

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. DeFazio	-	President
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
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 W. Szymanski - Budget Director

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Please come to order. Will you all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by silent prayer or reflection; after me with the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(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.

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?

(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: Thirteen (13) members currently present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Proclamations and Certificates. 8432-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating Mayor Donald J. Baumgarten, for being named the 2014 Pennsylvania Mayor of the Year by the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association. Sponsored by Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, members of Council, it's a real honor tonight to --- for me to be able to stand up here with this gentleman and to honor him for his wonderful accomplishments at Castle Shannon Borough. I got to know Don over the last few years and got to know some of his family here. Most of them are here this evening. And they've really --- on Community Day at Castle Shannon, they really know how to do it. It's a wonderful tribute to Don and to the people --- all of his people on Council over there and how they do things, and it's first rate.

And before I read the proclamation honoring Don, I want to tell you also that Castle Shannon Borough was named the 2014 Banner Community by the Allegheny League of Municipalities, for providing effective, efficient accountable services to its residents and for their business district. Congratulations on that.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: I got to know Don over --- like I said, for over the past few years. I don't know a nicer man, and I don't know a person that deserves this honor more than he did. So with that being said, I want to read the proclamation, if I may.

And then we'll let Don speak for himself. WHEREAS, the Honorable Donald J. Baumgarten was named 2014 Pennsylvania Mayor of the Year by the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association, topping 1,000 of his colleagues from across the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Castle Shannon, Mayor Baumgarten has served as mayor of Castle Shannon Borough since 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Baumgarten was borough auditor from 1970 to 1974, served on Council from '74 to '82 and was Council president from '82 to '93. Besides that, he wasn't doing anything else.

WHEREAS, under Mayor Baumgarten's leadership, the Castle Shannon Borough has experienced tremendous economic growth to the completion of the Grove Road Bridge Project and finalizing plans for the Shannon Transit Village, a \$42,000,000 retail and residential project; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Baumgarten has served the wider community in a number of capacities, including being the co-founder and a board member of the Medical Rescue Team South EMS Authority since 1975, as an executive board member of the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association and

the Allegheny County Mayors' Association and a member of Mayors Against Illegal Guns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate Mayor Donald Baumgarten for being named the 2014 Pennsylvania Mayor of the Year. Your outstanding accomplishments and leadership have set a high standard of commitment and dedication to the community and serves as an inspiration to the residents of Castle Shannon Borough, Allegheny County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Sponsored by myself and my colleagues on Council. Congratulations, Don.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: One other note; I just wanted to mention, last night they were going to have a little something for Don at the borough, and they had to move it down to the fire hall last night, they had so many people come down. So that's the kind of person I present to you tonight. Here he is.

MAYOR BAUMGARTEN: Well, we had a congressman there. We had a state senator there. We had a couple state representatives there, some district justices and a bunch of mayors and the current mayor, so it was quite a night. I only can say --- well, thank you so much for this. It means a lot to me; it really does. As an elected official like all of you, you know what it's like to sit here, like we sit at our council meeting, and you listen to whatever you have to listen to and try to make decision. But nobody really knows what you all have to do behind the scenes to try to get things accomplished.

And a lot of hours are spent, a lot of work talking to a lot of people, trying to get things done, and people don't think you're doing anything, but you know ---.

MR. PALMIERE: That's right.

MAYOR BAUMGARTEN: You know that and I know that, and I've been around too long to know that --- I know a lot of mayors. I know a lot of people that are elected officials. So again, thank you all so much. I greatly appreciate this. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. FUTULES: I'm just wondering, why is everybody from Penn Hills here?

MAYOR BAUMGARTEN: Relatives. I've got relatives everywhere.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8433-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation celebrating the achievement, scholarship and dedication of the Eighth Annual Shyne Honorees. Sponsored by Councilman Baker.

