

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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

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IN ATTENDANCE:

William McKain - County Manager
Joseph Catanese - Director of Constituent Services
Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski - Budget Director
John H. Rushford, Jr. - Council Solicitor
Andrew F. Szefi - County Solicitor

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. Will you all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and remain standing for silent prayer? I'll lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)

(Silent prayer.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

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

8547-14. PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Proclamations/Certificates.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring Ms. Rhiannon Rose White, for winning the 2014 Reserve World's Champion of Champions (WCC) Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited Country Pleasure, 14 to 17 year old, riding Champion Horse

League of Nations, at the 2014 Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show, on August 23rd, 2014. Sponsored by Council member Rea and Allegheny County Treasurer, John Weinstein.

MS. REA: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to invite Rhiannon and her mother and father here, up to the podium, and the County Treasurer, also a sponsor of this, along with me. Okay. Today we recognize and honor Rhiannon for her contributions to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions. Rhiannon has set a positive example of excellence, continuing evidence that this is the City and County of Champions. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with you in celebration of your distinguished achievement. And she is a sophomore at Vincentian High School --- Academy. I'm sorry. I think I'll read the proclamation, and then I'll ask her to speak. Her mother, who is Stacey, trains her, and her father, Joe. And then if the County Treasurer might like to say a few words, I welcome him to say a few words. But I'll read the proclamation first.

WHEREAS, the prestigious World's Championship Horse Show is held annually in Louisville, Kentucky, in conjunction with the Kentucky State Fair and crowns world champion thoroughbreds in different divisions;

WHEREAS, the show attracts spectators and competitors from across the world and includes over 2,000 horses competing for the \$1,000,000 in awards determined by a panel of equestrian professionals;

WHEREAS, Ms. Stacey Himmelstein-White operates Riverview Valley Stables, which has been in her family since 1875, located next to Riverview Park in the City of Pittsburgh. The stable is where Ms. White trains her daughter. Rhiannon also trains in Kentucky under Carriage Lane Farm, owners, Mr. and Mrs. John and Tammie Conatser --- John, Jr. John was recently inducted into the United Professional Horsemen's Association, Tanwar (phonetic) Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Rhiannon earned the 2013 Kentucky State Fair Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited Country Pleasure, 13 and under Reserve World's Champion of Champions, riding Champion Horse, League of Nations;

WHEREAS, CH League of Nations was named the Junior Exhibitor Country Pleasure Horse of the Year in 2012 by Show Horse Magazine and earned tri-color ribbons in 2012 and 2011.

NOW FOR THERE --- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council, in conjunction with Allegheny County Treasurer, does hereby congratulate Miss White for winning the 2014 Reserve World's Champion of Champions Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited Country Pleasure, 14-7 (sic) year olds, riding Champion Horse League of Nations, at the 2014 Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show on August 23rd, 2014. Sponsored by myself and the County Treasurer. Would you like to come to the podium?

(Applause.)

MISS WHITE: I'd like to thank the Council for honoring me with this wonderful privilege and how much hard work it takes to be able to compete at Louisville and to be able to be Reserve at that fantastic horse show. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MS. REA: The ribbon? I think you can't see it too well, but tell us a little bit ---.

MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, the camera ---.

MS. REA: Yeah, show it out there.

MS. HIMMELSTEIN-WHITE: Put it near your face.

MISS WHITE: That's my horse, League of Nations, or as we call him, Nate. He is a wonderful horse, and it is such an honor to be able to ride him under Mr. John Conatser in Carriage Lane Farm, because he --- he is an opportunity that doesn't come by every day, so --- and I love him dearly, I really do; a little girl and her horse. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. HIMMELSTEIN-WHITE: As everyone knows who has ever gone after the gold ring, nothing that you want that means anything is easy. And just like the mailman, in rain and cold and heat --- and I can't even describe to you how many times you want to say, I'm done. I don't want to do this anymore. And you push through because you love it and because you know that you're good at it. And that seems to me something that we just can't --- we have no common sense. We just keep pushing through and pushing through and --- but the rewards are genuine. Being here today was such an honor for all of us and our family, and we appreciate it so much. And everyone knows that you don't get anywhere without hard work and perseverance and a little bit of talent. She gets that from me.

(Applause.)

MS. HIMMELSTEIN-WHITE: And her grandmother, who is in the audience, both grandmothers.

MS. REA: Would you like to say a few words?

MR. WHITE: I just want to thank the Council and Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh for all the support over the years. This family has equestrian blood in it, and I married into it. It shows you how smart I am.

MR. WEINSTEIN: Mr. President and members of Council, it's always a pleasure to be here. I've been the treasurer for over 15 years, and I think this is the fifth or sixth time that I joined in a proclamation. I don't do this very often, but this young lady behind me really deserved this, because this is quite an honor for anyone -- I mean, this is really big. This is like winning the Gold Medal at the Olympics for a young lady like she is. In fact, when I first saw her mother, Stacey and her daughter, I thought they were sisters and Joe was their father, both of them.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Don't feel bad, Joe. He does that.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: He never --- he never disappoints.

MR. WEINSTEIN: Joe, Stacey and I have been friends a long time, and I was honored to do this and asked Councilwoman Rea to sponsor this because this is really a big deal for Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, to have a talented young lady like this. And I'm sure that if we keep our eyes on her, this is only the beginning of her career in this --- in this field. This is a very, very difficult field to participate in, and Stacey's family has had horses for --- how many years, hundreds?

MS. HIMMELSTEIN-WHITE: It's when dinosaurs walked the earth, yes.

MR. WEINSTEIN: It's a couple hundred years ---

MS. HIMMELSTEIN-WHITE: 1898, at least.

MR. WEINSTEIN: --- and their stable in the North Side. Stacey and Joe were from the North Side. They've now moved to Pine Township, so they're still county residents and this is really a big deal. I'm honored to be here and a part of this event. And thank you and I congratulate you.

MISS WHITE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 8548-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring the Federation of War Veterans Society, Incorporated, for providing a Veterans Day Parade to Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, and naming November 8th, 2014, as The Federation of War Veterans Society, Incorporated Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council members Finnerty, Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. And I'm joined here by Anthony Filardi, who is the Adjutant/Treasurer for the Federation of War Veterans Society of Allegheny County. And he coordinates the parade every year; it seems like every year. Is it every year?

MR. FILARDI: Every year.

MR. FINNERTY: And it's always such a great honor to stand here and recognize our veterans. Our veterans, in war and peace, have done so much for us, for our country and for us to be able to live in freedom. And I think it's extremely important that we remember that and attempt to get to the Veterans Parade, because Tony has done a lot of work there, and he would appreciate it if we could be there.

MR. FILARDI: Put together four divisions.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, it's quite a big parade now. So without further ado, I'd like to read the proclamation, and let Tony say a few words.

WHEREAS, the Veterans of War --- I'm sorry --- the Federation of War Veterans Society, Inc., was formed in 1919. Its purpose was to partner annually with Allegheny County to provide a Veterans Day Parade in downtown Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans of War --- I'm still doing that --- Federation of War Veterans Society has organized and presented the Veterans Day Parade in Allegheny County for 95 years; and

WHEREAS, the organization educates Allegheny County residents to properly recognize and care for our veterans. Through the parade, the group raises awareness of all veterans in our state; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.2 million Pennsylvanians are veterans, comprising 14 percent of the state's population. A great percentage of those veterans reside

in Allegheny County. And actually, today I was at the ribbon cutting at the --- excuse me, the ribbon cutting out by the airport, and they said that in this area, within a four-mile radius, there is about 170,000 veterans. So it's quite a big population. And a great percentage of these veterans is down in Allegheny County and attend the commemorative parade; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby commends the Federation of War Veterans Society, Inc., for consistently conducting and organizing the Veterans Day Parade and for raising awareness of our veterans. For the organization's effort, we hereby declare Saturday, November the 8th, 2014, as the Federation of War Veterans Society, Inc. Day in Allegheny County. And this is sponsored by myself and all members of Council on this day, the 21st day of October, 2014.

(Applause.)

