

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
Amanda Green Hawkins	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Joseph Catanese - Director of Constituent Services  
Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services  
Walter Szymanski - Budget Director  
Jack Cambest - Council Solicitor

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. We're going to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Remain standing for silent prayer. We're going to have young Averie lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Go up to the podium, Averie.

(Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Remain standing for silent prayer or reflection.

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. 8612-14.

MR. CATANESE: We have to do roll call first.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, I'm sorry. We're all here and accounted for, but ---.

MR. FINNERTY: What's the hurry?

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?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Fifteen (15) members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 8612-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing Miss Averie Nichols, a second-grader at Jeffery Primary School in Shaler, for raising more than \$2,000 for the Pittsburgh Children's Hospital Foundation in memory of her grandmother. Sponsored by Council members Heidelbaugh and Kress and the County Controller, Chelsa Wagner.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Mr. President, if I may, I'd like to co-sponsor.

MR. FINNERTY: I would, also.

MR. FUTULES: Me, too.

MR. BAKER: Me, too.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Me, too.

MR. CATANESE: Who doesn't want to?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Put everybody on.

MR. FUTULES: Just put everybody on there.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Everybody; okay. All right. So one of the things I've been thinking a lot about lately is the concept of gratefulness and how many of us kind of forget how to be grateful. We're about to enter the Thanksgiving season where we, as a nation, sit around the table and we say to our families, what are we grateful for. I'm grateful for the warm coat I had today, because it was very cold outside. I was grateful for the delicious breakfast and lunch I had today, for some children don't have food. I was grateful to live in America and to participate in a democratic institution, such as we're here today, to vote on laws that cover all the people in Allegheny County.

And I'm grateful for knowing about you. So we have a camera here that --- everyone in Allegheny County who's going to watch this is going to learn about you, too. And I'm grateful that everyone is going to learn about charity and compassion from a seven-year-old girl. Miss Averie Nicholas --- Nichols lost her grandma, and her grandma's name was Grammy Bayer. And she got a terrible disease, cancer, and she died too early. And this broke Averie's heart, along with her mommy, who was to be married with her mother present.

So what Averie did, was she went to her classmates at Jeffery Primary School, and she came up with an idea. She wanted to have a hat day to raise money for cancer and give the money to children who have cancer, because she didn't want to see them suffer like her grammy had suffered. So she partnered with the Shaler North

Hills Library to create hundreds of flyers to distribute to local businesses and organizations. She created a web page and she talked about her grammy and honored her, and she raised --- how much did you raise?

MISS NICHOLS: \$2,238.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Wow.

(Applause.)

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So you raised the money, and then you gave that money to Children's Hospital. Well, my daughter was at Children's Hospital for a week, and I was very sad when she was there. And there was other people like you in this community who raised money so that my daughter's experience at Children's Hospital would be a better one. And there's lots of kids your age and older, from now until forever, that will be going to one of the greatest hospitals in America, Children's Hospital. And we're very proud of Children's Hospital because they do great work for children like you. And you've made their day better. I'm very grateful to you, Averie, for your compassion and your thoughtfulness for someone else besides yourself. And I hope for the rest of your life that you are the same person you are today. All of Allegheny County thanks you, dear.

(Applause.)

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Would you like to say something to all the people watching?

AVERIE: Thank you very much for this award. This fundraiser was very fun, and I can't wait to do another one.

(Applause.)

MS. GLENN: I just want to thank a couple of people. I had no idea when we started this, when we saw the flyer at Supercuts, that we would be standing here or that my daughter would have been in three newspapers. I'd like to thank Bethany Hofstetter from the Shaler Journal, who is now the communications specialist for Shaler Area, Kim Leonard of the Tribune-Review, and Rita Mitchell from the Post-Gazette, who wrote amazing articles about my daughter and really captured our story. And I'd also like to talk --- thank Dr. Shipley, the superintendent of Shaler, and Mrs. Batis, the principal, who was not able to attend today. Without them, we couldn't have even done this fundraiser, so I'd just like to thank them and thank all of you for enjoying her story and for having us down

here. This is --- this is beyond, beyond amazing. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. KRESS: I just wanted to say a couple words real quick. I just think it's fantastic, somebody this age who cares about people so much. And I don't know what else to say. I mean, as a child watching all the fundraising for Children's Hospital, I just think this is fantastic, and I really appreciate your efforts. Thank you.