MR. BAKER: We'll keep the positive momentum of the day going, so we have some great honorees here from the Shyne Awards. I want to invite up Orlana Darkins Drewery and Darnell, if you want to come on up, and also, our two honorees from the Shyne Awards this year. I've known Orlana and Darnell for about eight years now, actually, and we became friends through the University of Pittsburgh work center. They both do amazing work here in the community.

The Shyne Awards, actually, I believe, are the types of thing and are such things that we should be recognizing young people for. You might not find a bigger sports fan than me, but this event is specifically about everything else, all the other amazing things that young people can achieve when they set their minds to it. And if you look at the categories, there's a lot of events recognizing academics, community service, service in ministry, entrepreneurship, the arts, leadership, overcoming obstacles. There's one for young adult group and also science, so this event, the Shyne Awards, truly, truly recognizes and touches upon everything that we should be promoting and encouraging our young leaders in the community to go after and to dream big with.

And it's an amazing event. They'll tell us a little bit more about it here in just a couple minutes, but they should be thanked so much for everything that they do at the Shyne Awards. There's, like, a red carpet and everything for this event. It's a big time-looking event. The pictures are always absolutely amazing from the Shyne Awards, and I'm just very, very thankful to call them friends and congratulate them for all the great work that they're doing in the community. So this evening we'll read the proclamation, then we'll have you all introduce yourselves and tell us a little bit about what made you a Shyne Award winner; so

WHEREAS, the Eighth Annual Shyne Awards were presented on Saturday, August 9th, 2014, at Pittsburgh's Creative and Performing Arts High School in downtown Pittsburgh, to recognize African-American young adults ages 13 through 19 for their achievements in nine categories that I mentioned earlier;

WHEREAS, the Shyne Awards, produced by the Darkins Group, LLC, became active leaders in the community; and

WHEREAS, this year the Shyne Awards were sponsored by the Heinz Foundation, Highmark, the Port Authority of Allegheny County, UPMC Center for Engagement and Inclusion;

WHEREAS, during the annual Shyne Awards, they always pay tribute to the contributions of young African-American leaders, and they celebrate their successes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby salute the achievements, scholarship and dedication of the Eighth Annual Shyne honorees. Your enthusiastic willingness in pursuing of these --- the endeavor, demonstrates your commitment to serving the people of the region. And for this, we commend you. So that is sponsored by myself and given on behalf of Council. Congratulations on all of your great success, and thanks for what you do.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: But I wanted to tell you just a little bit about the Shyne Awards. Hopefully, everyone will be there at the Ninth Annual Shyne Awards next year. So can you tell us a little bit about the event, then we want to hear from our two young leaders.

MR. DREWERY: All right. Thank you, Councilman Baker. And it's a great pleasure to be your friend this long and --- so thank you all for having us and allowing us to be here at this time. We want to see to it that the Shyne Awards become a household name for all people, for all youth, because there are many youth that do receive awards in many different areas of sports and other things. But these are the places and the areas where young people usually are not receiving awards, young people that are doing great things.

Over the last eight years, we have had nominations all over Pittsburgh and even reaching to Mercer County, Beaver County, Westmoreland County. This is an award show for all races. We have given awards to black, white, Latino, Asian youth, and we are very grateful that over the last eight years, we've received nominations from about 562 nominations of young people. Nominations come from preachers, teachers, leaders, mothers, fathers and even the youth themselves. We have

given out about 800 --- 186 awards, including another eight awards for lifetime achievement awards to an adult or organization who has done shining things for young people, create an organization around serving young people, as well as six awards in the movement award, which is also people that create initiatives around doing things to inspire young people. This event over the last eight years has not only encouraged young people that are on the right track, but also, inspired other young people to do the right thing and get on the right track.

I would just like to share one story in particular. Her name is Deja Hawkins (phonetic). She came to the Shyne Awards when she was 12 years old. Four years later she --- well, about a year after that, she wrote a letter and told us she came to the Shyne Award. She said the Shyne Awards inspired me because I saw other young people doing great things, and we normally don't see that. We normally don't see that on a public platform. And so I was happy to see that, that these things were recognized in the papers.

