings pursuant to Section 801.05 of the Administrative Code, on Tuesday, October 28th, at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 29th, at 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 30th, at 5:00 p.m., in the Gold Room of Allegheny County Courthouse. Budget and Finance Chair Michael J. Finnerty, will serve as the presiding officer. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Yeah. I'd like to make that motion, and I'd also like to include in this motion that you will also be getting a schedule of --- (adjusts microphone) I don't know if this is on. It's not. You also will be getting a schedule of our meetings in regard to the budget. So I'd like to make a motion for these hearings, and I believe that we need two people to say --- two Council members to say that they will be there, at least two. So we have quite a few.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: So we don't have any problem with that. That's good. Okay?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. That's a voice vote. Well, first of all, any remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Okay. Notification of Contracts. 8430-14.

MR. CATANESE: Summary of approved executive actions for all departments from 7/1/14 through 7/31/14 to be received and filed.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does anyone want to make a motion?

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make that motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Public Comment on General Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have six.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Pat McConville?

MR. MARTONI: Not here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Not here? Donna Hanlon?

MR. FINNERTY: Not here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Not here? Lester Ludwig?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Not here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Not here? Qiu Min Ji --- Ji (changes pronunciation)?

MR. FUTULES: That's her. You go over there; okay. Yeah, you'll have three minutes and the lights will go off. I think you have 30 seconds at the end there when the red light comes on.

MS. JI: I want to present a topic. I know three minutes is really not enough, but just to give you a little bit idea what it is about; what I want to talk to is public government has ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You know what? I'm going to start you over because --- start with your name ---.

MS. JI: Qiu Min Ji, Q-I-U, M-I-N, last name J-I.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Your address?

MS. JI: My address?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. JI: I live at --- I'm living in a hotel right now. I plan to move, but have not moved here yet

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's all right. What ---?

MS. JI: Yeah, I been here a few weeks, try to present this very, very important subject. And you here and you judge yourself. Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. JI: Should we come from now?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. JI: All right. The topic is why American government is spending billions of dollars but the cyber security getting worse. The shocking fact is that American has been under an advanced system intrusion. Our whole network has been intruded by a spy from China residing in United States. And he has intrude Microsoft, stolen all the Microsoft files, upgraded them. He is a software engineer and he has established an advanced system that can control the ATTP (phonetic) system. And he intrude the whole network, the computer network. What I am talking about is not only United States, is whole Microsoft computer network. I have all the documents to prove. I have done four years research. I have documents as high as me to prove these are the true facts.

But you ask why I want to come here to present this. I had trust our government for three years. I reporting to everywhere you can think of; Homeland Security, military, agents, intelligence, F.B.I. All the documents I send them with evidence with photo with all my money, and a copy, send it. And then I do not get response, and then I got --- later I got response that I didn't expect. So if you read a little bit, you will know that they do not investigate. I found out F.B.I. does not have time, does not actually see any files, because the files are all being stolen by intelligence. So the spy controls our Internet. This is fact. You do not know, but the place I have reported, the intelligences, they do know. They know that, but they are betrayal American, betrayal president. They do not tell.

So they label me as a government conspiracy. So what I feel is after three years of trial, everywhere I go my effort being stopped. I came to Pittsburgh because Pittsburgh CMU have inside threat center, which is --- president already figure out that, hey, hey, do you know the threats may be getting worse, maybe you will have inside threater (sic), threat. Yes, we do. We have inside threats that coordinate with spy's efforts. What I ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Would you try to summarize real quick because you're ---?

MS. JI: Okay. I'm going to wrap this with --- that I have the documents. I would invite you to read it or to have somebody to read it. And also, I would want a little more time to present this issue to you, because three minutes is really not get anywhere. So it's very disturbing. So what I said is, we all --- when we have a meeting, we'll have a place. We want America to be here for reasons --- for our families. How about I tell you that American will be end of America because due to the system intrusion of the spy's control and due to the intelligence, the --- what they do. So I would like to present this.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Your time is up now. You're going to have a meeting or something because you're never going to get it done in three minutes. You have a lot of material.

MS. JI: I know. So I would ask if I could present this in a different time, in a little bit more time. I can at least have a presentation because three minutes does not really cover anything. And the only thing I can tell you is we are under system intrusion and I have all the documents, but I'm not able to get it read by expert, by investigators, by government officials. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thank you. Kierran Young? Ron Miller?