MR. FILARDI: Thank you, Mike. And I want to thank all the Council members who sponsored this proclamation. Every year, you know, we do that Veterans Day Parade, and we usually do it on the 11th. Well, we decided this year to try something different because we were getting a lot of complaints from the younger veterans saying that they cannot participate due to the fact that they're working during the week and can't take a day off; and plus a lot of the spectators work during the week, and they can't come down and view the parade.

So we decided to try it this year, to do it on Saturday, November the 8th, which is prior to the 11th. But the meaning is still there, and it's the idea of honoring the veterans. I've been organizing these parades since 1990, not 1919, 1990. But the parade --- but the Federation had it in 1919, 95 years in Allegheny County. And hopefully, it will be many more.

Now, the parade will begin at 11:00 on Liberty Avenue, right there by the Greyhound Bus Station. And our staging area is all the way up on Liberty Avenue. It runs all the way up to 26th Street so, you know, the staging area is quite big. We got four divisions. We have what we call the Honor Division, Division I, of which the Pennsylvania Adjutant General is the Grand Marshal.

And I understand --- today I found out that he's bringing 200 generals with him, so we're going to have a lot of generals at that parade. And then --- and also we

have all the dignitaries, which you guys are all dignitaries, so you can be in that first division, also. And the second division we call the VFW Division, and that's because our commander represents the VFW. And all the units in the VFW are in that second division. Our third division is what we call the Other Organization Division, which is like the Vietnam Veterans and the DAV, et cetera, so ---. And the Fourth Division this year is the American Legion Division, and that's because the Senior was the Third Division from the Vietnam Veterans and the American Legion is the junior vice commander in the Federation. That's how it works. And every year it keeps moving up, so nobody is always last. That way they can't complain that they're always at the end of the parade. And we're going to kick off at 10:30, and go down --- proceed down Grant Street to Fifth Avenue, make a right on Fifth Avenue, go straight on down Fifth Avenue and make a left on the lower end of Liberty Avenue, then make a left on Stanwix Street, and then we'll make a right on the Boulevard of the Allies, where the reviewing stand is located, right in front of the Steelworkers Building. And then it will end down there by Commonwealth Place.

So it's a good route, and hopefully, we'll get a lot of spectators this year and a lot of --- a lot of people coming --- coming to the parade. So again, you're all invited, Allegheny County. And in a couple weeks --- or next week, I'm going to the city for a proclamation, and they're invited, also. So thank you, again, for making this proclamation and honoring our veterans.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Next will be 8549-14.

MR. CATANESE: Let the record show that Councilman Kress is present. Proclamation congratulating the graduates of the Community College of Allegheny County FireVEST Scholarship Program. Sponsored by Council members Martoni, Ellenbogen, Futules, Macey, Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Finnerty, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

DR. MARTONI: This proclamation is congratulating the graduates of the Community College of Allegheny County FireVEST Scholarship Program. In attendance today from that group is James King, Sabrina Presser, Gregory Seretti; some others I don't have here.

MR. HENDERSON: Some are missing. That's okay.

DR. MARTONI: That's okay? I'm going to read the proclamation and have you guys say something. Thank you.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is home to more than 200 volunteer fire companies. If we could translate that into dollars, they've probably save the taxpayers millions and millions of dollars. I just wanted to add that to it;

WHEREAS, in Allegheny County, volunteer firefighters protect over 910,000 people --- let me repeat that number again, 910,000 people --- and save taxpayers of the county an estimated \$60,000,000 a year; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities in 2008, the Allegheny Fire --- the Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education Service and Training Scholarship Program --- the acronym for that for us is FireVEST --- was established through a partnership between the Allegheny County Fire Department and the Community College of Allegheny County through the Community College of Allegheny County Workforce Alliance; and

WHEREAS, 200 --- 200 FireVEST scholarships covering tuition, fees, books, are offered each year, 150 of the new recruits, in exchange for five years of volunteer service and 50 for existing volunteer firefighters, in exchange for an additional five years of service in Allegheny County;

WHEREAS, the FireVEST scholarship recipients have majored in programs such as Fire Science Administration, Criminal Justice, Criminology, Business Management, Nursing and many, many more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby congratulate the graduates of the Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education Service and Training Scholarship Program. We commend you with your dedication, service and sacrifice, in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Allegheny County. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. HENDERSON: Mr. President, members of Council, I'll tell you just a little bit about the FireVEST Program. As you're aware, the volunteer fire departments throughout Allegheny County are the lifeblood, in many cases community centers, of all of our municipalities. It takes a ton of people to keep these volunteer fire departments moving forward and actually

having that service available to their municipalities. It's just more than going out there and fighting fires. There's a lot of behind-the-scenes work with fundraising, the business side of having a volunteer fire department. This program is phenomenal for doing just that.

It's taking people that are volunteering their time to their communities, giving them a solid background and education; in many cases, more than just firefighting. There's other degree areas that they come through. And it all equates back to helping their municipality, to help their fire department, and helping the people that make up the municipalities in Allegheny County. I'm very excited to have this program in place, and I personally thank you for the support that we have for FireVEST over the last couple years. And hopefully, we can continue this great program into the future.

And I would be remiss if I didn't mention that it's also very happy for me to be able to stand here today, and I'll introduce Sabrina Presser next to come up and say a few words. But she's also a 9-1-1 dispatcher in our Allegheny County 9-1-1 Center. So not only does her fire department get the benefit from this, but we, as the Department of Emergency Services in Allegheny County, benefit as well. So I'm very proud today for all of our graduates but also a special excitement for this today, to have one of our own be part of this as well.

And also, I just want to mention for all the behind-the-scene works that goes on with the Board, it looks over the applications of our fire academy under the direction of Division Chief Steve Imbarlina and his team that he has at the fire academy, being able to have this program and making sure that we're working with CCAC to make sure that we're developing future leaders in public safety. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. PRESSER: I'm terrible at speaking sometimes. A lot of thanks; thank you, Council. I have to thank my parents, David Presser, Claudia Presser, in the audience. I also have to thank Alvin and Steven. They have seen me grow. Steve has seen me grow through the academy from an essentials firefighter to five years, going on five years in the fire service now. Alvin has seen me grow within the 9-1-1 center as a part-time call taker, and now a full-time dispatcher causing havoc on

police radios. As cliché as it sounds, I have to thank the academy.

(Applause.)

MS. PRESSER: The fire academy is what really made me go into the program I went into. I have a degree in Fire Science Administration. It's what helped me decide that this is what I want to do for the rest of my life. I have to thank my granddad. Many of you may have heard his name or known him, David Presser's father, Jacob Presser. He worked his way up through the ranks in the City of Pittsburgh through the fire companies, as captain and chief; a great man. I wish I had known him longer. I don't really think I have too much else to say, other than this is an amazing time. We work in a department where you rarely get people telling you they're having a good day. You know, people don't call to say hi, how are you? How's the weather? Most of the time it's not too bad, it's I stubbed my toe or I fell down the steps. But you get those moments where it's very critical, to think on your feet, remember your training and do what you have to do to protect everybody. So this program really prepared me for that. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. KING: Thank you, folks, very much for having me here. I don't have as much to say, but I am a volunteer firefighter out in North Versailles, Crestas Terrace, Company 212. It's a smaller company but a very proud company. And without you folks' help, Council's help, it would not have been as good in the firemen's program to continue my career working in private life; not a fire department firefighter, say, professional-wise, but to grow as a member of the community and to keep working and helping the community as well. So I just want to thank everybody for keeping the program going. It's a very good program. It deserves everybody's attention, and thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. IMBARLINA: Good afternoon, everyone. I saw the agenda. It's rather lengthy, so I'll keep this brief. But in addition to the rigors of the academic side of the house that these two people represent --- and of course, I believe there were 11 or 13 actual graduates, so the numbers are much bigger than what's represented here. Not only did they go through their initial training at the academy, but they're also nationally certified

firefighters. That's another carrot that gets dangled in front of them, for them to continue to stay enrolled in school and to stay active in the program, they have to take the National Firefighter One test, so they are not only meeting academic rigors, but they're meeting the rigors of the industry, so that they --- they are actually nationally registered. They have a number, and it means something.