And we're trying to make sure that they're recognized in the news media, so that we can create a balanced representation of young people. I think our city needs to step up in making sure that the young people in our communities that are doing the right things, that are on the right tracks, are the ones that we are pushing forward to represent our communities and our city. And this is what the Shyne Awards is about. So Deja Hawkins said, I wanted to do better, so I changed what I did in school; I changed what I did at home; I changed what I did in church; I got involved. And by the time she was 16, she received the Renaissance Award.

The Renaissance Award was for somebody who just changed their life before they had seen the Shyne Awards. And at the time she received that award, she got 4.1. And including that, she also got an extra scholarship based on her receiving an award to Robert Morris, where she still is now in her second year, and she holds a 4.0 in her classes now. And so we're very happy that it doesn't only encourage young people that are doing the right thing, but it inspires other young people to step up and get on the right track. And this is the true representation of our young people of our city. And so with that, here's the two of them that are representation of the young people in our city ---

(Applause.)

MR. DREWERY: --- so first we have Chelsea Marie Lewis, who is our academic award winner for this year. And next you'll hear from LoRen Knight, who is the arts honoree for this year; so Chelsea ---.

MS. LEWIS: Hi. My name is Chelsea. This year I won for academics because I maintain a 4.0 grade average, and I just entered my freshman year at CAPA High School and helping my peers; so yeah.

(Applause.)

MS. LEWIS: My favorite class is reading. I want to be a writer some day.

MR. BAKER: That's it? Okay.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Where do you go to school?

MS. KNIGHT: I just graduated from Agora Cyber School, a cyber school, because --- oh, I won the arts category this year for Shyne Award. And I went to cyber school because I was pursuing my music career throughout high school. When I was younger, for a few years I was in Broadway. And then now after --- well, I traveled for a while the last few years going to Cal and different places performing. And I've been writing my own music since I was eight, so --- and the opportunities coming towards me have always been a part --- always gone to the Shyne Awards, so I was really excited to be nominated --- awarded for, you know, working hard; so ---.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Okay. Enough of the Shyne Awards. We'll do a quick group photo.

(Pictures taken.)

MR. DREWERY: Can I call one more person up, too?

PHOTOGRAPHER: Sure.

MR. DREWERY: I want to call up Mya (phonetic) Knight (phonetic). She is the young lady who makes sure that she runs our back stage, and she is also our model and trophy girl last year.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Next we have 8434-14 and Ed Kress is coming up.

MR. CATANESE: Okay. Proclamation thanking student interns, Ms. Caroline Burnham and Mr. Shane Murphy, for their service to Allegheny County Council. Sponsored by Council members DeFazio, Baker, Danko,

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

MR. KRESS: Thank you very much. This is an honor and a privilege to award this proclamation to Caroline Burnham. I don't know if many of you actually know Caroline. She was working this whole summer, and she might be a good thing for you. But she's done an exceptional job. And what's really nice about the internship, is that we're bringing young people in. And she's just not a paper pusher, she's been doing a lot of things. And she's been working on things for me, too, and she's got some great ideas and she has some great input. And hopefully, we're going to have a report here soon from her we'll get to present maybe next week.

But again, she's very intelligent. I can't say enough good things about her. I mean, she comes in early. When I was talking to Joe, she's here, like, sometimes 8:30 in the morning, and that's really exceptional. I mean, she really enjoys this job and the thing is, her interest was in marketing, but she's learned government, too. And she's learned a lot about us because she's got this drive, and that's what I like to see about the young people. When I think about Allegheny County, you know, we might be the second oldest county in the country; however, we do have a vibrant, young population.

And that's the reason why I like to see these people involved with our government. It's the first step with these internships. And again, that's the reason why I love having internships here for the county is, again, we're involving young people and government. You get them to say how things could be run, at least, showing how things should be run or how they could maybe run better. So thank you very much for being here, and I'll read this proclamation.