(Applause.)

CONTROLLER WAGNER: I'm Chelsa Wagner; I'm the County Controller. And we were also in our office really impressed when we read about you, and folks in my office wanted to give you something little to recognize your efforts. But it's especially amazing, I think, when you see a young woman who exhibits such compassion and such leadership and, obviously has great family, great parents, to be able to do something like that; so thank you.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Everybody in the family come on up.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Next we have 8613-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania upon the momentous occasion of its 75th anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

MR. MACEY: Thank you and good afternoon. I think one of the best kept secrets in western Pennsylvania is Junior Achievement. It's an opportunity for young people to understand business and maybe even start their own business in a grade school, junior high school and beyond. Today I'd like to introduce a few guests. First is Dennis Gilfoyle. He's the President and CEO of Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania; Ashley Zahorchak, the Senior Education Program Manager, Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania; Robbie Zaremborg, Development Specialist, Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania; and our stars, Christopher and Kyle Eiser (phonetic); and of course, Mrs. Eiser. And where would we be without our teachers? And I'd like to introduce Lynne Ulery, a teacher at West Mifflin Middle School; my hometown, West Mifflin.

WHEREAS, Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania's more than 3,300 volunteers, including business leaders, parents, college students and teachers, going to primary and secondary school classrooms to teach workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy, the three pillars of junior achievement; and

WHEREAS, Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania serves more than 72,000 students in 167 school districts in the region. Nearly 28,000 of those students who participate in a Junior Achievement program reside in Allegheny County;

WHEREAS, Junior Achievement programs help prepare young people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it, how to create jobs which make the communities more robust and how to apply entrepreneurialship (sic) thinking to the workplace; and

WHEREAS, Junior Achievement empowers young people to own their economic success; and

WHEREAS, headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado Junior Achievement U.S.A. was founded in 1919 and brought to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the fall of 1939, by A.W. Robertson, Chairman of Westinghouse, as well as by the corporate support of Pittsburgh-based companies, Westinghouse, U.S. Steel, Koppers and Gulf Oil; and

WHEREAS, Junior Achievement commemorates 2014 as its 75th anniversary of its founding in Pittsburgh, as the very first Junior Achievement branch in the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania upon this occasion of its 75th anniversary, and we recognize Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania for its many contributions to the economic vitality of Allegheny County. Sponsored by myself and Allegheny County Council. Dennis, would you like to say a few words?

(Applause.)

MR. GILFOYLE: Well, thank you, Council member Macey and to members of Council, thanks for the invitation to have us here. This region has always been known for its firsts. And to say that we were the first branch of Junior Achievement established in America 75 years ago, makes --- at least makes many of us proud. And I know many of you have had some involvement with Junior Achievement, either directly or indirectly. It's really

caring people coming together and teaching the economics of life for our young people. And especially in a world today where there's lots of opportunity for them to learn, we get volunteers like yourselves and members of the community involved and working with a lot of young people, as you see here. So 28,000 of our students in our program reside in Allegheny County, something that we're very, very proud of. And thanks to the support of so many wonderful corporations and business and industry, plus our schools, it's really a labor of love for us as staff to be part of such a wonderful organization. So thank you again, Council member Macey and members of Council for inviting us here tonight, so we can celebrate with you our 75th anniversary.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: Ashley, would you like to say something? Robbie? You know, are you twins, by any chance? Come on up. Come on, Kyle. Come on, Chris. Tell us about your project.

MS. ZAHORCHAK: Tell them about the volunteers in your class and what do they teach you.

MR. EISER: They teach ---.

MS. ZAHORCHAK: Do you want to tell them?

MR. MACEY: Okay. Well, let's go have our picture taken. That's wonderful.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8614-14 was withdrawn. We're going to go --- all the rest will be read into the record starting with 8615-14.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Allegheny Land Trust and declaring November 22nd, 2014 as Allegheny Land Trust Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council member Baker.

8616-14. Proclamation honoring Mr. Pete Schepis, upon the occasion of his retirement from the --- from Allegheny County after 26 years of dedicated service. Sponsored by Council members Finnerty, Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

8617-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Dominick and Sylvia Mondelli upon the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

8618-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Larry and Donna Lusckay upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

8619-14. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mrs. Mildred Blagovich upon the occasion of her 100th birthday. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

8620-14. Proclamation honoring Reverend James and Dr. Sheila Johnson Hunt on 25 years of ministry with First Baptist Penn Hills and in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Western Penn Hills Community Action, Incorporated. Sponsored by Council member Martoni.