So again, thank you. It's a great program. I wish it was around when I was going through college. Also, as a 40 year old finishing my own Bachelor's degree, I understand what that's all about. So thank you, and thanks for your support.

(Applause.)

DR. MARTONI: Anyone else want to speak? Okay. We're going to get a picture now.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 8550-14; and the rest of the proclamations will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring the Pittsburgh affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation for raising breast cancer awareness and naming the month of October 2014 Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council members Danko, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Rea, Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere and Robinson.

8551-14. Proclamation congratulating the Buhl Planetarium upon the occasion of its 75th anniversary. Sponsored by Council members Green Hawkins and Council member Means.

8552-14. Certificate of Recognition presented to the Women's Club of Elizabeth upon the occasion of its 90th anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

8553-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Ray and Geraldine Coleman upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Councilman Macey.

8554-14. Proclamation congratulating Angels' Place, Incorporated upon the occasion of their 30th anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Martoni.

8555-14. Certificate of Recognition presented to the Swissvale High School Class of 1964 upon the occasion of their 50th class reunion. Sponsored by Council member Martoni.

8556-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to World War II veteran Mr. Joseph McKinney upon the occasion of his 90th birthday. Sponsored by Councilman Martoni.

8557-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to the Mt. Lebanon Council of Republican Women upon the occasion of their 60th anniversary. Sponsored by Council members Means and Heidelbaugh.

8558-14. Proclamation commending the Southwest Pennsylvania Registered Nurses' Club for holding a memorial service at the South Park War Nurses' Memorial on November the 11th, 2014. Sponsored by Council member Means.

8559-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Helen Cambest upon the occasion of their 63rd wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Palmiere.

8560-14. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Nicholas John Balkovec of Boy Scout Troop 296 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council member Palmiere.

8561-14. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Greg Gurcak of Boy Scout Troop 338 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Public Comment. We have about nine speakers. The first is Mel Packer.

MR. PACKER: Mel Packer, 623 Kirtland Street, 15208. Today Councilman Macey is apparently going to introduce a bill to promote leasing the land at Allegheny County Airport for the purpose of fracking. Why? I have no idea, although it usually claims thousands of jobs are coming with it, almost none of which ever materialize. But he's probably doing it because of some misguided notion that he somehow is helping out his constituents. So let's talk a little bit about fracking, its relation to climate change and global warming and how that affects the constituents he claims he wants to help.

So this is science I'm talking about here, folks, not speculation, and some of this is found on the website of the Allegheny County Health Department. One, methane is a highly potent greenhouse gas causing global warming. Two, 60 percent of industrial methane emissions is from the oil and gas industry. Three, methane is released in large quantities during the fracking process. Four, methane is 20 to 86 times more potent than CO2,

depending on the source you look at. That means it increases global warming 20 to 86 times more than carbon dioxide. Simply put, if you frack, you aid in warming the planet. If you warm the planet you harm, not help, the lives of your constituents.

Right now, without more emissions, we are on track to have the average global temperature raised by 6 degrees centigrade or 11 degrees Fahrenheit, by the end of this century. Just because it was cold in Pittsburgh last winter doesn't mean the globe didn't warm. There's a bigger world than Pittsburgh out there. Almost every year that goes by we set new global temperature records. Every year we learn from government panels that the seas are rising due to global warming. The major parts of Miami and even New York City may be under water by 2035. That's 21 years from now. California is in extreme drought over 80 percent of the state with no end in sight due to global warming, causing weather changes. And a simple one, in 1910 Glacier National Park had 150 glaciers. Now they have 25. And on and on and on. My point is simply that we cannot go on thinking as we did 40 years ago. Global warming is real. The cause of global warming is real. Ninety (90) percent of the world's scientists agree it's due to human actions.

Furtherly, saying fracking is safe to our children and grandchildren is saying that we don't give a damn about their future, that we choose to be complicit in the degradation of our environment and would willingly and consciously make a decision to shorten their lives. These are moral choices we must make with our children in mind, not just our chances of being re-elected or our desire to suck up to Rich Fitzgerald. We know where Fitzgerald's coming from. Given all the frackers do for him, he might as well take himself off the county payroll and just start letting them pay his salary. You're not going to get favors from frackers. You're going to have to answer to your kids and your grandchildren. If you make a choice to back Councilman Macey's bill, you are not innocent bystanders but making a decision to promote global warming.

So while I might say to your kids and grandkids that you care about them and their futures, at the same time, you'll be acting to destroy their futures. You can't have it both ways if you love your kids. Your actions are what counts, not your words. While they may

not know it now, but those kids will be coming to you some day and saying, why did you do that? You knew better. The science was clear. You worked to make my life worse. Politics and money must never be allowed to triumph over science and morality. Period. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Aaron Booz?

MR. BOOZ: Aaron Booz, 3181 Bel Air Drive, Whitehall. I'm not clear on exactly what's being proposed with regard to the Allegheny County Airport, so I'd ask Council is it your understanding that this land would not, at any time during the lease, be exploited from Marcellus gas extraction? Or is that you're not --- or is that not your understanding? Are Council members planning on seeing this relatively small piece of land actually turned into an industrial site right next to residential communities? And keep in mind that leasing land means you do not have say over anything that happens beyond the terms of the lease. Industry may begin operations at any time. Taking their money means that you give up your right to influence what they do. And the effect in communities in Texas such as in the town of Dish, which has been completely transformed by the harms of shale gas fracking, there's a term neighborhood drilling. That is not a positive term.

I'm asking Council members to think very carefully about whether they want densely populated areas of our county to be described in this way, neighborhood drilling. Rich Fitzgerald clearly does want neighborhood drilling. As he stated, he wants Allegheny County to specifically be known for fracking for shale gas extraction. But I'm asking you to make your own decision on this issue. Speaking of members making their own decisions, my County Council member came to a meeting of a grassroots group 18 months ago right after the airport lease was signed.

And he said that not only was he not aware that the county airport was part of the deal to lease the international airport, but that he regretted that vote. And he promised that he would, in the future, oppose any plan to frack at the county airport, in addition to any of our county parks. He seemed specifically interested in protecting his parks in the South Hills, including South Park and the county airport. I expect that he will keep his word to his constituents when this comes before the

full council and that he not change his mind for political expediency or any other personal reason. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Glenn Walsh?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Not here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Dan Davis?

MR. DAVIS: Dan Davis, 127 Parkside Drive, West Mifflin, PA. I'm here representing West Mifflin Borough; the mayor, the council, businesses in West Mifflin. We are all for this fracking on the county airport if it comes to fruition. What we are concerned about is the \$2.8 million that is allotted to help improve the county airport, which is a gem in the south --- in the south part of the county here. There's much improvement to be gained through upgrading the airport. The terminal is a classic terminal that we would like to see more businesses come in there and potentially a restaurant. We have nothing to benefit from this. We are just an entity of West Mifflin who wants to see business development come in here. Other entities prosper because of this situation. People are saying it's a high density residential area. It's all commercial and industrial around the county airport. There is not any residential within a mile of the airport. So we're not talking about anything that would impact the person and residents of West Mifflin Borough.

And we're here to support this. We would like to see this go through. And in West Mifflin, we are pushing this, that we see Bob Macey's 856, I think 67, passed. We're not here to see the money go away. You have it as an appropriation to have the \$2.8 million. Please invest it back into the county airport, so it will invest jobs into the area and other businesses. And we appreciate the opportunity to speak here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Terri Supowitz? Terri, are you not here?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, is she here?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I saw her.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Take your time.

MS. SUPOWITZ: Hi. I'm Terri Supowitz. I live, breathe and garden at 310 Hay Street in Wilkinsburg. So you're going to frack the county airport. Really? Fracking and clean air, clean water and fresh food are mutually exclusive, are incongruent, create conflict and clash. Fracking and livable is an oxymoron. You can't have both. You can't frack in Allegheny County and call

Pittsburgh or any of the municipalities in Allegheny County livable. Fracking does not sustain life. Fracking pollutes the air, pollutes the water and pollutes the soil. Fracking destroys all living things ultimately. Fracking can only exist with fracking. Fracking and livable are mutually exclusive. Do you want Pittsburgh to be the most livable city or do you want Allegheny County to be the fracking capital of the world? You can't have both.