WHEREAS, since its inception, Allegheny County Council has been fortunate to offer internships which provide students with a high quality educational learning experience in local government; and

WHEREAS, the North Allegheny Senior High School graduate and student studying economics at the Pennsylvania State University, Main Campus, Ms. Caroline Burnham has provided support to the members of Council throughout the summer of 2014; and

WHEREAS, through her enthusiastic willingness to assist members and staff, Miss Burnham has demonstrated an

exemplary work ethic, exceptional communication skills, team work and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, this fall Ms. Burnham will spend a semester abroad at the University of Westminster, located in London, the United Kingdom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council does hereby salute the achievement, scholarship and dedication of Ms. Caroline Burnham, for outstanding service to the Office of Allegheny County Council.

Furthermore, this council wishes Ms. Burnham the best of luck in London in all her future endeavors. And I know you'll be a success, so come on up.

(Applause.)

MS. BURNHAM: I just want to thank all of County Council. If it weren't for Ed Kress, I wouldn't even know about the internship, so I was very fortunate to run into him. A lot of people don't really know how much work goes into running a county. And I was fortunate enough through this experience to learn everything that goes into it and really being in appreciation for local government; so thank you so much.

(Applause.)

MR. KRESS: I forgot to mention, she works at Nordstrom, she sold me some shirts and some ties so if you need anything just ---. If you think I dress well, it's because of her, so ---.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8435-14. And the rest of the proclamations will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: 8435-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Dorothy Kinner, upon the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

8436-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Grace Seeman, upon the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

8437-14. Proclamation congratulating the Allegheny League of Municipalities' 2014 Banner Communities of Bethel Park, Mt. Lebanon, Upper St. Clair, and recognizing Mt. Lebanon and Upper St. Clair for earning certification as sustainable communities through the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification Program. Sponsored by Councilwoman Means.

8448-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Morton and Peggy Parker, upon the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Public Comment on Agenda Items. We have none.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Approval of Minutes. 8441-14.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council, held on July 1st, 2014.

MR. FINNERTY: So moved.

MR. MARTONI: 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. 8442-14.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council, held on July 8th, 2014.

MR. KRESS: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: 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. 8431-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Rhonda Russell, to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Deer Lakes Park), for a term to expire on August 26, 2016. Sponsored by Councilman Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Move for approval.

MR. KRESS: 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. 8438 --- yeah, 38-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Joanne Beckowitz, to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Round Hill Park), for a term to expire on August 26, 2016. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

MR. MACEY: I make a motion to approve.

MR. KRESS: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Aye. Opposed? The ayes have it. 8439-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Judy Marshall, to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Round Hill Park), for a term to expire on August 26, 2016. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

MR. MACEY: Motion to approve.

MR. MARTONI: 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. 8440-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Ken McKracken, to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Round Hill Park), for a term to expire on August 26, 2016. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

MR. MACEY: Motion to approve.

MR. MARTONI: 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. Unfinished Business. Committee on Public Works, Second Reading. 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: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of Council. The Public Works Committee met on August the 19th, and this bill was sent out of committee with an affirmative recommendation; therefore, I make a motion to approve.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any remarks? Sue?

MS. MEANS: I have an amendment I'd like to have distributed.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Well --- let's do it now. Now is the time; right.

MS. MEANS: Would you like me to speak to the amendment?

MR. FINNERTY: There has to have been a second on this.

MS. REA: I'll second it.

MS. MEANS: Jan seconded it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Wait a minute until we get there.

MR. MACEY: Do we have a second?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, Jan.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Sue, do you want to explain your amendment?

