

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. DeFazio	-	President
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Heather S. Heidelbaugh	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Jan Rea	-	District 2
Edward Kress	-	District 3
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6 (via telephone)
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. Will you all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag --- I'll lead it --- and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection?

(Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)

(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?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Thirteen (13) members currently present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Proclamations and Certificates. 8484-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring in memoriam, the Honorable Sophie Masloff, the first woman Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh. Sponsored by Council members DeFazio, Means, Robinson, Danko, Martoni, Baker,

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have a proclamation here for Ms. Sophie Masloff. I'll read the proclamation first.

WHEREAS, the beloved grandmother of ---.

WHEREAS, the beloved grandmother of Pittsburgh, Ms. Sophie Friedman Masloff was born on December 23rd, 1917, and grew up on Roberts Street in the Lower Hill District, the daughter of poor Romanian-Jewish immigrants, Louis and Jennie Friedman; and

WHEREAS, in January of 1988, Ms. Masloff became the City of Pittsburgh's first female Council President. And when Pittsburgh Mayor Richard Caliguiri died in office on May 6th, 1988, Ms. Masloff was sworn into office as the Mayor of Pittsburgh and became the first woman to hold that office; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Masloff served out the remainder of Mr. Caliguiri's term and was re-elected in November 1989. She made fiscal responsibility for --- centerpiece of her term in office, and she privatized numerous costly city assets, including the Pittsburgh Zoo, the National Aviary, Phipps Conservatory and Schenley Park Golf Course. She was also an advocate for separate baseball and football stadiums. And eventually, after she left office, PNC Park and Heinz Field were built; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Masloff declined to run for a second full term in the 1993 election and retired to her home in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Masloff personified Pittsburgh. She was kind and approachable, but also tough, self-made, the daughter of immigrants, and civic minded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby honor in memoriam the Honorable Sophie Masloff for her depth of spirit, leadership and a lifetime of service to the city that she loved, her family and community. As the first woman mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, she was an inspiration to all in her generation and for years to come. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family and friends. Sponsored by myself and the Council. Are you a granddaughter?

MS. BUSIA: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Would you like to say a few words for us?

MS. BUSIA: I'm Jennifer Busia. I'm her granddaughter. She has a grandson as well. Sorry. I appreciate everything that everybody is doing. She was my life. I would do anything for her, and I did. So I appreciate everything that everybody is doing for her and remembering everything she --- that she did, because she was a wonderful woman; so thank you so much.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Everyone knew Sophie. She was an icon in Pittsburgh. And no matter where you went, everyone knew Sophie. If you heard that voice for one second, everyone knew who it was. So there were some Council people that said they'd like to say a few words, so I'll go down the list and whoever raises their hand can say something. Whoever wants to, just raise your hand if you want to. Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to tell you, Jennifer, you know, your grandmother had a lot of effect on a lot of people, but she never really talked about it. Now, take me, for instance. When I was young, I was --- some of these older guys will tell you, politically, I was quite a rabble-rouser. And in those days, if you caused a lot of trouble, they would make sure that you'd lose your job and you couldn't get a job anywhere else. And when I mean anywhere else, I mean in the corporate world, too, because I remember during that time, a couple corporate people who I was close with said to me, you know, I'd love to hire you, but you know, you got the black spot on you.

Well, I had little kids, and your grandmother was the one that stepped up so that I could get my first job and start back in. And I kind of had to promise I'd be a little bit nicer, but it's a work in progress. But I just wanted to let you know that she never talked about stuff like that. But that's the kind of special woman she was and gave me the opportunity to be able to feed my daughters, who are grown women now, but she was an amazing woman like that. That was just --- you know, she wasn't somebody to go out and brag about it. She just would do stuff like that, so I just wanted you to know that story.

MS. BUSIA: Thank you.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I owe her quite a lot. Thank you.

MS. BUSIA: Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. DANKO: I will bring up the fact that I actually worked in the Mayor's Office when Dick Caliguiri died. I was out on maternity leave, but you know, when I came back, I was then working for Mayor Masloff. And so I knew her in that capacity, and I was part of that team that we saw in the paper today. We're celebrating the 20th anniversary of the RAD, so the people that were working on that --- and it was a work in progress then --- and you know, when you're talking about getting those regional assets and trying to maintain fiscal sanity for the people in the City of Pittsburgh.

But I also want to say after she retired, you know, there were some people that --- we would take Sophie various places. She didn't drive. And so you know, you had that system down. You'd pull up, she was always ready, you know. She'd jump in the car. One time I had to take her to the Rivers Club, you know. And of course, everybody knew her.

MS. BUSIA: That's right.

MS. DANKO: And she'd like, well, you just drive up, then I'll go in. Okay. I'll just drive up. I mean, she meant it. I mean, we practically drove into the restaurant. She's like, no, you park right here.

MS. BUSIA: Oh, yeah.

MS. DANKO: So it was always a privilege to go anywhere with her, and I loved your grandmother very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anyone else? Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'd just like to say that, you know, Sophie was a great lady, and she had great ideas and implemented them. And she's always going to be the First Lady of Pittsburgh. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Bill.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. Like Ms. Danko, I had the opportunity to work closely with the former mayor. We served on Pittsburgh City Council together for eight years. We campaigned together. We became friends. I can't mention Sophie without mentioning your grandfather, Jack.

MS. BUSIA: Yes.

MR. ROBINSON: Jack and I had a lot of good times. Some of those stories I won't tell. Your grandmother was always us, what were we doing? A couple things I just want to mention about Sophie. Much of what I learned about government and politics, I learned watching Sophie Masloff. Oftentimes appearing to be

clumsy and awkward and not knowing what she was doing, she was very much aware of what was going on. And in the tight spots, particularly in private, she showed you how tough a politician she really was. She never thought more of herself than anyone else and always the person you saw shopping in the strip was the same person you saw in the Mayor's office. I can remember one incident that I'll mention. We were at an event downtown at the William Penn Hotel and the Mayor was there to read a proclamation honoring some folks. Someone handed it to her. She started to read it, and within five minutes, she realized she had the wrong proclamation, and she just smiled. She read a few more lines, and then she said, the reason I'm smiling is there's somebody in Washington, D.C. presenting my proclamation to another group, and they're probably smiling.

And then she went on to congratulate the group and thanked them for their hard work on behalf of all of us in Pittsburgh. It was a pleasure and an honor to work with Sophie Masloff. As I said, I learned much from her and about her, as we had an opportunity to campaign together, to serve together and have those quiet conversations. Many evenings Jack Masloff, Bill Robinson and Sophie Masloff would go to social events. And people would always wonder, who was that guy with Sophie? That was her husband Jack. Jack never wanted the limelight. He just wanted to have some fun and protect Sophie. It's hard for me to mention one without the other. Thank you for sharing your grandparents with us. Hopefully, you have the same charm and grace that she does and the love of having a good time like your grandfather. Thank you.

MS. BUSIA: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is Frederick Frank here?

MR. FRANK: I'm here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And would you like to come up and say a few words?

MR. FRANK: I wanted to say that I know how pleased Sophie would be with this honor, and she lived for government and to do good and to see her recognized, albeit posthumously, by County Council, would mean a great deal to her. And I thank you for this tribute on behalf of all her friends.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there any other family members? No? Okay. Do you want to come up here and take a picture?

MS. BUSIA: Okay.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Everybody ready?

MR. CATANESE: Let the record show that Council member Rea and Councilman Futules are present.

8485-14. Proclamation recognizing Ms. Lauren O'Brien of Bethel Park for her war relief efforts, economic development and educational outreach in Central Africa. Sponsored by Councilwoman Means.

MS. MEANS: I am so excited today to give Lauren O'Brien this proclamation. And before I even start, I have to tell everyone, we go way back. We used to take karate together long ago, long ago. Lauren O'Brien is an amazing, amazing girl. And probably --- you were probably about eight or so when we took karate together. We'd have to sit and figure it out. But I had no idea that she would ever accomplish all the things that she has done. She's only 20; right? Am I allowed to tell the world you're 20?

MISS O'BRIEN: Yes.

MS. MEANS: And at the age of 17, she realized there were orphans in Uganda that needed money so they could go to school. They did it and it cost \$200 for one year's tuition for an elementary school --- and you can correct me if I don't get anything --- if I mess up something --- and \$700 to go to school for high school.

And the key to coming out of poverty is an education, and Lauren knew that. Lauren knew that an education is the key to success. And I don't know if she realized it or not, but it has a ripple effect, and it can make a whole community and a nation turn around. And these people in Uganda, they can't afford to send their kids to school, so maybe only the oldest gets to go. And the girls do not get to go if there isn't money. So Lauren knew this at 17. Here she --- they had times when her bedroom looked like Willy Wonka factory, because she was selling chocolate. One month she raised \$1,000, and then another time she went and gave her presentation at a local church to six different masses. And then after mass, she would sit outside the church and that day --- and with a little bucket --- and that day she raised \$4,000.