If you choose fracking, forget about putting any money into making this area more livable. Instead, start giving residents money to relocate. Tell people the truth. Tell them you don't care about their health, the air they breathe or the water they drink. Fracking is the mantra. You love fracking. You refuse to believe that fracking is harmful. What if there are studies? You can't let a little thing like science get in your way. So people are getting sick near and around fracking sites. They can't really link that directly to fracking; right? So what if wells near fracking sites are polluted? They can't link that directly to fracking, either.

Tell the residents it is about the money, just the money. Tell the residents of Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh you only care about the money. That's the truth. Now, you could choose to make Pittsburgh and all of Allegheny County the most livable area in Pennsylvania and in the United States, a truly green area. If you do, the sky is the limit. People from all over the country will flock here. We will have to build more housing. Businesses, entrepreneurs and industry will be knocking on your door. There will be good, clean jobs that will be here for more than three years, jobs with a future.

County revenue will increase. Everybody wins. You have to choose, fracking or livable? You can't have both.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Edward Chute?

MR. CHUTE: Ed Chute, 904 Valleyview Road, Mt. Lebanon. You may call me nobody. All of my previous comments at Council meetings concerned a set of running themes, good and appropriate governmental process. Good governmental process involves careful ordinance creation. I urge you to practice more than mere lip service to due diligence concerning the proposed ordinance to allow

natural gas extraction at the county airport in West Mifflin.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Use the microphone.

MR. CHUTE: I ask that you seriously consider the consequences that may follow from this ordinance. Specifically, I want you to think about adding to the already poor air quality in Allegheny County, particularly around the county airport; West Mifflin, Clairton, Munhall, McKeesport, Pleasant Hills, et al., about ten percent of Allegheny County's population. Do you really want to increase the air pollution and potential public health consequences for such a populous region within Allegheny County? Yesterday, the Post-Gazette reported that court documents reveal Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection Agency's willingness to continue to rely upon data that it knows to be inaccurate, concerning its own study of our air quality. The DEP continues to act completely contrary to its both fundamental responsibility and obligation to protect Pennsylvania citizens. Not only is the DEP data unreliable, it is invalid.

The DEP didn't just not calculate the health hazards of 25 to 35 chemicals found in our air; they concluded that levels of air pollution at gas shale development sites are not likely to cause air quality concerns. In fact, P-G reported that a chemist for DEP testified in a court deposition that she measured but did not report elevated concentrations of air contaminants of benzene and methane, twice the OSHA-safe limits. Don't you just wonder why and who might have directed her not to report her data? I do. Continuous air monitoring is a necessary component for your ordinance and must be required.

Since the DEP clearly is negligent, you, our County Council members, may be the only protectors of air quality we citizens breathe. Please note that the DEP has claimed that public health won't be harmed by gas shale development, even though they never accurately calculated the potential risk. And worse yet, the DEP's determination wasn't even made by a physician, a toxicologist or even someone in occupational health. As if that's not enough, Governor Corbett's DEP secretary used the same unreliable invalid DEP studies to oppose federal regulation of the shale gas industry, just as the shale gas industry continues to use the same flawed

studies to support their position that unconventional drilling does not pose any health hazards. If your final ordinance does not include continuous air monitoring and its enforcement, then you must rest assured you will not have done your due diligence.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Gwen Chute?

MS. CHUTE: Gwen Chute, 904 Valleyview Road, Mt. Lebanon, 15243. Good evening. I'm happy to be here this evening to speak once again against unconventional drilling for natural gas, this time at the Allegheny County Airport. You have just heard from my husband the report of our own DEP's shamefully incomplete, inaccurate, misleading, and should I say negligent, reporting. I would describe it as shocking, except that nowadays it seems to be standard operating procedure. Let me just take a minute of your time to talk about a very special person who was a major influence in my life. As a kid growing up in northwestern Pennsylvania, I had a favorite uncle. This uncle was and still remains a hero to me. He was an ecologist at a time when few even knew the term. He studied with Aldo Leopold, filmed birds dying from DDT poisoning on a Michigan State University campus, wrote about the tragedy of Donora and was an advisor to President Truman.

He was a gentle man, a keen observer of nature, a deep thinker and a prolific writer. His name was Alfred Etter. My Uncle Alfred spoke to us about the world's unquenchable thirst for oil. It was in the 1970s and gasoline prices were skyrocketing because of shortages. People waited in long lines to fill up, and just like now, the solution to high prices was thought to be more oil. But my uncle was way ahead of his time. He believed the problem was not too little oil, but too much, causing us to take our planet's vast resources for granted and leaving us wanting more and more and more. Time has proven him to be right on. Today we've traded one fossil fuel for another, and it's natural gas.

How I wish now for someone in a position of leadership, with the intelligence, the vision and the integrity of my uncle. Instead, what I see all too often and at every level, from our federal legislature to the PA DEP to this County Council, is minions doing the bidding of their masters, who are driven by their craving for power and the almighty dollar. Ladies and gentlemen of the County Council, before you approve the ordinance

permitting fracking in a heavily populated area around Allegheny Airport, the county airport, stop and ask yourselves, are you sure you want to leap again based on incomplete and inaccurate information? It's time to consider the people in the path of this industry, people at the mercy of minions just doing what they're told. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Loretta Weir?

MS. WEIR: Hi. Loretta Weir, 4544 Homeridge Drive, Munhall, Pennsylvania. Actually, I'm in the city. I'm probably a mile from the airport, maybe a mile and a half. I didn't know I lived in a rural area until I got here and Mr. Macey sent someone from West Mifflin to tell us how rural it is. I didn't realize that that county airport was so far away from population. It's funny because I live there and there's a ton of shopping and a ton of people that live there. And you probably should tell that whole street of people that live right down in the dip, that whole community of homes, that they're going to frack on that airport, because they don't know that they're living in a rural area and there's no homes around.

Anyway, this is nice to be back with our dysfunctional family, because dysfunctional this is. We are lied to over and over again. I read the other county --- we read the whatever it was out in Moon Township; you know, the ordinance and the drilling. And you know, we knew that this airport was included. We were told, no, no, it's not included. No, we're not going to drill there. It's one lie after another. Bob, I don't dislike you, I really don't. I think you're misguided, I really do. Rich wants to be governor, if you don't know that yet. I mean, it's a dysfunctional family. We can never quite get over our relationships. That's why you continue to be friends with Rich. I have to believe that, because if you really looked in the mirror and you really stood on your own, and you really did any reading and you really listened to these intelligent people, you would not be doing what you're doing right now.

This man has gotten people jobs. Mr. Palmiere, I understand that you went and asked for some jobs for some friend of yours. This might be a rumor, may not. But when we're friends with people and they do us favors,

then we run around and we do whatever they ask. Then I read in the paper about the poor horses at South Park and how bad South Park --- what bad shape South Park is in. So then I said to myself, gee, Mr. Palmiere is going after South Park for Rich. It just goes on and on and on. I mean, have a little integrity. I don't want to be owned by anybody, but that's me. This is really, really, really outrageous to come here over and over again. And Mr. Kress, you can sit back and you ---. I watch, like, the looks on people's faces; Mr. Finnerty; Mr. Futules yells F-U to the people. It's so outrageous to me and unbelievable, I can't believe I keep coming back over and over and over again. We know this stuff is poison. We know that they're destroying water. We know the water can't be returned to a potable state. We know that there is air pollution but yet what do we do? We run around and we send some other minion from the corners of West Mifflin that say, and about that \$2.2 million, you know what? I'd like to see another restaurant. I mean, really?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Ken Weir?

MR. WEIR: My name is Ken Weir. I live at 4544 Homeridge Drive in Lincoln Place, 31st Ward of the City of Pittsburgh. I want to disagree a little bit with what the gentleman from West Mifflin had to say when he said that there was no population around the airport because, you know, I did some research on that. And this, I did it for the --- we're going to talk about the drilling at the international airport, which we knew included the county airport. But just some --- 20 reasons I'll give you why you need to do due diligence on this. Holy Spirit Church is .8 miles; Holy Angels Church, 1.5 miles; Early Childhood Center, four tenths of a mile, Clara Barton Elementary School is eight tenths of a mile.