MS. MEANS: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This money is in the Bethel Park section of South Park, and it is park land that will be sold to Columbia Gas, to put the regulator. So I thought it would be wonderful to designate the \$25,000 to go to an improvement --- a capital improvement in the park. Now, the present nature center was built in 1930, and it needs replaced. It needs relocated. And for \$25,000, we can have a study done of a master plan and decide the proper place --- the best place to put it and even come up with a plan for the building. And that way, if we have this plan, then we can apply for an educational grant from the state to pay for the new facility. But without the plan, it makes it pretty improbable that we would get the grant money from the state. So that's the idea. Thank you giving me time to explain.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Did you make a motion? Did you make the amendment motion?

MS. MEANS: Oh, I made a motion. It's accepted and Jan seconded it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Under remarks? Go ahead, Mr. Macey.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. Mrs. Means was at the Public Works meeting where this was completely vetted, and there was no discussion with regards to earmarking \$25,000 for any other projects. \$25,000 I want everybody to keep in mind, is all of the taxpayers' dollars and goes into the general fund. I think if Mrs. Means would like to get \$25,000 for a study, we have budget meetings coming up where she can

make that part of the budget. At this particular time, the \$25,000 will go into the general fund, and I will be voting against this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other comment? Go ahead, Nick.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, I agree with Bob. I believe this should just be discussed at the budget hearing time.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. We'll hear Barbara, then Mike.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay.

MS. DANKO: I just had a question for Council member Means. I was wondering if the \$25,000 --- how you know that you can get a study done for that. Have you done any comparisons or --- you know, what can you get done for \$25,000?

MS. MEANS: Well, we had a meeting. Councilman Palmiere and I met with the County Executive and Senator Smith and various staff members of both the county and the state. And they felt that \$25,000 was a reasonable amount of money to come up with the master plan. So it was at their suggestion that \$25,000 was the number that they came up with.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. The money should be going to the general fund. We're in a budget situation right now and we will be for the next three or four months. And if the councilwoman wants to get that \$25,000 for South Park, she could put it in the budget.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Nick, did you ---?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Are you done?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing --- go ahead, Jan.

MS. REA: I just have a comment. It's \$25,000 and it's kind of proactive, because we're getting \$25,000 to move it to --- to try to better South Park; so that's all. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Sue?

MS. MEANS: I think if we gave the Port Authority a million dollars to do the study --- this is just \$25,000. I do appreciate the statement about the budget negotiations coming up, but I feel that this is park land and it should go back to South Park; and thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's --- oh, sorry. Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah. The question I have ---; I mean, I think it's a great idea. But as far as recommendations, I mean, we have a parks director who's supposed to recommend to the county the things that may be a priority in terms of ---. I don't know whether this would be a priority or something else. And I would prefer to have something coming from --- from the parks director, in terms of what he and his people think is a priority in terms of money that's allocated to the parks. It's just a matter of just change of hands and the way --- protocol, I guess. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Barbara?

MS. DANKO: I'm very cognizant of Council member Means and, you know, I think this is a good idea. But I'm going to vote no, but if you decide to put it in the budget, I will be supportive at that time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Sue?

MS. MEANS: They did have community meetings, and the community met and they did place a new --- putting a new nature center in at the community meeting. That was on the list of things that the community had mentioned. They have, like --- you know. It came up on the agenda. When they did a grand plan, they were taking in information. I believe it was about the oval in the area, a round oval, and the nature center is close to the oval that they're doing, the major reconstruction on right now; so thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. At this time, we can take a --- try a voice vote. The voice vote is on her amendment. Okay.

MR. FUTULES: You do need a roll call.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, we're going to do it, if we have to.

MR. ROBINSON: Yeah.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed?

(Chorus of noes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: It think it's outstanding no, so it's no, unless you want to request a ---.

MS. MEANS: I'm going to request a roll call vote.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?
MS. DANKO: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: No.
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: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 3, noes, 10. The amendment

fails.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay; on the main motion.
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: 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, 13, noes, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Reports. Anybody have a liaison report?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, I do.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right.