She's amazing. She works as a waitress at Kings. She gives her money away. She works at a concession stand --- I always had trouble with that word --- and she gives her money away. Again, she has a goal to raise --- was it \$30,000, or what was your goal?

MS. O'BRIEN: Well, I had to bring goals, but I had to raise \$32,000. But there's been multiple goals.

MS. MEANS: And so her goals was to raise money so that 30 orphans that go to school. And she raised enough money so that 43 orphans could go to school so she exceeded her goal. And now she has another goal, to raise \$50,000 to build a school, a sustainable school, a school with a library. Anyway, I could go on and on, but Lauren, you are example to all of us of what one person can do, how one person can make a difference, and how you, as a teenager, decided that you were going to do something to help other people to benefit their lives and the lives of many, many people. So I'll get on; sorry. I could go on and on.

WHEREAS, Miss Lauren O'Brien, a Bethel Park resident and Duquesne University sophomore, has raised \$32,000 in a three-year period towards the war relief effort, economic development and education in Central Africa; and

WHEREAS, through selling chocolate, organizing fundraisers, concerts, all-night movie events, creating a Facebook page to solicit donations, Miss O'Brien, working with the Orphans Hope Center of Kiboga, Uganda, has raised enough money to send 43 children to school for one year. Miss O'Brien was also able to provide two wheelchairs and one walker to disabled individuals;

WHEREAS, Miss O'Brien was inspired to establish Pauline Juliet, Inc., a non-profit organization named after two orphaned sisters that were able to attend school thanks to Miss O'Brien. This agency exists to supply the girls of Uganda and the world the education and empowerment necessary to affect change with themselves and within their community; and

WHEREAS, Pauline Juliet will provide eight girls with an education founded from primary through university graduation. They will receive job training, placement assistance. Miss O'Brien has patterned (sic) with Women Enterprises and Network Development, a group which provides sustainable jobs for Uganda women and selling these items to make money for Uganda students, which

benefits the people that --- I mean, many layers of people; the people that make the product and the money that's gained goes to the kids;

WHEREAS, Miss O'Brien's latest project involves building a sustainable school with desks --- they usually sit on the floor and --- or just like benches --- and the first ever library in the entire district, open to all schools, with no cost for orphans and a sliding scale for others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County does hereby recognize and thank Miss Lauren O'Brien for her dedication and commitment to empowering the children of Uganda through education and opportunity. Sponsored this day by Council member Sue Means and presented on the 23rd day of September 2014. Lauren, would you like to say something?

MISS O'BRIEN: Yes.

MS. MEANS: Oh, good.

(Applause.)

MISS O'BRIEN: Thank you. First of all, I just wanted to say thank you for this opportunity and for your support. Sometimes it's kind of weird to be awarded, because I feel like --- you know, I'm so thankful to be able to do what I'm doing. And you know, I'm so thankful to have something that makes me so happy but also the privilege to be able to help others. So thank you and thank you for giving me this platform to speak and to get our word out there. So as she said, I run an organization called Pauline Juliet, which exists to supply girls in Uganda and hopefully soon the world, an education and empowerment necessary to affect change within themselves and within their communities.

We do that through scholarships, funding for uniform fees, scholastic materials and sanitary pads, as well as mentoring health and sex education, as well. So this year we sent --- this is our first year as an organization, and we sent 43 kids to school this year, but we also gave out eight permanent scholarships to young girls which will pay for all of their primary school years, all of their secondary school years and all of their university school years. And at that point, we're hoping to add on a job training aspect, as well as job placement. You know, all of the girls are very young still, though.

But our newest project is this school, which we're really excited about, and we need as much help as possible to get it up and running. And basically, the revolutionary idea about it for this community, Kiboga district, is that it's going to be free for orphans, because there's so many kids that can't go to school because they don't have the funds needed to go. And it's very expensive, even, you know, in American standards. So it will be free for orphans, but there will also be a sliding scale for other families, because a lot of other families have multiple kids or they have one parent, so it's difficult for school to be a priority, even though in the long run it really is, especially for orphans, you know, to pull them out of poverty and to give them independence and the skills that they need to obtain a job in the future. It's also going to have the first library in the entire district, and this is --- it's a small district, but you know, there's a couple thousand people that live there and they don't have any libraries. None of the schools have libraries. They have a really big range of schools; like, I went to some nicer schools, but one of the schools I went to was about as big as a large tent, and the walls were made out of sticks and the ceiling was just a slab of tin.

And there was probably 40 kids, 30 kids, just squeezed into there and dirt floors and no desks. So it will really help the community to have a nice school, free for orphans, sliding scale for others. This library --- we're looking at a central point in the community, so that the library will be a central point. And it's also going to be fully sustainable, so we'll have a working farm, well, clay --- the clay from the ground we're going to use for bricks and things along those lines. And we also want to get, you know, as much of the construction and the products and everything locally, you know, bought and utilized, so that the whole community can come in on this, you know, teachers --- good jobs for teachers, good jobs for people and just really help the community, you know, as many ways as possible.

But this was a very exciting thing for me to decide to do, because as she said, \$200 to \$700 a year per student can only get you so far, but a school can service, you know, a couple hundred students a year for generations to come. So I'm sorry for talking so long, but if you're interested in helping, or you know, just interested, you

can visit us on our Facebook. It's Facebook.com/Pauline Juliet Inc. Or I think you can search Pauline and Juliet. It might come up so Pittsburgh, we'll have a page. Okay. So yeah; so thank you so much, and I really appreciate it.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: This is Pat O'Brien and Sue O'Brien. They're Lauren's parents. They came from karate. We used to say our kids and our money go to karate school.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8486-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation naming September 29, 2014 as the ATHENA & Young Professional Awards Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council member Baker.

MR. BAKER: All right. I think we have a good team going on of women in leadership, so I'm going to ask our ATHENA award nominees and honorees to join me up here. Thanks to all of them for coming out tonight. Next Monday is the Annual ATHENA Awards. We're very much looking for the celebration. It's Monday over lunchtime. And we have an amazing group of women that are leaders here in our community that have gathered here tonight. Come on over. We can get close, become friends, yeah, absolutely. So I know you're competitors, but be friends, too. So there's a lot of great nominees this year.

Just to get a sense out of Council and the crowd, how many people have been to the ATHENA awards?

(Hands raised.)

MR. BAKER: Okay. How many people want to go to the ATHENA awards some time?

(Hands raised.)

MR. BAKER: That's where everyone raised their hands. Okay.

MS. MARCELLO: There's still a few tickets left.

MR. BAKER: Okay. There's still a few tickets left. Okay. So I've been to the event, my wife and I --- is like the Susan Lucci of the ATHENA Y.P. Award. So we've been to the event, love the event. I'm very proud to be part of Sabrina's video this year for her nomination. She's the Executive Director of Strong Women, Strong Girls. The video process was very intense, but you did a very good job interviewing us about the amazing women that are here in our community. So I would just ask everyone to consider for next year, nominating somebody for the ATHENA awards. It's an amazing celebration of the

incredible women that work hard, that give back and serve as mentors here in our community.

And with that, I'm going to read a proclamation, and then I have a question for all of you to answer in the crowd afterwards, so here's the proclamation, though.

WHEREAS, taking its name from the Greek goddess of strength and wisdom, the Greater Pittsburgh ATHENA Awards event is one of the largest annual gatherings among the hundreds of ATHENA international-affiliated events presented around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Pittsburgh ATHENA Award recognizes exceptional women who demonstrate excellence in their profession, contribute to their community and help other women to succeed through mentorship. The ATHENA Young Professional Award recognizes an emerging leader age 35 years or younger; and

WHEREAS, the ATHENA awards focus on mentorship, distinguishing it from other awards, recognizing women in business by honoring exceptional leaders. The ATHENA award program inspires others to achieve personal and professional excellence; and

WHEREAS, the five --- and we're going to announce the finalists here tonight --- the five ATHENA finalists --- I think they already know --- it was in a magazine, but the five ATHENA finalists include Linda Croushore, the executive director of The Consortium for Public Education; Diane Holder, who's the executive vice president of UPMC and the president of UPMC Insurance Services Division and the president and CEO of UPMC Health Plan; Susan Kirsch, she's a shareholder for Tax Advisory Services for Schneider Downs; Karen Larrimer, who my wife won't stop talking about because she is amazing at PNC. She's the chief customer officer and chief marketing officer at PNC; and Suzy Teele, she's the chief operating officer of SnapRetail; and

WHEREAS, the three ATHENA Y.P. finalists includes Stephanie Garbe, compliance senior specialist at PNC, Amelia Papapetropoulos?