A lot of the other council people may not realize exactly the proximity to where West Mifflin sits with the county airport and where it sits in relation to all these businesses. Wilson Christian Academy, 1.8 miles; Brass Ring Learning Center, 1 mile; All-State Career School, .9 miles. I can't believe there's nobody who lives around the airport. West Mifflin School District Building, their school district building is a half a mile. Port Authority, half a mile. The Get-Go in West Mifflin is a half a mile. Do we have evacuation routes? Has that all been discussed with all the principals and all the school districts in all this area?

Mifflin School, 2.3 miles. That's in the city. We also go in Bill Green Shopping Center, 2.4 miles. Bettis Atomic Plant is 1.9 miles from the airport.

I also did a little research on the population in the areas that surround the airport. Lincoln Place has a population of 3,227 people. West Mifflin has 20,253 people for an average of 1,585 people per every square mile. Baldwin Borough has 19,000 people. Munhall has 11,000. Hays has 362 people and Brentwood has 9,600 people. See, the problem we have is that explosions and blowouts happen. We're not ready for this up there at all. Bob, you've got to know that. Where are the evacuation routes for all of these people? Are they in place? Are they there? I don't think they are, Bob. And really, the most predictable part of this whole operation that goes wrong on these well sites is the most predictable, and that's human error. You can't --- humans make mistakes. If a mistake happens up there, what are you going to do with all these schoolchildren, all these people? What are you going to do with them? How do you get them out of there? There was a one and a half mile evacuation in Greene County, a two and a half mile of Opal, Wyoming.

And one last thing. I also have a supporter. Democratic Senate leader Jay Costa supports us. It says that industrializing the West Mifflin County Airport is a bad deal. I have him on writing, and we have him on verbal. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. We will go to 8563-14.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council, held on September 9, 2014.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: So moved.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there a second?

DR. 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. 8531-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Phillis D. Lavelle to serve as a member of the Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board for a three-year term

to expire on December 31st, 2017. Sponsored by Council members Green Hawkins and Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to Appointment Review Committee. 8538-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Carrie Classen to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Hartwood Acres Park) for a term to expire on October 21st, 2016. Sponsored by Council member DeFazio.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. If we can take a vote on this one right now ---

MR. CATANESE: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to make a motion?

MR. CATANESE: Actually, it's your appointment.

MR. FUTULES: It's actually your appointment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm the chairman --- I'm the president, though and ---.

MR. FUTULES: I'll make a motion to approve.

MR. FINNERTY: I'll second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 8539-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Stacey Fortuna to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Hartwood Acres Park), for a term to expire on October 21st, 2016. Sponsored by Council member DeFazio.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. FUTULES: Can I make a motion to approve?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, he was --- he made the motion.

MR. FINNERTY: 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. 8540-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Amy Giammattei to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Hartwood Acres Park) for a term to expire on October 21st, 2016. Sponsored by Council member DeFazio.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

DR. 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.
8541-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of
Kenneth Allshouse, to serve as a member of the Council of
Friends Organization (North Park), for a term to expire on
October 21st, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Rea.

MS. REA: So moved.

MR. MACEY: 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.
8542-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of
Gerald (sic) J. Aufman, Jr. to serve as a member of the
Council of Friends Organization (North Park) for a term to
expire on October 21st, 2016. Sponsored by Council member
Rea.

MS. REA: So moved.

DR. 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.
8544-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of
William S. Rossey to serve as a member of the Council of
Friends Organization (Deer Lakes Park) for a term to
expire on October 21st, 2016. Sponsored by Council member
Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Nick?

MR. FUTULES: I make a motion to approve Mr.
Rossey.

DR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. Any remarks?
Seeing none, all those in favor, signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
8545-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of
Theodora R. Duranti to serve as a member of the Council of

Friends Organization (Harrison Hills Park) for a term to expire on October 21st, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Futules.

MR. FUTULES: I make a motion to approve Ms. Duranti.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 8546-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Ed Sperling to serve as a member of the Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board for a three-year term to expire on December 31st, 2017. Sponsored by Council member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into the Appointment Review.

MS. MEANS: I'd like to make a motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, what do you ---?

MS. MEANS: I'm sorry. You're right. I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. 8562-14.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Janice Vinci to serve as a member of the Council of Friends Organization (Settler's Cabin Park) for a term to expire on October 21st, 2016. Sponsored by Council member Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: I make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Unfinished Business. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 8528-14.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. This was released from committee with an affirmative recommendation, and I make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

(No response.)

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?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14, noes, 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Reports. Does anyone have a liaison report? Sue?

MS. MEANS: Thank you. I just wanted to remind everybody that tomorrow Senator Smith is having a Senior Fair in Mt. Lebanon between 10:00 and 2:00 at the Beth El Congregation and it's on Cochran Road. And then also in Mt. Lebanon on October 25th is the Pumpkin Patch Parade. And also, between 12:00 and 1:30, Senator Smith is also having a Health and Safety for Children Fair at the Mt. Lebanon Public Safety meeting. And that's on October 25th. It's open to the public. I also wanted to express

my extreme disappointment because Dr. Hacker is not here this evening.

I was joined by four of my fellow council members to request her to come this evening and give an update regarding the Ebola preparedness at the county level. I am aware and I would like to share --- and I hope I'm not taking your thunder --- but do you want me to go ahead, or do you want to share ---? Well, after you're done, you can say --- I am aware that there will be on Thursday night at five o'clock in this room, a public safety meeting, to get an update on the preparedness of the county. But I would --- I just wanted the public to know that the Republican caucus is following this issue very carefully. And again, I spoke to Dr. Hacker. She said she would be here this evening. I found out from a colleague at four o'clock she would not be in attendance. I did give her a phone call, and she said she had another commitment. But anyway, I am disappointed that she's not here this evening to give the full council an update on how prepared we are if this would happen in our county, that that disease would come to our county. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Mike. Jimmy, first.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah. I'm really not sure how to react to that.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, I don't ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: You know, as the public safety chair, Thursday I will be having --- and all the council members are invited --- a prepared meeting on this Ebola scare. Now, the purpose of the meeting is for Council and for the general public to be able to get a grasp on what's real here and what has become, you know, irrational fear. So hopefully, between our emergency, our police and our medical people, we'll be able to give the public a grasp on what's going on here. As a courtesy to the public, I've decided to have the meeting in the Gold Room. The people and public are welcome to attend it and hear what our professionals have to say about it, if their concerns are a little more than most people.

I have to tell you, I --- you know, I was the chief of special emergency services when this was all one department many years ago. And I really get offended when people try to take public safety and make it a Democrat or a Republican issue. Personally, you know, I have a lot of respect for the councilwoman and the Republican caucus,

but to me, that's a little out of line. This is a potential thing that affects Democrats, Republicans, Independents and anybody else. I want the people in this county to have a sense of safety and to know that their professionals are working on this and that --- for there to be any possibility --- for the people to feel safe.

You know, we all have families, we all have relatives. And I think it's important for us to get in front of this. We have some very good professionals in the county, and hopefully we'll be able to put our residents and the residents of the adjoining counties --- because this is the hub --- their minds at ease. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike was next.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Thank you. I'd just like to remind everyone that October the 28th, 29th and 30th, our budget hearings are scheduled in this room, from 5:00 to probably --- I would imagine they'd last until about 7:30, 8:00. So again, that's the 28th, 29th and 30th, our --- it's our public hearing on the budget. I'd also like to --- and I'd be remiss if I didn't remind people here of this. And I think my colleague, Councilman Ellenbogen did, that --- I don't know why we have to bring political partisanship into things like this. This is something that affects all and should be said that way, because believe me, the Democrats think just as much about this as anybody else. And it's a shame when somebody does this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Heather?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. I'm going to speak on behalf of my colleague, Sue Means, and the invitation on behalf of all the Republican members of our --- of our council. We asked Dr. Hacker to come speak to us. I asked Dr. Hacker questions in the parking lot a couple weeks ago about Ebola and what she's doing. It wasn't Democrat. It wasn't Republican. It was one Council member who represents every single person in Allegheny County who has an interest in this. And she assuaged my concerns and she spent five minutes with me going through all the things that she was doing.