MR. FINNERTY: I'm sorry to interrupt you during your liaison. I just want to mention that tomorrow, Wednesday, August the 27th, at six p.m., there's a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Tri-Community Revitalization that has gone on. Scott Township, Heidelberg and Carnegie has gone together and has revitalized Route 50 and Carothers Avenue and Third --- Third Street in Carnegie. It's a corridor that runs from Carnegie to Heidelberg through Scott Township. So tomorrow at six p.m., there is going to be a ribbon cutting in Heidelberg; by the clock in Heidelberg, if you know where that is. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other --- one other last thing. There's a Labor Day Parade on Monday. It starts at 10:00. Anybody interested in marching on that, they can call the Labor Council/Labor Union, if you want to try to march with them. Okay. With that, let's go down to New Business. Ordinances and Resolutions, 8443-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing, as a result of the County Manager's recent performance of a mandated sunset review and the submission of a report on the sunset review, for the elimination of the county's Department of Real Estate as a separate county department; the transfer of the duties, functions and obligations of the Department of Real Estate to the Department of Administrative Services and the amendment of Chapter OC of the County Code of Ordinances entitled, Organizational Chart, to reflect the elimination of the Department of

Real Estate and the transfer of the duties, functions and obligations to the Department of Administrative Services. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm putting that in the Budget and Finance Committee. 8444-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission 11-14). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'll put that in the Budget and Finance Committee. 8445-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA), Pa. Statute 72, Section 4722, et seq. (1995), as amended, providing for a program of temporary exemption from increases in Allegheny County real property taxes, for the specified time period, resulting from improvements made by an owner of property located within a specific geographical area within the Bloomfield area of 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: That will go in the Committee of Economic Development. 8446-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, approving amendments to the Riverplace-City Center of Duquesne Tax Increment Financing Plan and Riverplace-City Center of Duquesne Tax Increment Financing District, and authorizing a new Tax Increment Financing project within the Tax Increment Financing District and related actions. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into the Economic Development Committee. 8447-14.

MR. CATANESE: Motion approving the Friends of the Park Handbook, in order to provide a standardized guideline for the operation of the Friends of the Park organization in their activities and advisory duties to

the elected representatives of Allegheny County Council. Sponsored by Council member Means and Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm going to put that back in committee. That was never voted out of committee, to my knowledge. Okay?

MS. MEANS: May I say something?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. MEANS: It was --- it was my understanding that it's not something that needed voted on in committee. It's not --- anyway, I'm asking, can I ask Jared or someone to explain that or ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: If you want to.

MS. MEANS: That was my understanding, that we didn't have to have it be voted out of committee.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. BARKER: Do you want to ask --- okay. The Friends of the Park Handbook had never been reduced to a legislative item before. It was drafted as a draft document as just the handbook. The Parks Committee has been discussing it in various meetings since, I believe, April or May of this year. This is the first legislative item on the Friends of the Park Handbook. This is its first reading. It's being introduced tonight, and the president is certainly within his purview to send that to committee for further discussion, if he wants to do that.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's --- 8449-14. Now wait a minute.

MR. CATANESE: These are the bills that are going to be withdrawn?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Right. Yeah, Heather Heidelbaugh withdrew 8449-14, 8450-14, 8451-14, 8452-14, 8453-14. She withdrew them, so we go over to 8454, which was also withdrawn, and 8455 was also withdrawn. That takes us down to Public Comment on General Items. We have three speakers.

MR. CATANESE: We have three.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Lester Ludwig is first.

MR. LUDWIG: My name is Lester Ludwig. I live at 6589 Rosemoor Street, in Squirrel Hill. And I've come tonight for two purposes. One is to bring attention to an article that I found quite by accident in the teaching department of the main Carnegie Library, on the second floor. It's The Chronicle of Philanthropy. And you'll say, well, Les, what --- why? What are you doing here?

Well, over a year ago, a Natalie Rudiak wrote a lovely article in the paper detailing the importance of education for the very young. So I got up at a council meeting and I said, well, what's the budgetary impact? How do we make the program become real? And the answer was, no answer. They weren't prepared to answer. It was an interesting article.