DR. MILLER: Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, 40 Beltzhoover Avenue, Pittsburgh, 412-381-3753. When I was doing research at Oxford University, I wrote to Sophie Masloff. And unlike many public officials who do not respond to inquiries from citizens, she did. She was a bright light when I was under a great deal of pressure at Oxford. I'm a Global Intelligence Society candidate for Pennsylvania governor, 2014, and Pittsburgh mayor, 2014 to 2017. I'm applying global intelligence, the fusion of 21 disciplinary intelligences using the dominant contemporary paradigms of primary disciplines to advance Pennsylvania as a global state, Pittsburgh as a global city, Allegheny as a global county.

My program's fortress, Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh, Impress Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh and Express Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh, do so. I want Pennsylvanians to think and to democratize all of our

inter-individual and inter-institutional relations. Double vector flow of information in intelligence is necessary. I will continue to use my version of global intelligence to convey information to Pennsylvanians during Pittsburgh City Council and Allegheny County Council public comment. Non-digital and digital versions of my past presentations will be available to the public and to this council. The Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh public news networks founded by me in 2013 will stream my future presentations live bypassing the city channel and other modes. The goal is to provide the best information at the highest level of intelligence in Pennsylvania, stressing the role of Pennsylvania local legislative councils and the state assembly as primary sources of information over the sloppy, soporific, stunningly sophomoric reporting of fossils, in my view, like KDKA and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. The council rooms should be the government information centers for Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, across the state, and also Allegheny. The CGSII website will be back online with the new GIS website, interlaying interactive sources of information on the CGSII programs of education, research and networks and the GIS program's fortress, Impress and Express Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh.

The GIS will begin linking individual digital computers throughout Pennsylvania, bypassing the national U.S. internet and GPS network to form the foundation of the Pennsylvania intranet with non-GS nodes in the city, one for each counselor district, and with 67 nodes across Pennsylvania, one in each county. These nodes will be used to directly link any digital device in Pennsylvania with the permission of the owner. If you do not have a computer, the GIS will help you build one. The GIS will sponsor information and intelligence events in all 67 counties, identifying the uniqueness of life in each of those counties.

The GIS will offer Pennsylvania governor and Pittsburgh mayor opportunities for debate in every Pennsylvania county seat. Holography may be employed. The Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh democratization initiatives are nearing completion of our evidentiary phase of investigation into the 2013 Pittsburgh mayoral election. Complaints against the City of Pittsburgh ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Will you summarize, please?

DR. MILLER: --- the County of Allegheny, Election Board and State of Pennsylvania Election Division will be filed and the probability of legal action is over point seven.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thank you. Joni Rabinowitz?

MS. RABINOWITZ: Hi. I'm Joni Rabinowitz. I live at 7721 Edgerton Avenue in Pittsburgh. I'm just here to tell you that Protect Our Parks, POP, is not going away. We intend to continue to work to protect all our parks, especially the eight remaining ones from becoming industrial sites and we hope you will join us in this effort. We want to meet with each of you. And for those of you who expressed a reluctance to drill under or on other parks, we want to see how we can work together to prevent that from happening, perhaps a moratorium on drilling on or under parks until there's some results from Deer Lakes. Every day I get up and read the morning paper and look at the news online. Maybe it's because my Google news knows what I'm interested in. There is story after story about disasters having to do with Marcellus Shale and with fracking. In March an article --- a few articles --- in March an article came out about well water contamination in Donegal, elevated and dangerous levels of strontium, barium, chloride --- and chloride. The DEP verified this and the families got water buffaloes from WPX Energy, and they are still in court.

These chemicals cause gastrointestinal and skin conditions. Environmental scientist Vanessa Lamers has a study coming out soon showing that there's more stuff there than they ever expected, and that leaky well casings, fluid going in under intense pressure, cracking the casings and then the fluid coming out through the same casings, that they're largely responsible, and that spills and leaks in impoundments are also to blame for this contamination. There's well explosions, train derailments every day. The latest well was a well in Mercer County, just a few days ago. Two oil storage tanks exploded at a gas well site. Fortunately, there were no serious accidents.

Jobs, that was our famous one. The U.S. energy boom was supposed to be a godsend for the U.S. steel industry. But increasingly because of Korean imports, U.S. plants are closing. Very soon U.S. Steel in McKeesport and Bellville, Texas, which make tubular

products for the oil and gas industry, are closing. A report issued last month by the Economic Policy Institute concluded that more than 500,000 U.S. jobs are threatened by a surge in steel imports. So much for good-paying jobs. So much for the natural gas industry's relentless propaganda of what a great thing they are for U.S. --- great thing they are for the U.S. industrial base. So we'll be coming to you to share our ideas about how we can protect the rest of our county parks from becoming industrial sites. And I'm confident that we continue to --- we can continue to work together. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Okay. Would someone like to --- that was the last speaker; right?

MR. MACEY: I make a motion to adjourn.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:34 P.M.

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