I have a right to ask her in the parking lot. I have a right to call her up on the phone. I have a right to ask her to come here. Jimmy, I love you, but you're not the only one who has a right to have her come in here and talk to us. And so Sue Means, who's a registered

public nurse, who's spent her life in the healthcare profession, had some concerns and wanted to ask her to come here. Now, why you would take offense at any of that is beyond me because it had nothing to do with you. Okay? Now, why she didn't come here is another question which we don't know the answer to. But it was not appropriate for her to not call and to tell members of Council. I represent everyone. My other colleagues represent four districts. It was not appropriate for her to accept the invitation and to say she was going to be here and then not to show up. That was point number one. Point number two --- and I'm going to say this every day for the rest of the year at the liaison reports --- Thomas Jefferson once said, one man --- and I'm going to conform the quote --- one man or woman with courage is a majority.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Jim?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: You know, with all due respect, if the young lady would roll back the tape, I definitely, unless I'm getting senile, heard the word Republican. Now I had no idea that Dr. Hacker was invited to speak here. I invited everybody. Had maybe someone mentioned it to the other members of this council, whether they be Democrat, Republican or whatever, but the way that it has been presented and the way that it has been defended is Democrat versus Republican. The word was used, and you just said ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: She was coming here ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I mean, look, I'll let the audience be the judge of that. I heard the word Republican. And I've been an emergency person for many, many years, and I have never, never --- when we had Republican commissioners and Democrats, no one has ever in any emergency that I have ever been involved in, which was everything from tornados to floods in the Mon Valley, use --- the word Democrat or Republican evoked in any meeting, period. An emergency is an emergency. You know, I love my kids and my family as I would your children and your family. Those words are inappropriate in that kind of scenario.

Now, if I'm wrong, then you should have represented or at least told the rest of the --- the other caucus. You know, we invited Dr. Hacker. Would you support us in bringing Dr. Hacker in here? But you did

not. So I ask myself, if I'm wrong, then why didn't you invite the Democrat members to join you in asking Dr. Hacker to come here? Now, I honestly can tell you, and the county manager and them will tell you, I had no idea that this was even asked. I had a public safety hearing set because of the paranoia that's out there in the streets, and I'd like to try to quell it. So if I'm wrong --- you know, I only heard what I heard, and that's with all due respect. I'm not --- you know, but I heard what I heard.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead. I'm sorry, Sue.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Jim, never once has your Democratic caucus called up our Republican caucus informed us of someone you've invited to come here and speak. I don't know what it is you're talking about. This has nothing to do with Jim Ellenbogen. It has nothing to do with you. Five people were in a room and we wanted to hear Dr. Hacker.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: She was ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. Are you going to call him out of order?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you see my hand? He's out of order.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: All right. I'm out of order. I agree. I'm sorry I'm out of order.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: This has ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: It ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's settle down.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: But you know what, I'm glad I'm out of order on this one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: How about settling down? One at a time ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: If I can finish; if I can finish. Jimmy?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: What?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: It has nothing to do with you. Okay? It has to do with Sue Means, who's a registered nurse, who wanted to invite the Department of Health to come talk to the entire council, to all the people, and give us a report on what she was doing. That's it. And then she was going to come to your committee, and then she was going to be allowed to ask questions. Okay? This wasn't us; it wasn't them. It was merely our caucus who invited her. You've completely --- talk about paranoia.

You've completely --- you don't understand what it is that happened. It's not about you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let me say --- let me do this. Let me try to put this to bed a little bit. First of all, the right procedure isn't that the Republican caucus or the Democratic caucus calls in a director. We don't do it that way.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Obviously.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, that's right. We've never done it that way. As the president, someone should have run this by me, and I usually talk to the administration. You're allowed, chairmen are allowed to bring the people in to their committee, but no individual can bring people in. I don't know nothing about it. You're going to bring anybody you want in here? We don't do that. So the procedure was out of order to begin with. It's isn't about him or you or her, a Democrat, Republican. That wasn't done properly, so we've got to do that in the future.

Secondly, I find out that she couldn't be here or something happened anyway. So we might as well drop it until we talk to her or talk to me later about bringing someone in here. And I'll talk to the administration about --- hey, we want one of you directors --- you know, we could ask to have someone come over. We just put it on the agenda. We don't just --- any individual don't bring in anybody they want to talk here. So that's the way the procedure goes. Sue?

MS. MEANS: I just wanted to clarify that I didn't know that when I was speaking for my colleagues on the Republican caucus that it was going to stir up such deep emotions. I felt like I couldn't --- I can only speak for my caucus, so I wasn't saying it was a Republican issue. That's why I didn't have her come to just the caucus. I invited her to come here to speak to everyone and the public. And I realize that people probably won't be able to come on Thursday night. But we're all here this evening except for Ms. Green Hawkins, but we all have concerns. I'm sure the public has concerns. So I'm sorry if I, you know, ruffled somebody's feathers, but I was just speaking on behalf ---. And Mr. DeFazio, I did e-mail you, I did call you, and I did speak to Dr. Hacker, and she said she would be here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. You need ---.

MS. MEANS: So I just assumed that it was okay for her to come and talk to us because she herself said she would be here. So in the future I will make sure that I have a conversation with you and not just leave a message.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Yeah, you didn't --- you said you talked to me.

MS. MEANS: No, no, I left you a message. I sent you ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, you said you left me a message and talked to me. You didn't talk to me.

MS. MEANS: No, you're right, I did not speak to you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. I didn't see the message.

MS. MEANS: But I did leave a message and I did e-mail you, and I did assume, which was wrong for me to assume, ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's all right.

MS. MEANS: --- that if she said she was going to be here, then that meant that you had given your blessing. Sorry.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Yeah, I never talked to her and I never talked to you, so --- okay. Who else has a liaison report? Go ahead, Barbara.

MS. DANKO: In the spirit of bipartisanship, I want to note that Governor Corbett was in town last week to announce a major funding boost for the Almono project in Hazelwood. It's around \$10,000,000, I believe. And you know, this 178 acres that's been held and being cleaned up, being ready for development, this is a huge boost. You know, it's taken Republicans, it's taken Democrats, and this money will be used to put in infrastructure on that site, and we're anticipating that by 2016 buildings will be there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Any other liaison reports? Seeing none, we'll move on to New Business; Ordinances and Resolutions. 8567-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the lease of minerals underlying real property on which the Allegheny County Airport is situated to the Allegheny County Airport Authority, and permitting drilling and other necessary operations to extract oil, gas, natural

gas liquids and other materials underlying the Allegheny County Airport. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into the Public Works Committee.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: May I be heard on that, please?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: May I be heard?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm going to have to abstain from any consideration or vote on this matter. My law firm that I'm currently with represents Council, so I won't be ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, we're not ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I understand. I'm just notifying the public that I will not be participating in this bill.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Okay. 8588-14 (sic) --- oh, that was pulled, okay, withdrawn by Heather Heidelbaugh. 8569-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an agreement with the Western Pennsylvania Police Athletic League known as the Mon Valley Express Drum and Bugle Corps, for the use of Exhibit Building Number 7 near the fairgrounds in South Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into the Parks Committee. 8570-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an agreement with the Western Pennsylvania Police Athletic League, Incorporated, for the use of the maintenance barn on Center Road in Boyce Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to the Parks Committee. 8571-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an agreement with the South Park Boxing, Incorporated, for the use of Exhibit Building Number 11 near the fairgrounds in South Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go in the Parks Committee. 8572-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Real Haven (sic), Incorporated, to use certain county-owned real and personal property in connection with the filming of motion pictures. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into Public Works Committee. 8573-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to convey a parcel of land in the Borough of Braddock, known as Block 237-G, as in George, Lot 65 (the Parcel), to the Josh Steel Company, Incorporated, a Pennsylvania corporation. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go in Economic Development and Housing Committee. 8574-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an increase in the expense allowance as prescribed by the Home Rule Charter, Article III, Section 7(e), for members of Allegheny County Council, to take effect at the end of each voting member's current term, in their respective offices of Council. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into Budget and Finance. 8575-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts budget for 2014 (Submission 15-14). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into Budget and Finance Committee. New Business, Motions. 8576-14.