MS. MARCELLO: She's not here.

MR. BAKER: She's not here; okay. Was I very close-ish?

MS. MARCELLO: Papapetropoulos (changes pronunciation).

MR. BAKER: Papapetropoulos (corrects pronunciation). Okay. Okay. Very good --- sales

manager, Lightning Energy Services. And finally, the person whose video I was involved in --- and I'm not playing favorites --- Sabrina Saunders, the executive director of Strong Women, Strong Girls.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny Council does hereby congratulate the finalists and hereby name September 29th, 2014 as the 2014 ATHENA Award and ATHENA Young Professional Award Day here in Allegheny County. Sponsored by myself and presented this 23rd day of September, 2014. Congratulations to everyone involved in the event and give them a big round of applause.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: And the event is all about mentorship, so when I got sworn in on January 2nd, I shared with everyone about my mom. Even when I was a slow runner when Sara and I were going to Allderdice, she would come to all those cross country races with a cherry slush puppie. And I will say this 20-plus years later, I was running a half marathon and she came on a Saturday when I was running a half marathon and brought a slushie again. So women mentors in our lives are incredibly important. So when you all introduce yourself, if you could just briefly share, who was your female mentor role model when you were growing up, so ---. So --- and tell us who you are. You're the CEO of ---?

MS. MARCELLO: No, I wish I was.

MR. BAKER: Okay.

MS. MARCELLO: I'm Beth Marcello. I am the Chair of this year's ATHENA Award. It's the 29th Annual ATHENA Award, and I will make another shameless plug for the lunch on Monday. It is the 29th Annual ATHENA Awards Lunch in Pittsburgh sponsored by the Allegheny Conference. It's a wonderful event. 900 men and women in our community turn out to recognize and celebrate the --- this year's ATHENA Award finalists. And ATHENA is also really about recognition and recognizing the women who are making a difference in our community. So thank you very much to Councilman Baker and to County Council for extending us this additional level of recognition. So I appreciate it and we all appreciate it.

MR. BAKER: And you're very welcome, but you have to tell us who your mentor when you were young.

MS. MARCELLO: Actually, my mentor --- my very first real mentor was my very first boss. And some of you may know who she was, Mary Lou Daniel, and she was --- I

worked at the Neighborhoods for Living Center under Mayor Caliguiri's administration. And Mary Lou was my first boss and my mentor, and I miss her.

MR. BAKER: Thank you. And we'll give you all your awards, so come on up. Hi. How are you?

MS. TEELE: Good. How are you? My name is Suzy Teele. I'm one of the finalists, the chief operating officer of SnapRetail. We are a start-up based in the Strip District --- yeah, Pittsburgh --- and we're excited to be here and very honored and flattered to be chosen as one of the finalists. And I would like to thank you, Councilman Baker, and others for giving us this opportunity. I'm very excited to be part of the Pittsburgh community and have been my entire career and have spent about the past 12 years or so actively giving back to by coaching women through a number of wonderful programs that are available in the community, such as PowerLink and the E-Magnify Program through the Seton Hill College, as well as work that I've done at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon and Innovation Works Programs.

So I actively seek not and look for opportunities that I can share what I've learned in all the years that I've been involved in technology and business leadership with others. And that's a very strong passion of mine. And I would have to say that my mentor is --- and I'm sure it's a typical answer, but one that's very meaningful to me, my mother --- now I'm going to cry --- because she raised three daughters in a period where my father was frequently out of work. And she would have to go to work when we were very young. And so she taught me honesty, self-sufficiency, integrity, all those qualities that I think make a good leader, and hopefully, that I've been able to pass those on to others, so thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. BERSHOK: Thank you. See, now I'm getting misty hearing these stories. I am Beth Bershok. I am currently the vice chair of the ATHENA Committee, and I am also --- one of the things that we haven't mentioned, is when you go to the luncheon, we don't --- it's not just a luncheon where we've giving the award. You get to hear all of the stories of the finalists. And that is honestly my favorite part of the luncheon every year. We have videos that show their stories and how they mentor others.

And so three of the finalists are with us today. You will get to see their videos on Monday. You will also get to see the other five finalists and their videos and their stories. And I have never left the luncheon without being incredibly inspired.

I do want to say this. If you don't have a ticket, it might be worth buying a ticket just because Councilman Baker is in the video for Sabrina and did a fabulous job. And I can say that because we were in final editing yesterday. So I saw it all. We're ready to go. So if you have not attended and you just want to find out what the program is all about, please go to the website, because some of the stories and some of the information is on the website.

And so I'm going to --- this might seem a little strange, but my mentor is really a collective group and it's because --- and it's going to be --- now I'm going to get misty, too. It's all of the females in my family, because when I was growing up, every female in my family worked. And it was not typical. It was my mother, both of my grandmothers, all of my aunts, all of my great-aunts. Everybody worked and just assumed that you, as a female, were going to do that, as well, and have some sort of career. And I didn't even know that was unusual until as I kept getting older and older, and I noticed that people weren't working. And they didn't have this --- this inspiration. They didn't have these examples, and so it's a collective mentor.

(Applause.)

MS. GARBE: Hi. I'm Stephanie Garbe. I'm one of the finalists for the ATHENA Young Professional Award. I have the pleasure of working at PNC Bank by day. My first mentor --- probably my first role model was my grandmother. She was kind and giving and really set a great example. And growing up, sometimes it was annoying to wake up early and help with Meals on Wheels or have to get in the back seat because she would pick people up from the grocery stores who were walking in the snow. But she really set a great example for my sisters and I of how to be a good person and give back to the community; so thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. SAUNDERS: So I have the privilege here, because Tom's my buddy.

MR. BAKER: Yeah.

MS. SAUNDERS: I'm Sabrina Saunders. I'm the executive director of Strong Women, Strong Girls. And I am also a Y.P. ATHENA finalist. I'm so grateful for this proclamation, so thank you. Thank you, Tom, for doing this for ATHENA. It's really exciting. The entire process has been exciting, and I've met so many amazing women throughout. So if you can come to the luncheon, I really advise you to be there. From what I understand, it's held every year and ours was one of the largest in the world in Pittsburgh, so we should be proud of that.

So my mentor --- my first mentor and role model is a woman that I actually never met, and that was my grandmother. She passed away before I was born, but she was tough and she led with grit. And all of the women in my family looked up to her. And it's for that reason that they actually invested their time in me, and they remind me all the time; it's because of your grandmother that we love you and your mother. And so I really appreciate her really laying the foundation for our family and for the women that led me. And then professionally, I would definitely have to say my previous boss, Esther Bush, who also leads with grit and with boldness. And she taught me to do the same. Thank you again, Tom, and this is an amazing opportunity.

(Applause.)

MS. SKELLEY: Real quick; good evening. I'm Janel Skelley, and I'm the chief financial officer for the Allegheny Conference. And on behalf of the Greater Pittsburgh ATHENA and the Chamber of Commerce and Allegheny Conference, I just wanted to say thanks to those who have supported the luncheon. And for those who haven't, it's an amazing, amazing luncheon that recognizes fantastic leaders, women leaders in this community. So I --- my mentor would be my sister, Dana, who has kind of taken me through the road of life and college and everything and gave me the advice that I needed to be where I am today; so thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8487-14 will be read into the record, plus all the rest of the proclamations.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation declaring September 19, 2014 as Every Child, Incorporated Challenge the Champions Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council member Baker.

8488-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to the 2014 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) Program honorees. Sponsored by Council members Finnerty, Macey and Means.

8489-14. Proclamation thanking Ms. Joyce Rothermel for her 30 years of dedicated service as Co-founder and chief executive officer of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

8490-14. Proclamation congratulating the Veterans of Foreign Wars (the VFW), upon the momentous occasion of its 100 years in Pittsburgh. Sponsored by Council members Robinson and Means.

8491-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. Russell T. Washington upon the occasion of his 100th birthday. Sponsored by Council member Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Next we'll have our quarterly address by the chief executive.

(Applause.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. It's always good to be here, back in the chamber that I spent so many years working --- working with many of you. Since I was last here, I just wanted to kind of fill in a few things. And we continue to have good economic news in this region, with job growth, development, all the things that are going on. One of the big ones that's happened in the last --- since I was here a quarter ago, was the R-CAP that the governor awarded, along with the transportation funding, to give \$7,000,000 to the World Trade Center, which we have the rights to.