A little detail; 600 bills were introduced this year in 46 states addressing early education. I don't know whether the county is set up with a separate committee, but I'm going to give a copy of the article for distribution to all of you. And I hope that it will gain your attention, so that the schools throughout the county system will have an opportunity to look at it. And in it are the names of significant people who are --- organizations that are funding \$150,000 to \$500,000 to start these kind of programs. It's not chicken feed. It has a budgetary impact, but it's awfully important because we're falling behind nationally; New York City literally losing ground in mathematics and English.

Next subject; some time ago, I came here and spoke about free college tuition. And I want you to know that I haven't sat down and given it up. We're working on it, and we expect to be able to come forward and say that it's not going to come from government. It won't come from parents; it won't come from students. I recognize the source, and I'm working with counsel with an attorney who agrees with me, and we're putting together a group to bring it into reality. And it's needed desperately. We want to go ahead and change the nature of society. The way it is right now, we have to go ahead and make sure that anyone who has a desire to go to college should be able to and should have the money available. And I think that we can bring it forward to you. I thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Okay. How does she pronounce it, Qiu Min Ji?

MR. MACEY: She's not here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Not here? Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller?

DR. MILLER: Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, 40 Beltzhoover Avenue, in Pittsburgh, 412-381-3753. I'm Global Intelligence Society candidate for Pennsylvania governor, 2014, and Pittsburgh mayor, 2017, advancing Pennsylvania as a global state, Pittsburgh as a global city and Allegheny as a global county. Fortress

Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh and Impress Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh are two of my copyrighted programs to do so. This is a presentation of the Pennsylvania Public News Network, founded by me in 2013. At the U.S. State Governors' Conference, 12 July 2014, during a special session on education and job training, chaired by Governor Mary Fallin of Oklahoma, Steve Robiter (phonetic), Extensure (phonetic) North American Group CEO, said that companies like his were seeking to locate in states whose people were well informed and intelligent enough to do the jobs required without further re-education.

As I reported on my 15 July 2014 in Pittsburgh City Council public comment, overall, U.S., Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh and Philadelphia individuals are not able to reasonably compete for international investment. The PISA and PIAA show that U.S. individuals are, on average, less well informed and less intelligent than those of 15 other nations. The PISA, the Program of International Student Assessment, and the PIAA, the Program of International Adult Assessment, are OECD programs. You can check there to find the information. By and large, 2010 to 2014, that the U.S., Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh pre-universities and university educational systems, are causes of this debacle. If you go to Impress, U.S. and non-U.S. investors, in advancing Pennsylvania, I think that the Impress of Pennsylvania, public education, must be dramatically revolutionized.

In the pre-university part of Impress Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh, two actions are key; one, replace Public School Code 1949 of Pennsylvania to devolve control of local pre-university education away from the State of Pennsylvania to local government councils and mayors; the other, establish public alternatives to existing Pennsylvania pre-university districts.

Example: create an alternative to the Pittsburgh public schools, which is failing, and the Pittsburgh Public School System of Districts, the DPSSD, in which Pittsburgh City Council districts would define each of nine new public school districts, the city council of each district serving as the head of the Board of Education in their district. The Board superintendent and principal of a new 21st century high school would be elected by adult residents of the district. In the university part of Impress Pennsylvania, two efforts are essential. One, establish public alternatives to our public universities

in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Create an alternative, as an example, to the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, and a Pittsburgh university system of colleges, in which Pittsburgh city council districts would serve as the low side of each of nine public colleges, with city council serving as the head of the Board of Trustees in his or her district. The college board and council of each college where 20 percent would be elected, are district residents; the others, establish a state university ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'll give you a few more seconds, because ---.

DR. MILLER: --- yeah, I understand.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm glad you understand. Okay. Does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. MARTONI: So moved.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:51 P.M.

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