MR. CATANESE: A motion pulling Bill Number 8524-14, an ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations for the purpose of establishing a Food Safety Fund, pursuant to Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. Section 12001, et seq., from committee for an immediate and final vote. Sponsored by Council member Means.

MS. MEANS: I would like to speak on this motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: Thank you. The Pennsylvania Local Health Administrative Law is very clear. It requires that Council approve or deny regulations within 30 days of their introduction. Bill 84 --- I'm sorry, which one are

we on right now --- 8424-14, has, of today, been before County Council 14 days, since its introduction on October 7th, and yet it has not been considered or placed on the agenda within the Committee of Health and Human Services.

The law, Pennsylvania law, is clear. We must act within 30 days. What is not clear is what happens if we do not act within 30 days, because Section 12011 --- I mean, 12011, is silent, as what happens to proposed regulations if they're not approved or denied. It can be argued that these regulations that are not considered or voted on within that time period could automatically be deemed approved. Why do we have laws that we don't comply with?

The last thing we want to happen is to have this dramatic change in restaurant inspection come and --- put in place because we did not act. So if I can ask a question of the solicitor, if he could rule on the 30 days, and possibly that --- members of Council that are attorneys, if they could make a comment, I would appreciate some clarity.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. What I'm going to do is, number one, tell you we are going to have hearings and meetings, and we will ask the county solicitor to come up, and we can --- you could ask him the question. Well, you already said it. He probably could answer it.

MR. SZEFI: Good evening. I guess for starters, there is no deemed approval. It's not going to be deemed to be approved. Unless that's in the law, there is no such thing. Second, the short answer really is, you're right, it calls for 30 days. What the law calls for is 30 days after submission to the county commissioners. This form of government didn't exist when this law was written. There was no County Council that had meetings twice a month. Your schedule was not factored into a 30-day window. Obviously, this is an important issue. It affects a lot of people, and it needs to be vetted, heard, have hearings on.

So the short answer, again, is if the 30 days expires, you reintroduce it to Council and you start the clock over again. You resubmit it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The administration would reintroduce it?

MR. SZEFI: Yeah. So you know, it's important that the vetting process, the public hearings and input take place. Obviously, that really, practically, can't

happen in 30 days. There will be no deemed approval if that doesn't happen in 30 days. The regulations would just be reintroduced.

MS. MEANS: So Mr. Szefi, just to clarify, you're saying that if we haven't had action on 30 days, after 30 days, you're going to re-introduce the legislation? Is that what you said that you're going to do?

MR. SZEFI: There's a million different ways you can skin the cat, Councilwoman. I mean, you can resubmit from the Health Department to Council. You could just resubmit legislation to Council. Again, it's a question of whether --- you know, the commissioners is what's named in the ordinance --- in the state statute, rather. We don't have commissioners, we have an executive, we have council. So it's an executive or a legislative function. Under the first county executive, these things were approved by the county executive regulations. Under the second county executive, he considered these to be a legislative function and sent these to Council. That practice has continued under the current county executive, especially in a case like this; a lot of public interest behind this. It affects everyone. I know the county executive feels strongly this should be vetted through hearings at Council. That's not going to happen in 30 days, so we have practical realities here we have to deal with.

And the simple, practical way around it is to reintroduce the regulations to Council, so that the 30 days --- and then a final vote or action, approval or rejection, is taken within 30 days of that submission.

MR. RUSHFORD: If I might?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. RUSHFORD: That's a current technique that we would use in the case of a deemed denial or a deemed approval. So in a zoning case, the municipalities planning code, you know, has provisions with respect to deemed approval.

MS. MEANS: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. RUSHFORD: If there's a problem with the clock running out, the applicant would be typically forced to reintroduce or resubmit the plans, and then the clock starts running again. So in that case, it's 45 days, but it's the same similar concept that we would have here. What's odd here is there's no --- and I've looked at this

up --- you know, up, down sideways --- there is no consequence written in the law, so it's silent. So obviously, you don't want to run into the scenario where you're over the 30 days because you can't predict how anyone would look at that, including a court. It seems to make sense to have the county executive or the Health Department resubmit if you're over that time frame.

MR. SZEFI: I would disagree with my colleague had one point, which is the municipalities planning code, when you're talking about things like that, has a provision for deemed approval, ---

MR. RUSHFORD: Correct.

MR. SZEFI: --- specifically, if no action is taken within 45 days, it is deemed approved. This statute has no deemed approval language. In the absence of that language, I think you'd be extremely hard pressed, in my opinion, to find a judge who would say, well, this then just deem approved, because there is no authority for that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And there's no --- there's no clear-cut remedy; right?

MR. RUSHFORD: Well, my only concern, and it is slight, and I agree that it's totally different because this is silent. My concern is if you adopt at 45 days, you know, does someone who's smart, you know, some smart-aleck attorney, come along and say you have approved this 15 days beyond, you know, what it should have been, so ---.

MR. SZEFI: I completely agree. The final vote, approval or rejection should be taken within 30 days of either the original introduction or reintroduction.

MR. RUSHFORD: Right.

MR. SZEFI: That's how you avoid that.

MS. MEANS: So therefore, the county executive or the Health Department is making a commitment to reintroduce this bill several times, if necessary, so that we stay in our 30-day limit?

MR. SZEFI: Sure.

MS. MEANS: And when you reintroduce something, can it be the exact same words? It doesn't need to change?

MR. SZEFI: Correct.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

MR. SZEFI: Sure.

MR. RUSHFORD: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Heather?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: The question I have for both of you is has there been a case that has interpreted for all statutes under the old commissioners, for counties that are still under the commissioners and state laws that apply to that, has there been a case that says those convert when there's a home rule charter --- when a county has gone to a home rule charter?

MR. SZEFI: That's covered under the --- John, help me here --- the Home Rule Charter Act, essentially.

MR. RUSHFORD: Yeah.

MR. SZEFI: What essentially the rule is --- and this is embodied in our charter --- is that the executive functions of the commissioners fall to the county executive, and that the legislative function falls to council, and that's in our charter.

MR. RUSHFORD: And that's in the home rule charter, so ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. And so what you both are saying then is that this sort of piece of legislation, based both on practice here in this county and based on its substantive nature, would be legislative in nature.

MR. SZEFI: I'm not saying that.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Do you both agree with that?

MR. SZEFI: No, I don't. I think based on practice, you're right. Based on practice under county executives Onorato and Fitzgerald, regulations have been submitted to Council, therefore, considered sort of, quote, unquote, legislative. Under County Executive Roddey, they were not. They were acted upon by the county executive, deemed to be executive in nature. I think if you ask most municipal solicitors, rules and regulations, the way they work in Congress, the way they work in most governments --- the rules and regulations portion are not legislative, they're executive. That's typically the way it goes. Now, I think when you're dealing with local government like this and you're talking about health regulations coming out of the Health Department, the rationale is it's a matter of public health. Let's have it out in another public forum. There are certainly some sound policy behind that. You can debate legislative versus executive all you want.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Is there a case that says that?

MR. RUSHFORD: I believe there are cases but not on ---.

MR. SZEFI: I think you'll find plenty of cases that say rules and regulations, yes, you will, that are executive. I've never seen one that says it's legislative.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: A case that says health regs are legislative?

MR. SZEFI: I don't know if ---.

MR. RUSHFORD: Yeah, I would need to look at that. I was more concerned with the 30 day ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: As I understand, you both agree that there is no portion of the home rule charter or anything that applies to us that would deem this approved. You both agree with that?

MR. RUSHFORD: Yes.

MR. SZEFI: Absolutely.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other questions?

MR. RUSHFORD: And there aren't any cases, either, by the way.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Ed?

MR. KRESS: Yeah. I just have a question. What's been the custom with these regulations from the Allegheny Health Department? I mean, will they follow the 30-day rule? Have other things passed without following the 30-day rule?