The Pittsburgh World Trade Center is going to be built out at our --- in our airport land, Pittsburgh International Airport, to develop a project that will provide Class A office, and excuse me, an R and D site, and attract additional international trade to the region. The master plan calls for about 1,000,000 square feet of office space, with private investment of over \$160,000,000, 90 square feet of R and D space, with an investment of about \$17,000,000, a new 400-room Class A hotel, estimated at a \$41,000,000 cost, and then 240,000 square feet of new hangar space at a cost of about \$40,000,000.

The hangar space, obviously, gives us a real incentive and a real competitive advantage to attract

national headquarters, as well as world headquarters, so --- and again, the continuing collaboration with this government, with the city, with the state, with the federal government, has really been a mark that is a national model of what we want to continue to do, so continue to do that. You have some things on the agenda that are going to be coming up, one tonight that I wanted to talk about. I think it was passed out of committee last week, and that's the Sunset Review real estate proposal, Ordinance 8443-14. This is where we're talking about combining and merging, consolidating two departments. We estimate a savings of, conservatively saying, about \$250,000, which obviously is something we want to continue to try to save money for the taxpayers of this county. So we would urge your passage this evening. We just completed the summer concert series, which was extremely successful this year, both at Hartwood Acres and at South Park. We estimated about 155,000 people came to our summer concert series. One of the things we've been able to do is keep this free of charge for the public, so they've been able to enjoy our symphony, the ballet, many, many groups across the spectrum of music, and it continues to attract an awful lot of people. Our parks, I think, have had a very successful summer and continue to have a successful fall, with an awful lot of people availing themselves to some of the great things that are going on there.

We also --- and you saw in the parks, we're going to be bringing to you in the budget in a couple of weeks, a line item for park rangers. Presently, about a quarter of our county police are deployed strictly in the parks. They have no other duties and no other functions that they do during their shift. And we feel that putting park rangers in there will decrease the cost, for example, for doing that, but also allow us to deploy about 50 people, 45 to 50 officers to some of the hot spots around this county that are basically crying out for some service and some public safety help. So we're going to be bringing that to you. We've been working with the city, where they're looking to do similar things, working with the Regional Asset District, as well as the foundation community. And it's been received very positively in the community, so we'll be looking forward to bringing that to you during the budget address.

We're also going to be bringing to you probably within the next month or two an ordinance dealing with restaurant grading. I want to give the Health Board great kudos for the work that they've done over the last couple of years, along with Director Hacker. This will allow the public to have more transparency, more information, when they go and see what grades have been given to restaurants. Right now, certain things are certainly online, and they can get that, but it's probably not the easiest thing to navigate through. So we will be introducing that, and obviously, you'll take that to committee. But we think it's a good step forward for the citizens of Allegheny County. And I would urge --- urge passage of that. We, just a couple of weeks ago, had the Pro Bike/Pro Walk group come into Pittsburgh, almost 1,000 people from all over the country; in fact, many countries around the world, coming together with best practices. We installed some temporary lanes on our Warhol Bridge. That was very, very well received. We'll be putting some permanent lanes on the Clemente Bridge, targeted by the end of October. And we're continuing to work out details to add some to our Philip Murray Bridges, the Tenth Street Bridge over the South Side. Working with the city and many of the municipalities, as we continue to attract more young people, more vibrancy into this community, there's a real demand out there for that. And with our Live Well Allegheny Program and the transportation needs that we have, we think that can be very, very positive as we continue to move forward with that.

Also, along the Health Department lines, I wanted to talk about the community meetings that we're having --- the first one we had last night over at Allegheny General Hospital --- that the Health Department is going to be putting on. One will be in each County Council district, and it will be running through the middle of November. So the list is all out there. We're working with you and some of your folks on where to best have these in the community. This is really a good opportunity for folks to weigh in on how we can improve public health, because while our economic health right now is doing very, very well, probably the best it's been done --- doing in decades, our physical health numbers, with respect to diabetes, heart disease, percentage of people that are smoking, percentage of obesity, other factors

that are not in our favor, we lag other cities in this country.

So it's a real effort, but we want to educate people on diet and exercise and healthy living, and it's something we're really going to --- going to be working on. As you know, the budget is to be presented every year in early October, so at the next meeting I will be coming with the budget, making a budget proposal to give to you our proposed plan. While we are not done yet --- the county manager and the Budget Department are still working on it --- we're hopeful and anticipatory that we will not be asking or needing a millage increase this year. So that will be hopefully another year that we'll be able to go balance the budget, provide the services that the folks in Allegheny County need without raising the millage. And with that, I was going to open up to any questions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any questions? Any questions?

MR. FUTULES: Council?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: It's not necessarily a question. Why don't you tell everyone about the new iced tea promotion for the county parks? It's a great marketing scheme.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: You know, one of the things, Councilman, that we've been doing is partnering with commercial opportunities, like we did at the Boathouse Restaurant out in North Park, which has been extremely successful, the zip line, Go Ape, and the ski operation out in Boyce Park. And we just entered into an agreement with a local dairy, Colteryahn Dairy, which is located in Carrick. I believe they're the only remaining dairy in the City of Pittsburgh. And they came out with a new drink that they're promoting. I think it's Burgh 50/50, half lemon --- lemonade, half iced tea. And on the bottle, they have pictures and displays and information about our county parks, promoting our county parks, whether it be Hartwood Acres, the Boathouse. And people can get, I think it's a \$2 off coupon for, you know, our swimming pools and our ice skating rinks and other things.

So it's one of those partnerships where it doesn't cost the taxpayers any money, but we're able to promote our county parks and let people know some of the great things and some of the information. The Allegheny

alerts are on there and some other things. So we view it as a very, very positive partnership. We're going to continue to look at some of those partnerships. I know Councilman Kress has been --- with his marketing committee, it's been something he's been working on. And we'll continue to look for those opportunities to improve our services without unduly burdening the taxpayer.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other questions or comments? Sue?

MS. MEANS: It's nice to see you, Mr. Fitzgerald. I wanted to ask you a question about the bike lane proposal. People are --- I'm hearing people complain about taking a four-lane bridge and reducing it to a two-lane bridge to have bikes on there. And my question is, are you planning on conducting a traffic flow study to see how it affects rush hour traffic and the flow of traffic?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, they've been doing some of that, and they'll continue to do that. I'll be honest with you. I think --- the Clemente Bridge, I don't think, it's going to have such an effect, because there's three bridges, basically, parallel right in a row. The South Tenth Street Bridge is a little more problematical because it's the only bridge over there, I think, with some turning lanes and some other, you know, some other amenities that we're going to be using. Hopefully, that will be fine. But it is something that we will visit, certainly, because we're all trying to figure out how to share the road between buses, trucks, cars, bikes, pedestrians. And it's something that we've got to look at.

MS. MEANS: I'm just concerned because --- I mean, it's nice that we're encouraging people to ride bikes. That's great. Winter is coming. People probably won't be riding bikes. And most of the people commute to and from work on their --- in their vehicles, and if they are, it takes too long to come and go to work because traffic is congested, then I'm afraid that businesses may move out of the city, because you know, it's too congested trying to come and go.

I also was told --- I was given the impression that the reason why we have the tunnel, the trolley, go underneath the city, was so that --- to reduce traffic flow across the bridges, that people would park on the

North Side. And that's why I think that traffic flow studies are really imperative.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, I think there was probably a lot of different reasons why the plan to run the subway under the river over to the North Shore was done. One of the things we've got to figure out in downtown Pittsburgh and in Oakland, are those are two of the fastest-growing areas in the community when it comes to jobs. And quite frankly, we can't fit everybody in there with cars. I mean, we've probably maxed out, when you look at some of the gridlock that occurs at different periods of the day. So you know, how we balance that is one of those things we've got to continue to look at. This young generation, quite frankly, doesn't want to be in their cars. A lot of them don't even own cars. They want to use transit; they want to use bikes; they want to use other means of transportation. You may have seen what the mayor did on Penn Avenue, turning it one way, creating a bike-protected lane right through the heart of downtown Pittsburgh. I think it's been received pretty well. And most of the calls we've been getting have been pretty positive throughout the biking footprint. And it's not just in downtown Pittsburgh. Darla Cravotta from my office has been working with many municipalities to continue to connect bike lanes to what they call the super highway, which is our riverfront trails, along all three of our rivers. So I think it's something we're going to continue to see and want to do, but we've got to do it in the right --- in a smart manner.

MS. MEANS: One last thought, though, is that what young people do, is they get married, they have children, and then they need a car seat and a car; just a little thought.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I'm aware of that, yes.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay. Real long --- it's like it's real long.

MS. MEANS: And that's all. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other questions?  
Barbara?