8633-14. Proclamation congratulating Bunola Church of the Nazarene upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public Comment on Agenda Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have four.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have four. The first one is Dennis Donahoe.

MR. DONAHOE: Good evening. My name is Dennis Donahoe. I currently reside at 3783 Churchview Avenue. That's North Baldwin. I've been an Allegheny County resident all of my life. I'd like to start off by saying that I --- I want to address the budget issue about transit. It's what my focus of my presentation is. Up to very shortly in my life, I began using public transit in 1965 and I was very satisfied. I'd lived in Hazelwood, Mount Oliver and Brentwood before the transit was eliminated in Brentwood. I currently find myself in a situation where I don't have access. I'm two miles from any bus which, even for a triathlete, it's a mile walk without a sidewalk, up a hill. And just picture today walking that on an icy hill.

It would pretty much limit everybody but the most vigorous young person you could find. What I'd like to make a major point is that I currently feel like there's a disconnect between the current system that pretty much disconnects all young people and seniors from many of the things that I had access to as a young person. I worked service jobs as a young person, and they helped me learn work skills. And I find a lot of young people that I've met recently as I canvassed my neighborhood, said that they couldn't access service jobs that they wanted. And they didn't want to go to school. They

understand that to meet the skills of the future, they have to acquire technical knowledge and different kinds of credentials so they can meet the needs in the future. So they're kind of all in on getting it, but they're finding that they're disconnected from it. What I have been reading recently in most of the literature is that the economic driver for any community in the United States, Europe or anywhere, is access to mass transportation, which connects people to schools, churches, hospitals, shopping. I don't see that our area can thrive if this issue is not directly addressed. It's the horse that pulls the cart. If Pittsburgh is the economic driver for Allegheny County, the most amount of people have to be connected to the city to make it thrive. I would say --- as far as to say all other issues are pale when compared to the fact that if this is not addressed, the other issues will fall flat.

I'd like to close by saying that as a senior myself, I believe the way to think of this problem is as a challenge. It's not a problem. There are various ways you can solve funding issues, but until we find a dedicated and ongoing funding source to support our Port Authority and mass transit, we can't thrive as a community. I would kindly request that you make every effort to secure additional funding for Port Authority and think of different models of providing transit for people in Pittsburgh, so we can be connected to what I consider to be the best county in the United States to live. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Virginia Johnson?

MS. JOHNSON: Good evening. My name is Virginia Johnson of 302 Hemlock Drive in Moon Township. I'm a 64-year-old homeowner here to address the transit budget. I had two major strokes in 2005, and I cannot drive. The community in which I live is a plan of low income housing in Moon Township, which 85 to 90 percent of the residents are beneath the poverty level. And the possibility is great that only the children will rise above it, college ---. I have come to terms with my choices. They also know this about themselves and do not care. Like me, they are working stiffly at minimum wage and a little above, and very few of us have risen to a living wage. But we keep our families together and see our children through college.

We work low-level jobs, medium low-level jobs that sound good, but are still poverty level jobs, like mine was. We struggle. I was a Board Certified American Society of Clinical Pathologists medical laboratory technician in Sewickley Valley Hospital's labs at \$16,000 a year with one child. This is poverty level. Other young in my community, the democratus (phonetic), the people's hands, worked at full-time jobs at Wal-Mart, Kuhn's, CVS, McDonalds, Subway. Two-income families is what happens at this level of wage. Someone has to work three jobs. Our bus driver started what's called a living wage. This lets one person work while the other stays at home. The kids buy the house. Two cars see the kids through college and have a disposable income, while our children at the poverty level in my community pay rent that average between \$400 and \$650 a month, sometimes with no car while both parents work to feed two children, possibly more, pay bills; grocery, doctor, dentist, child care, one car upkeep and insurance, which still means one parent, not both, has to walk that one and a half miles to the closest bus stop, a quarter mile of which this road is on two blind curves lit by street lights that have blind spots between them.