MR. SZEFI: I expect things have.

MR. KRESS: And what has been the outcome?

MR. SZEFI: The outcome has been those regulations stand.

MR. KRESS: Okay. All right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Seeing no other --- go ahead, Nick.

MR. FUTULES: Well, seeing as how --- seeing as how the question may have been answered, Sue, you know, are you going to withdraw this or would you prefer a vote?

MS. MEANS: Can I get some advice? Mr. Barker, would you ---?

MR. BARKER: Well, I mean, that's ---.

MS. MEANS: Will you give me some pros and cons here?

MR. BARKER: The decision to withdraw or proceed is certainly within the purview of yourself as the member who introduced the bill. Now, you do have the right to

withdraw it. I believe President DeFazio has said that he's committed to having hearings and et cetera on these particular bills that are the subject of your concern. The issue for my money would then be, you know, are you satisfied by that, and do you want to withdraw the bills? Do you want to send the bills themselves to committee or hold them or do something like that, or would you prefer to withdraw them?

MR. FINNERTY: I would just like to mention something. The solicitor is right here, and that's who we should be asking opinions of, our solicitor, all right, not our legislative writer in this forum.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, they would be --- they would be the official ones.

MS. MEANS: Okay.

MR. RUSHFORD: In any case, I think Mr. Barker is correct in that the net effect, because you now have the president's, you know, promises about hearings, and you now have the word of the county solicitor about the issue and the timeliness, it seems like the motion would be what we call in the law moot, because you now have these guarantees of timelines. But you know, it's up to you, obviously, but that would be our opinion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Heather?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes. I would like to ask the Council president to remind all members of Council that an exchange like just occurred between Mr. Finnerty, when he put his finger out and he admonished Ms. Means, was inappropriate, that if you (indicating) want to admonish Ms. Means, that's your role. But we should not have situations in which Mr. Finnerty is pointing fingers and trying to bully fellow members of Council.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, okay. Let's put it this way. Everybody ---.

MR. FINNERTY: I apologize for that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Everybody is getting out of line here. I guess I got to get tougher with everybody. People are speaking when they're not supposed to. They do things they're not supposed to do. He apologized, so we can end it without a half hour of wasting time fighting. So let's go --- any other questions? Okay. Let's take a voice vote. Wait a minute. Are you ---?

MS. MEANS: I have a ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. What do you want?

MS. MEANS: I, too, want to see the full vetting of the process. I believe that Mr. Palmiere will do an excellent job holding public hearings and oversee the process and do an excellent, you know, job. I think that we can take Mr. Szefi on his word, that he will reintroduce the legislation. Either the executive or the Health Department will reintroduce the ordinance. I appreciate --- and I'm sorry. I don't know your name.

MR. RUSHFORD: John Rushford.

MS. MEANS: Yeah, John Rushford?

MR. RUSHFORD: Right.

MS. MEANS: Yeah. And I see the advantage of your comment. I appreciate your comment about if a smart-aleck attorney came along, he could challenge it if it was --- it would be deemed not legal if we would act on it past the 30 days. So I will withdraw all my motions on the basis of this information, and I thank everyone for the clarify that was gained this evening.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. And like I said from the beginning, we're going to have some hearings and we'll have the meetings, so okay. So she's withdrawing 8576 and you're withdrawing 8577 to 78?

MS. MEANS: That's correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. MEANS: There's one more, I believe.

MR. CATANESE: And just remember we have one speaker.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, yeah; okay. First we have Notification of Contracts. 8579-14.

MR. CATANESE: Summary of approving executive actions for all departments from 9/1/14 through 9/30/14, to be received and filed. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. FINNERTY: Move we receive and file.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? Noes --- the ayes have it. Okay. Real quick, we have a little mixup here. We do have one speaker. He had his name in, and we didn't get it or something, but anyway, we'll let him speak, and that's Les Ludwig, who is the one and only ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President, may I have a point of personal privilege?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I did want to take a minute to apologize to my colleagues for my tone. I get a little bit --- when it comes to emergency stuff, I get a little bit hyper. I'm sorry.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, I accept it.

MS. MEANS: I accept it.

MR. LUDWIG: Speak?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead. We're ready.

MR. LUDWIG: My name is Les Ludwig. I live at 6589 Rosemoor Street in Pittsburgh. And I'm going to ask you all a question, because you're all youngsters and I won't refer to myself one way or another. How many of you remember the Louis-Walcott Championship fight?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I do.

MR. LUDWIG: 1949; right?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I don't know the year, but I remember it.

MR. LUDWIG: Okay. I was teaching economics to two students from a foreign country, and I got a shock. I got a B and they got an A in the course. So I went to the prof and I said --- his name was Joe, and I said, Joe, what happened, because we had always talked back and forth in class and so on. And his answer was, Les, he said, they'll never know it, but you'll always know it. What? That's a heck of a justification. Now, we come forward just a little bit to the Epic newspaper. And why do I pick this page? Because it's the business page and the Epic newspaper is in about 35 cities. It's all over the world. And there's an economist. Valentine Schmidt, and what does he say? The world is drowning in a sea of debt. And his conclusion is that there isn't anything we can do about it, that we're in the midst of a very serious economic problem.

Then we have a book by Martin Wolf. It was discussed with --- it was discussed with Charlie Rose on his television program the other evening. And Martin Wolf comes to, more or less, the same conclusion. Well, I'm not bashful. You know me already. My position is that they're all wrong. Who's right? What is right? What will work? We have to start thinking differently. We have to look at government and we have to say, what is it? It's a wall. It's a surface.

But if it --- but if it's owned by the government and it faces the public, why not lease it? That's what I said ten years ago. There are 12 cities now in the United States that are following it. One of them is getting \$650,000 by giving all of its pop machines to --- I forget whether it's Pepsi or Coke. We've got to start looking at ourselves and saying how can we promote consumption? Well, you can't promote consumption when your pocket is empty or when you're in debt. You have to do it some way where you produce free cash. And what I'm saying is when government makes a profit, we can lower taxes and we can attack our problems. Thank you for your attention.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. We have one more speaker that was on the agenda, but he wasn't here when his name was called. He can speak now. Glenn Walsh?

MR. WALSH: Yes, Glenn Walsh. I'm sorry. I was --- I registered purposely for the end of the session because I wasn't commenting on any agenda item.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's all right. Go ahead.

MR. WALSH: Okay. Well, good evening. I am Glenn A. Walsh, of 633 Royce Avenue, in Mt. Lebanon, Project Director of Friends of the Zeiss. Friday will be a major milestone for the city and county. That day will mark the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the original Buhl Planetarium and Institute of Popular Science in the Allegheny Center section of Pittsburgh. It was the fifth major planetarium built in America and the last one built before World War II.

The opening of another major museum in the city in the middle of the Great Depression was a big deal. Long-time Pittsburgh Press columnist Gilbert Love, prepared an eight-page Sunday supplement devoted entirely to Buhl Planetarium. Three of the city's five radio stations carried the dedication ceremony, and out-of-town scientists from Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, Hayden Planetarium in New York, Cleveland Observatory and Perkins Observatory in Columbus attended the gala event.

Buhl's historic Zeiss II Planetarium Projector, now on display only at The Carnegie Science Center, was the first such projector to be placed on an elevator. The Theater of the Stars was the first planetarium theater to include a permanent theatrical stage and a sound system specifically for the hearing impaired. In fact, in 1939, it may have been the first theater of any kind to have

such a sound system. And Buhl Planetarium was the first publicly-owned building in the city, and possibly the state, built with air-conditioning.

Although the Zeiss II Projector is now on display, most other original Buhl Planetarium artifacts remain in storage. These include a ten-inch Siderostat-type Refractor Telescope, a large Mercator's Projection Map of the World, which was the world's largest such map in 1939, and several astronomical paintings by Pennsylvania artist and architect Daniel Owen Stephens. More information about the history of Buhl Planetarium can be found on the Internet at www.planetarium.cc. Again, that address is www.planetarium.cc for the history of Buhl Planetarium on the Internet. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Okay. Is there a motion on the floor to move for adjournment?

DR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you; any remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor, signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:47 P.M.

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