MS. DANKO: Yeah. We were --- all of Council was copied on a letter that was sent to you --- I think it was postmarked last week or this week --- from the Borough of West Mifflin. And they --- I had almost forgotten, but when we did the deal with CONSOL for the Airport

Authority, there was also a provision in the contract, although not in the authorizing legislation, that we could potentially drill at the county airport. So they were, you know, bringing this back to our attention and reminding us that the deadline is in February of 2015. And you know, because sometimes we get things at the last minute that have to be done yesterday, I'm wondering if we should be expecting any legislation coming from the administration about the county airport.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: No.

MS. DANKO: No. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Heather?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. County Executive, you mentioned Councilman Kress' marketing committee. Are you in agreement with his report?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Which report are you talking about?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: The one he just issued.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Parts of it.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Which parts are you in agreement?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I think there's parts in which, you know, Mr. Kress wants to look at opportunities, particularly along our bridges. And I think there are some things that we may be able to do with those bridges when it comes to marketing, some things we will not be able to do, not because it's not good ideas, but because they kind of fly in the face of the Federal Transportation Administration. They're funded in large part by the federal government. When we do a bridge --- when we rehab a bridge, our exposure typically is five percent. Eighty (80) percent comes from the federal government. The balance comes from state government, so --- but I think it's good. I think the breadth of the report or the study the councilman has done has us taking a look at some of the opportunities that we want to do, like we did with the --- with Colteryahn Dairy. It's a local operation with local jobs. We want to promote local businesses. And I think that's a --- it's a good partnership.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Is there anything that you can think of that you're not in favor of?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, as I said, the bridge thing might be very problematic, because we don't want to jeopardize federal funding that we may get.

And how you use the bridges is something you have to look at. For example, we close the Clemente Bridge for every Pirate game. That can be done because the whole public gets to utilize that. I know there have been some convention groups that have wanted to come in and close the bridge and have a party on the bridge. And we probably could charge a lot of money and rent that bridge for a significant amount. But if it's not open to the public, if it's open to just a private group, it gets a little bit tricky as to legally what you can do.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: The other --- last question I had is both papers ran on Sunday a thoughtful editorial by Richard Florida, who is kind of generally regarded as an innovative thinker, in regard to --- to cities and 22nd century cities. And I think he was a professor at CMU. The point of his piece was that we need to question whether we're depleting our tax base by the overuse of the TIFs and LERTAs. So my question to you, sir, is, did you review the editorial, and did you form an opinion in regard to his piece?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I did not, but I know Dr. Florida. I spent a lot of time with Dr. Florida when he was at CMU. He was there after I was there, but before I got into public work, I spent a lot of time learning and studying what --- when he talked about the creative class, he wrote a pretty good book regarding that. And there obviously can be an area where you overdo it with TIFs and LERTAs in certain communities. I think this council and this county has been pretty judicious in how it is done, TIFS and LERTAS. We've pretty much not done it to benefit, say, retail that pretty much just moves money around. It doesn't bring new money into the region.

We've done it to try to benefit distressed communities because while, again, this region is doing extremely well right now, there are pockets --- there are places in this community that are not sharing in all of that economic success. So almost on a case-by-case basis, I think we want to take a look at and see if a TIF or a LERTA is appropriate. I wouldn't make a blanket statement that they're all glitter, that they're all bad. I think you really have to look at it on a case-by-case basis. There's probably communities, say, in the Mon Valley that still haven't come back yet to what --- to what is going on, even neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh.

I think the Almono TIF in Hazelwood, for example, was appropriate. That's a community that hasn't seen the success, say, that the Strip District or Lawrenceville or some of the other communities have seen. And I think to invest in the infrastructure there to help spur development, particularly private development, is appropriate.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'll just comment. Thank you for your answer, but I would recommend that you read the article. I think it was kind of remarkable that both papers put his piece in. And I think that the opinion was that most of them are problematic, because what you're doing is giving the corporation a break. You're choosing between winners between different corporations. And then you're requiring the poor in your community to ultimately pay more. And I think one of the worst examples we --- I've seen since I've been here was the Sewickley Parking Garage, which clearly is not in a distressed community. And I think one of the folks that comes before us regularly has indicated that the definition of distressed can be associated with any community. There is really no definition. So I continue to be watchful of the LERTAs and the TIFs that we've gotten because I'm very concerned that we're going to have to, as you intimated, some day look at raising our taxes. And the continued depletion of our tax base is going to force that sooner, rather than later.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other --- go ahead.

MS. DANKO: Was anyone ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. I didn't see anyone.  
Go ahead.

MS. DANKO: My other concern --- as you, I'm sure, are aware, I introduced a piece of legislation on the --- like an e-mail retention policy. And right now it's being held in committee. We've had some discussions, but I was told that the county manager said that the reason --- earlier in the year when it was first introduced, Amie Downs was quoted in the paper as saying the administration is working on an e-mail retention policy. But then when the county manager came to the committee about a month ago, he said, well, the priority in the IT Department is really now putting the Allegheny Health Department on the county's server.

So my question really is two parts. You know, what is the urgency in putting the county health

department on the server? And when --- I mean, I would like and I would like all of Council to work with the administration on coming up with an appropriate e-mail retention policy, but I feel like, you know, we could use the administration's help in coming up with something, and it seems to be way on the back burner. Thank you.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, we'll certainly take a look at it. I mean, we always look to improve our data and how we retain data and how we utilize data. It's one of the things we're working with the city and the foundations and universities on pretty closely. I think the retention policy we have is probably consistent with other governments and with state law, and we'll continue to look at it. One of the things in doing a two-year retention would be it would cost the taxpayers an awful lot of money to build a server that size. You know, it would be like trying to keep all of the mail that you get in your house or even in your offices for two years. A lot of it is junk mail. A lot of it is not necessary. And certainly, things that are --- how would I say --- there would be a legal issue, something that we would have to do, those are kept. Those are kept ad infinitum until the policy is done. But we get an awful lot of spam and junk mail and things like that, and to try to keep all that for two years would really be costly to the taxpayers.

MS. DANKO: You didn't answer the other part of the question about the Health Department.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, the Health Department, they've been kind of under-funded in a lot of ways on what they're doing. There's an awful lot of data that the Health Department needs to --- needs to utilize. And you know, working with Dr. Hacker and the county manager, they'll certainly be trying to put that information together. And we also think we can get some private funding that supports that from the foundation community, that we may not have to utilize tax dollars, at least totally on tax dollars to do.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jim?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah, I just had --- the biggest complaint that I've probably been getting lately is --- and I've lived in this City of Pittsburgh for almost 60 years. And I have never --- in the last 30-some I've lived in South Hills, as you well know --- I have never seen traffic jams like I have seen in the last year,

every day. I mean, I live three miles from downtown, and there's days it takes me, you know, almost an hour just to get through the tunnel. And you know, those of you who have districts in the South ---. And the thing that I'm getting to, is somehow the City of Pittsburgh and --- you know, did anybody ever hear of the concept of a traffic cop?

You know, there was a time when there were county police officers that were on the Liberty Bridge. What's happened here in this --- is this traffic has increased. And with all the construction, that I just feel that the government --- and I'm not just saying the county, the city, because you know, I haven't seen a city traffic cop in so long, I don't even see Vicks Yank (phonetic), God rest him, has passed. But they're just allowing the public to just have at it. I mean, it's so bad that, you know, even the buses are --- have gotten to the point where they're obnoxious, the drivers, the ones that sit in the traffic. And one of the things that I wanted to ask you, whether it's in your dialogue with the mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, or in terms of whether it would be Port Authority, you know, that maybe somehow, whether, you know, we're freeing up more county police officers, whatever, that we can come up with some kind of a plan, at least during rush hours, to put some traffic police officers on these streets, particularly on some of these bridges and stuff where --- I mean, it's a nightmare, you know, the accidents and that. And then it gets to the point where people are sitting there and they're getting a little --- you know, I'm sure everybody here has experienced it. So that's something that you can just kind of get your --- Mr. McKain to put his thinking cap on a little bit, in terms of, you know, trying to alleviate some of this.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: No, there's a cost to all the great jobs and all the success that we've had, and one of them is traffic jams, no question about it.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Right.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And the Parkway West has probably experienced as much as anybody coming in, whether it's through the Liberty Tunnels, down Banksville Road, down the Parkway West, because of all the growth in --- out by the airport, Kennedy, Robinson; you know, North Fayette, Oakdale, Findlay, et cetera, plus the downtown traffic. I mean, you can hit traffic jams on the

Parkway West many times a day, not just at the morning and evening rush hour.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I think that the thing that probably, more so than anything --- that irks me is the lack of coordination. For instance, they closed the Liberty Tunnel to paint it for two weeks, going one way and then the other. Nobody can come up with a concept of like, well, during rush hour, we'll go in one way and then come out the other way. But during that time what happens is all the side streets are filled up beyond capacity. There are no police officers anywhere. People get into it with each other, people are putting --- and it just --- it becomes an obnoxious situation. And I just don't think that it --- I think it's something that --- like you said, it's a problem but I think we could do better. And I just think that if somehow we could get some police officers and better coordination between the city, the county and the state, in terms of some of the work that they're doing --- because a lot of times when you close major arteries, what happens is --- like for instance, Greentree Road they're working on. You wouldn't even believe it. I have an office that's one mile from my home. It took me 50 minutes to get to it, because what happens is all the side streets become --- and there's no police officers anywhere to say, well, you know what, let's try to like -- you know, because the lights never change. They don't -- you know, the engineers don't adjust any lights, so they're still used to what the normal traffic flow is.

MR. FINNERTY: And your street is a shortcut.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Right. My street is a shortcut. So anyway, this --- like I said, it's --- you know, for what it's worth. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more questions, we want to thank you for coming.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President, and we'll see you in a couple weeks when we bring the budget.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public Comment on Agenda Items. We don't have any; right?

MR. FINNERTY: Wait. I just want to recognize the fact that of all the directors and everything, that Mr. McKain is always on the job; he stays.

MR. MCKAIN: Well, you want the bad news?

MR. FINNERTY: And we appreciate him. Mr. Beckley (phonetic) is here. He's still here. Now, they're all running out the door. I know Jerry, he's a --- Mr. McKain is the captain, and he stays.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Approval of Minutes. 8495-14.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council held on August 19, 2014.

MR. MACEY: 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. Presentation of Appointments. 8483-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of John S. Detwiler to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Round Hill Park), for a term to expire on September 23rd, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Danko.

MS. DANKO: I would move for approval.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 8492-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Susan Davis to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to the Appointment Review. Okay. 8493-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Dr. Robert Gallen to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2016. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to the Appointment Review Committee. 8494-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Rebecca Mercatoris to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2016. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to the Appointment Review Committee. Unfinished Business. Committee on Appointment Review, Second Reading. 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 member DeFazio.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jan?

MS. REA: Mr. President, I'd like to go into Executive Session, please.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We will go into Executive Session, the solicitor and the committee. We will recess for a few minutes, so we will go in the back for a few minutes into Executive Session.

MR. MCKAIN: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. MCKAIN: Before going into Executive Session, you have to state at least a cursory reason of why you're going into that Executive Session.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. It's dealing with the Ethics Commission, and we want to make sure things are done properly. We're going to check with our attorney.

MR. MCKAIN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

(Recessed for Executive Session.)

MR. PALMIERE: Hello?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Who's on the phone?

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere, yeah.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere, they're going into Executive Session.

MR. PALMIERE: I guess it's impossible for me to be a part of that?

MR. BARKER: Unless one of you call him. If one of you call him, he can be.

MR. CATANESE: Unless we can get one of the council members to call you directly from inside.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay. Joe, let it go, as long as I get filled in a little bit of whatever comes out will be fine. Okay?

MR. CATANESE: Okay. Very good. Thank you, sir.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you.

(Executive Session concludes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We're going to go back in session here. 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 Member DeFazio.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jan, do you ---?

MS. REA: Yes. Mr. President, I'd make a motion to waive the Rules of Council, Article VI, Rule (A)7, for 8392-14.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Is there a second?

MR. FINNERTY: I second it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll take a voice vote on it.

MR. FINNERTY: Could I ask exactly that rule is?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What?

MR. FINNERTY: Is that 45 days; I think?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I think, in essence, we want to waive the 45-day rule?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. FINNERTY: That's all I wanted, to show it for the record.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. REA: Allowing consideration of this re-appointment beyond the 45 days from the date of introduction.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. So we're waiving that.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you.

MS. REA: I need a second and a roll call.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, we're second. I think it was second. Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor?

MS. MEANS: Roll call.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You want a roll call? Go ahead.

MS. REA: You need it ---.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?  
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?  
MR. KRESS: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
(No response.)  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?  
MR. MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?  
MS. MEANS: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?  
(No response.)  
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, 1. It passes.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I will go 8393 ---.  
MS. REA: Mr. President?  
MR. FINNERTY: Wait a minute.  
MS. REA: I'd like you to refer that back to  
committee, please; make that ---.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, it will go back to  
committee ---  
MS. REA: Thank you.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: --- in Appointment Review  
Committee. Okay.  
MR. FINNERTY: Do we need a second on that?  
MS. REA: No.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We don't have to, not to go  
back in committee.  
MR. FINNERTY: No? Okay. Good enough.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, the one --- okay. We  
did say it. The one that's going back is 8392-14.  
MR. FINNERTY: Correct.  
MS. REA: That's the one we were on.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Now we're going on to  
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: Jan?

MS. REA: Yes. Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to waive the Rules of Council, Article VII --- I'm sorry, Article VI, Rule (A)7. I need a second.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll take the roll call vote.

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: I am required to abstain. I have since learned that Mr. Garcia has joined our law firm.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

(No response.)

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, with 1 abstention. It passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Now we go to 8459-14.

MR. CATANESE: You're putting that back into committee?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Well, I'm going to put it back in the Appointment Review Committee.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Tonya B. Johnson to serve as a member of the Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by Council member DeFazio.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jan?

MS. REA: Yes. Mr. President, I would make a motion to waive the Rules of Council, Article VI, Rule (A)7, for 8459-14.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll have another 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: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 11, noes, 2. It passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading.

MR. CATANESE: That will go ---?

MR. FINNERTY: You're sending it back to committee?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Okay. We're going to send it back to committee, Appointment Review Committee. Okay. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading, 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 its duties, functions and obligations to the Department of Administrative Services. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. This was released from committee on September the 10th with an affirmative recommendation and a unanimous vote. I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MS. MEANS: I'd like to make one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: I think this is a really good move. It'll make government more efficient, it'll consolidate services and it will save the county approximately \$250,000. So I think it's a --- I think it's a good idea. And I also checked with the Real Estate Association, and they were in favor also of the --- going forward. They didn't see a problem. And since I was able to check with

people it will directly affect, then I feel confident that this is a good move by the County. I'm going to vote yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Go ahead, Jim.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Could I ask Mr. --- I hate to do this to you, but I just have a couple of questions for Mr. McKain.

(Mr. McKain steps to podium.)

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah, thank you, Mr. McKain. This would be the Recorder of Deeds; right?

MR. MCKAIN: Yes, formally the ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: So this would be under Director Tyskiewicz then?

MR. MCKAIN: Correct.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay. The only other question I have is with ---. Does this have any effect with or without this --- you know, the Board --- the Assessment Board that listens to ---?

MR. MCKAIN: No.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: None at all?

MR. MCKAIN: No. They still have their function. This is more of collaborating some of the services that they're provided. When we were in the committee, we had talked about, as you mentioned, when it was Recorded of Deeds. Then on a voter referendum it became real estate. Actually, at that time, the real estate department absorbed the Office of Property Assessment, Deed of Registry and Mapping Division. And so it's just a natural for that in the process, so we think it would be seamless.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: There was always a section of the mapping division that resided in the Controller's Office.

MR. MCKAIN: Yeah, that --- I do remember. That was John Donnus (phonetic) when I had worked there.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: He swore that in ---?

MR. MCKAIN: Yeah. And I think ---.

MR. PALMIERE: Can you hear me?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'm sorry.

MR. MCKAIN: I don't even know if that still exists since I came back as manager, but a lot of the mapping I do know that John was there when ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: And I was just wondering if that --- if it did exist, if that would pull that ---.

MR. MCKAIN: Yeah, I think that actually it doesn't and then primarily, for sure, if not exclusively, it's in this department.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay. Thank you. I appreciate it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other ---?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: It's tough old school, you know, ---.

MR. PALMIERE: I can't hear anybody, Walt.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere, we can hear you. You're back online.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay. Thank you. I can't hear anybody else, though.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other comments? Seeing none, we'll have a roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Nay.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14, noes, 1. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8473-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission 12-14). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Yeah, this was released from committee, also, with an affirmative recommendation. I move for ---.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

MR. FINNERTY: I move for approval.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing no remarks, we'll have a roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15, noes, 0. The bill passes.

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

MR. MACEY: Johnny?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. MACEY: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of Council. As you know, volunteer fire companies resort to raising money to pay for a lot of their equipment, and of course, pay for their bunker gear and what have you. West Mifflin Number 3 Volunteer Fire Company, located at 3722 Rodeo Drive, will have their final car cruise, and we refer to it as a super cruise. There will be a lot of food, a lot of nice cars there, of course, for your viewing. And there will be a chance to win various prizes. That will be happening on October 5th. It will be from 12:00 to 5:00; that's October 5th from 12:00 to 5:00 at Number 3 Fire Hall, 3722 Rodeo Drive, in West Mifflin. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other reports? Sue, do you have --- go ahead.

MS. MEANS: I just wanted to share that on Saturday, September 20th, Bethel Park municipality had a fantastic Community Day. It was well attended. The parade was fantastic. And I wanted to just congratulate the municipality on doing a great job. I also want to remind everyone that tomorrow night at Bethel Park High School there will be a special presentation given by the magistrates, two of them, Guy Reschenthaler, and also Mr. Arnoni, on cyber bullying and some other issues, at seven o'clock, again, at the high school. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Go ahead.

MR. BAKER: Just a quick one. Last Thursday we had a nice time for The Post-Gazette new facility. The printing press is in Findlay Township, which is in District 1. So Caitlin's (phonetic) articles will be coming out of Findley Township. Moving forward, it was a really nice launch event for that. Bishop Zubik was there and Mr. Block, and it was just a good event. We had a great Ross Community Day on Saturday. I joined the commissioners by getting dunked in the Dunk Tank to raise money for North Hills Community Outreach. It was a lot of fun. And finally, I'll just say Mr. Macey and I were both with the county executive today, we were at the first Live Well Duquesne event. I was there for work, for Big

Brothers, Big Sisters. Mr. Macey represents Duquesne. It was a great event. I would just encourage everyone on Council to work with the administration and work with Amie Downs to get Live Well events going on in your communities. I've already been working with the Ross commissioners and we got it passed, a resolution through Ross that we're going to have Live Well Ross Township. But I would just encourage all my colleagues to do the same, because it was an amazing event. And we were doing pushups, and we were doing the Macarena and it was just really neat. The kids were really into it and got a lot of great exercise, and I'm sure --- all sleeping very well tonight after being very tired today.

MR. MACEY: Don't I look it?

MR. BAKER: What's that?

MR. MACEY: Don't I look it?

MR. BAKER: You do look very ---. Yes. It was great. I would just encourage everyone to get involved with Live Well Allegheny County.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any others? Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: I'd just like --- I'm sorry. I'd just like to mention that Oakdale is having a remembrance of the --- a flood event that happened with Ivan this Saturday.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Seeing no more reports, we'll go to New Business; Ordinances and Resolutions. 8496-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the conveyance of the County of Allegheny's interest in two vacant parcels located on Sprague Street, in Wilmerding Borough, known respectively as Block 545-N, as in Nancy, Lot 108 and Block 546-A, as in Adam, Lot 20, to Robert J. Comunale. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into Economic Development and Housing. 8497-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the conveyance of the County of Allegheny's interest in a property known as 411 Ault Avenue, North Versailles Township (Block 460-B, as in boy, Lot 101) to Daryl Dukic. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into Economic Development and Housing Committee. 8498-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the conveyance of the County of Allegheny's interest in a vacant parcel of property located on Seeley Avenue, Wall Borough (Block 643-D, as in David, Lot 400) to Deanna M. Ferguson. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to the Economic Development and Housing Committee. 8499-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance amending Ordinance Number 4109-OR, enacted November 17, 2009, as amended, approving the sale of certain real property owned by the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, known as 3333 Forbes Avenue and identified as Block and Lot 28-J-as in John-97, to an ownership/development group, for the sale price of \$4,900,000, for the purpose of restating the scope of the proposed development on the property. Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm going to put that in the Public Works Committee. 8500-14.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into the Health and Human Services Committee. 8501-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission Number 13-14). Sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into the Budget and Finance Committee. Notification of Contracts. 8502-14.

MR. CATANESE: Summary of executive actions for all departments from 8/1/14 through 8/30/14 to be received and filed.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does somebody want to make a motion?

MR. FINNERTY: Motion.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. We now have Public Comment list. The first one is Kierran --- Kierran (pronouncing) Young? Kierran? Not here? Okay. Lester Ludwig?

MR. LUDWIG: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm not in my usual shirt and tie. Well, why is that important? Note the color, the color of light, and I'm here to bring some light to a subject that's being ignored, or it hasn't been thought of. We're in budget period, both in the city and the county. And a budget stands for what? What we think is important. How much money do we assign to it? Where do we live? We live in the most livable city in the country. That's a tremendous distinction. We live in the period of ISIS. We live in a period of danger of attack, but we don't hear about it where? In the budget. It wasn't in Mr. Peduto's budget, and I doubt that it will be in the budget of the next two weeks.

What I'm saying to you, Mr. President, is that do we need a city-county committee to review safety measures, that do we have to wait, God forbid, until the first disaster might occur to take action? Or should we take protective action because, boy, do we have the places to get hurt? Can you imagine for one moment, one of these high pylons that the road systems are built on, someone attaching a bomb and blowing out, and you're in the car. To where? 150 feet to the ground? I pose these things to you not to create fear, but to create judgment, mature judgment that says we have to reflect the importance of the period we're living in, in the budget. It's not just all numbers. It's not just cut and dry. It's not just last year change it plus or minus a percent. But it's important in making a decision, because it's your safety just as much as mine. I thank you for your attention, and I hope that you'll find a committee or make one with the city to review the matter. I thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Robert Ieraci --- Ieraci (changes pronunciation)? Robert's not here. Mel Packer?

MR. PACKER: Mel Packer, 623 Kirtland Street, 15208. I'm a long-time member of Pittsburghers for Public Transit, a mass-based community organization created about four years ago in response to public transit cuts in service. PPT has been working since its founding to organize both the riding public and employees of the transit system, to press for more transit, not less, to

come to an understanding that public transit is not only a human need but a human right due to all who need it. PPT has had some victories working along with the ATU and alongside many community members at getting a state transportation bill passed, that I'm sure you're all well aware of.

It has forestalled some transit cuts. PPT works with the Port Authority, but it finds common ground and opposes it when its policies do not serve the best interests of the riding public. PPT knows that mass public transit is the very lifeblood of a vital, living metropolitan area that hopes to move forward in the next decades by both keeping the old and attracting newer residents. Most recently, PPT has worked for the residents of Baldwin, who were left high and dry by the Port Authority for some time. This hilly, densely-populated community of working class residents is completely without bus service, and residents are forced to walk dangerous roads without sidewalks for about two miles to get a bus.

Just a couple of weeks ago, over 100 of those residents, along with PPT and ATU members, walked about a mile of that dangerous journey just to dramatize that problem. Those residents, like others without service, are aware that the Port Authority is still refusing to restore service to them while appropriating millions to study and implement a BRT, a bus rapid transit system, between Oakland and downtown that will, at best, shave between three and six minutes off the current travel time in this already heavily-served corridor. Let me be clear in saying PPT has not taken a position in opposition to BRT, but I personally think that Council should intervene in the process so that the community can also be involved in decision-making. Right now, there have been no recent community meetings regarding PP --- regarding BRT, no space for public participation, and as far as I know, none are planned. Frankly, that's not how a democracy should work.

Meanwhile, Baldwin residents, along with other under-served communities, are told there's no money to provide even minimal service so they don't have to risk their lives walking two miles to get a bus. They have appealed repeatedly to the Port Authority and have received no relief. I know that Councilman Macey, I believe, is the liaison to the Port Authority, and I

presume he's doing his best to represent the interests of Allegheny County residents in this capacity. I have no reason to think otherwise at this time. But this council, the Allegheny County Council, has a role to play in determining the future of transit in Allegheny County.

And we must not allow the Council to become a bystander while Rich Fitzgerald pushes BRT without community and Council oversight. PPT will, I'm sure, continue to organize and encourage residents to press for our right to a decent public transit service system. PPT believes that there's a way to restore minimal service to under-served communities, and I personally think that this council needs to exercise more oversight of the Port Authority when that is possible. That's one of the reasons people elected you to this position, and I presume that all of you desire to serve your transit-serving residents to the best of your abilities. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thank you. Molly Nichols?

MS. NICHOLS: Good evening. My name is Molly Nichols. I'm the community organizer speaking on behalf of Pittsburghers for Public Transit, a grassroots organization of transit riders, workers and supporters working to defend and expand public transit in the region. Our group mobilized thousands of people to put on the pressure needed for the passage of Act 89, and the funding from Act 89 prevents more service cuts. But according to the Port Authority and the SPC, the operating funds from the bill are not sufficient to restore needed service. Allegheny County and the Public Transit Authority should prioritize the needs of people in communities badly damaged by transit cuts. We've been told there isn't enough money to restore this lost service, and we are here today to indicate a potential source of operating funds for the Port Authority. The county's transportation fund is generated by the alcohol sales tax and rental vehicle tax. This provides the funding for the 15 percent match of the state's operating subsidy and the 3 percent match of the state's capital subsidy. Over the past five years, this fund has generated additional revenue beyond the county match to state funding.

And according to Judge Judith Olson's 2009 ruling from the Court of Common Pleas, 08-27048, all of these additional funds must go toward the county's public transit. This revenue is being used to pay for the

county's debt service for Port Authority projects, and it's been budgeted for Port Authority's capital expenditures. But Judge Olson's ruling indicates these funds could also be used for operating costs, and this is a quote, the clear and unambiguous language of both the drink tax ordinance and Act 44 provides that funds generated by the drink tax and car rental tax are to be used to pay for the monetary needs of the Port Authority.

Those needs may be in the form of direct matching fund payments made to the Port Authority, direct payments made to the Port Authority for capital expenditures or other expenses, or indirect payments made for the debt service incurred from bonds used to pay for Port Authority capital expenditures. According to the county's 2013 comprehensive annual financial report, the county, the county's transportation fund had \$11.7 million in surplus at the end of the year. In the county's 2014 comprehensive fiscal plan, \$2 million of the fund balance was budgeted. This means nearly \$9.7 million are still available for capital or operating expenses.

Based on the dire need for restoring service in some areas of the county, we propose some of these funds go into Port Authority's operating fund. This does not meet the transit needs of all residents throughout the county, but it is certainly a start. It's a reliable and steadily-increasing source of funding. For example, in 2009 --- this was after the decrease from ten percent to seven percent of the drink tax --- the revenue was \$32.7 million. In 2013, it was \$42 million. Not only is it important for the public to be clear on where that additional drink tax revenue is being spent, but it is equally important for that spending to reflect the transit needs of the residents of Allegheny County. Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Barbara Wilson?

MS. WILSON: Hello. I'm Barbara Wilson, and I am a resident of Baldwin. I am a typical resident of Baldwin, as I am 65 years old, soon to be 66. I was in radiation work for many years, did brachytherapy at the plants. And because of the radiation exposure, I now have two cataracts, which work a little different because they were from the radiation. My night vision is already impaired and soon my day vision will be impaired, also. I will not be able to drive. I am stranded in Baldwin. I don't drive in the snow at all. As a matter of fact, I

don't drive if the weatherman thinks it's going to snow, and you all should thank me for that.

The bus stop area that --- if I was able to walk that distance, is very unsafe. To go to Brownsville Road, right where I would catch the bus, the store there was just raided for drugs. A couple doors down, there's a huge apartment building that --- it was on the news --- that is pretty much a dump -- that the owner there --- that was just condemned, and he's trying to get it reopened. And then at the same time on the news, the guy that owns that also does drugs. He was going to court for drugs. That area is extremely unsafe. Then yesterday, again, another shooting along the bus route.

I don't think that it's fair that myself and other people living in the neighborhood that we grew up in, built our families in, should have to be exposed to such violence, to such terror, if we can even walk to get there. We are stranded. We need buses. I know years ago when they made all these authorities, the Port Authority, the Airport Authority, to save money, well, I think that's an extinct idea and very disappointed that Mr. Palmiere couldn't take the time to come and see the people in his community and to support us, and at least find out what we --- what we need there. I think we have very, very poor representation. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mark Graham?

MR. GRAHAM: Good evening, Council members. My name is Mark Graham. I live at 162 Highland Road in Bethel Park. I'm an honorably discharged Vietnam-era veteran, an honorably retired member of the International Union of Elevator Constructors, Local 6, Pittsburgh. And most importantly, I'm an Evangelical Catholic Christian. If that makes me right wing, as Mr. Fitzgerald would say, then I will proudly accept that label with honor. I am here today to simply bring attention to what I believe was a huge blunder on the part of the majority of you, the Council members who, on September 9th, rejected Resolution 8376-14, thereby saying no to God. Before I continue, I would like to personally commend and thank Councilwoman Sue Means and the other Council persons who courageously stood up for what is right and not what others believe is politically correct, the trend of political correctness that is destroying our country.

As I listened to the people who spoke to you all prior to the vote, I was shocked but not surprised at how

much venom was spewed out towards Sue Means by the left wing anti-God atheist crowd. May I remind you all that atheists comprise about 2.01 percent of the world population. Those numbers very much were reflected in the KQV radio station poll a day after the vote, in which they asked the people of Pittsburgh, do you agree that we --- we are disrespecting other religions if In God We Trust is posted in this very Council chamber? 27,514 people responded, in which 98 percent said no and only two percent said yes. There's that atheist two percent again.

So basically, in an attempt to not offend the non-theists, we successfully offended the overwhelming majority who, may I also remind you, are not only taxpayers but voters as well; not too politically savvy. As a 16-year-old resident of Pittsburgh who volunteered to serve in the Armed Forces, I raised my right hand to God and swore an oath that I would faithfully uphold and defend, not abuse the Constitution of the United States of America, against all enemies, foreign and domestic. When being initiated into the International Union of Elevator Constructors, Local 6, I raised my right hand to God again and swore that I was not a member of the Communist Party, whose religion is atheism.

And just a few moments ago, you all placed your hands on your hearts and made a solemn Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and our nation. And there's a very profound reason why we say, one nation under God, indivisible, one --- put one word after the other.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wrap it up.

MR. GRAHAM: And as a nation or country no longer living under God, then we will be divided, and we will fall. It only took one atheist, Madalyn O'Hair, to remove God from our public schools. And if you have not yet seen the resulting moral chaos, then it may already be too late. I urge you all to reconsider your mistake, and I thank you and may God Bless You all.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Linda Warman? Linda not here? Terry Breisinger --- Breisinger (changes pronunciation). Terry?

MR. BREISINGER: Hello. My name is Terry Breisinger. I'm a long-time member of Baldwin Borough. I'm here today on behalf of members of Baldwin Borough and members of my community, myself and --- I'm representing myself and them. I am visually impaired. As a result, I

am dependent upon public transportation for my personal, as well as my work-related needs. I work Monday through Friday and I work one weekend a month, and I take public transportation to get to and from work. Prior to the service cuts that happened in the past, I was able to walk approximately 100 yards from my house to be able to catch the bus. Once those cuts --- and I was also able to access four different bus routes that have since all been cut, that I could go within easy walking distance.

Since the cuts, I now have to walk for approximately one mile, which is downhill and back up the other side to get to East Agnew and go up East Agnew to get to Brownsville Road, to get to Carrick, on a daily basis, to get to and from work. This is easy compared to some of my fellow committee members or fellow community members who actually have to walk two miles to get to and from the bus. What I will show you, and I'll pass along, if you look at this map, this is a Port Authority system map. And where you folks are sitting, you could probably see this big black circle here in the middle. That is our service area that --- that is our area. That is our area of Baldwin Borough that does not have service.

There's a huge gap in service in our area of Baldwin Borough where we don't have service. All of the --- all the members of our area are looking for is what members in your district are looking for; we're looking for service. We're looking for the Port Authority to enhance and extend existing services to the local areas and to the areas that don't have service. We are the largest area close to downtown Pittsburgh that does not have service. We are aware that there's funding available that does not need a waiver. There is funding available that does not need a Pennsylvania state waiver, the drink tax that was discussed, as well as the surplus options. What we are looking for is a way for us to simply catch the bus to get to work, to school, to downtown Pittsburgh to shop, to sporting events, to whatever we need to get to. We are fully aware that this is exciting times for the Port Authority. They've just been given a lot of money.

We are simply asking them to look at the people that aren't being served, the people like myself, the people probably in your district that are not being served right now. What they're doing, is they're adding routes to the Carrick --- they're adding routes to --- they're

adding runs to existing routes right now; so the Carrick comes every eight minutes. I still have to walk there to get there. Rather than sending a route every eight minutes, service the people that aren't being serviced now by public transportation. So that's what we're simply looking for. On the Port Authority website, it says Link People to Life.

There are many people within the Allegheny County that aren't linked to life. Here are 1,235 petitions signed by members of our committee and by members of Baldwin Borough that are asking for restoration or for some bus service in our area. I'm sorry I ran over, and thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, Joni is --- did Joni leave? Yeah. Okay. You made a motion to adjourn. Does someone second?

MR. MARTONI: I second.

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

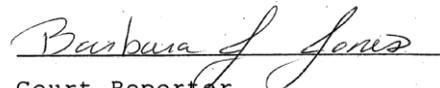
(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. We're adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

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