Think slick asphalt, dead of winter, black ice, light coating of snow, no sidewalk on either side of the guard rail. I've seen our young --- they belong to you, too -- walk this with their children. I have seen our young lose their jobs, lose their homes, and some under pressure endure, have their families fail, all of this horrendous when you remember that the bus route per day was carrying 350 people. I know you had your reasons. A budget has to be worked, yet we are there and cannot be ignored. We are willing to make it work with the Port Authority. Make concessions. Please, we need our bus, and we need to work. This is also about decency, caring for the lives and safety of our fellow man, our children.

In the next snowstorm, please come walk that one and a half mile stretch of road at 5:00 a.m. with us. We beg of you. This road that's walked is cracked and broken. Both places have horrendous one and a half mile seriously dangerous walks, and we need to reevaluate that. They are life threatening. Please don't tell me to sell my home. I won't.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Danielle Richard?

MS. RICHARD: Hello. My name is Danielle Richard. I live at 375 Cedar Drive in Moon Township. I am not --- I am blessed more than the people in my community. I have a car. I'm hoping this evening that we can show you that there would be promise if you could allocate monies from your transit budget --- for the transit budget, enhancing bus routes, specifically, Route 21 to pick up Groveton residents. They were going through that area during road construction --- that is an income-based community. It was only a few minutes out of their way. They would go by and not pick up the people. Their jobs would be an enhancement of a bus route that presently goes through Sewickley. They also have another bus route. If that could possibly come through Moon, going up University, down Beaver Grade and down Thorn Run. By doing this, it would help both communities that are both financially medium-to-low level income.

By adding to these present routes, it will help the area and the people greatly, a situation that would help afford some people to possibly come off assistance if they can gain jobs which they had lost when the bus routes were taken away, bringing them hope, energy into a depressed area, being around people and help bring their pride back. It would also help with the local economy, people spending more money that they --- when they have it. It's a win-win situation; and that's it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thank you. Molly Nichols?

MS. NICHOLS: Good evening. I'm Molly Nichols, 504 Peebles Street, 15221. I'm speaking on behalf of Pittsburghers for Public Transit addressing the transit budget. So at the county budget hearing on October 30th, much of the conversation among Council members and with Port Authority was around this problem of transit deserts that you've just heard a little bit about. Many Council members, including Ms. Daly Danko, Mr. Futules, Mr. Finnerty and Mr. Macey expressed their concerns about this lack of transit service. And Councilman Martoni called the issue a crisis.

Ms. Heidelbaugh, Mr. Palmiere and Mr. Baker have met directly with residents to hear their concerns. I know Ms. Green Hawkins has shared her concern about this, and I assume every member of this council is concerned about it. So PPT appreciates that the Council is paying attention to this issue, and the question then is, how can

we fix it? So we know Act 89, according to the Port Authority, only allows the agency to support existing levels of service, though to the Port Authority's credit, they have acknowledged the need to add some, which they did, 2.7 percent of service this past year. And they're figuring out what they could do in the next year. They're getting about 3 percent more in operating dollars. So there could be changes in the summer of 2016, but the Port Authority can't currently meet all the pressing needs in the county. So this is where the County Council has a unique opportunity to help some of our county's residents stranded in these deserts. The county support --- the transit support funds 15 percent of the state's operating subsidy and 3.3 percent of the state's capital subsidy. That's what the Port Authority had asked for on October 30th. But as you know, there's additional revenue beyond this match that, according to Judge Olson's court ruling from '09, could be put toward Port Authority's operating costs.

I've spoken with PennDOT representatives who indicated the 15 percent is a minimum match. That means if the county chooses to designate additional revenue toward the transit agent's operating cost, this does not affect the amount of money given by the state, so the state can't pull back on what they're giving if the county generates or uses additional revenue. And the state's is dictated by this funding formula that's in Act 44, that has to do with ridership and some other things. So the county's designated additional revenue is for capital funding, why not use some of the additional funds for operating when such a need is here?

The expected transit fund balance at the end of 2014 is \$9.7 million, and the current budget designates \$4.57 million, which means over \$5 million is in the balance. I understand you can't get it all down to zero, but a few million of those dollars could go toward Port Authority's operating budget and enables them to add service as soon as March 2015. On behalf of our members and residents who so desperately need this transit service, we're asking the county to allocate some of these additional funds to provide service to transit deserts. It doesn't meet the needs of every resident in the county, but it's a start and would make a huge difference in the lives of people who have been so negatively impacted by losing their buses. Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. 8627-14.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Allegheny County Council held on October 7th, 2014.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 8621-14.

MR. CATANESE: Do you want me to take those all as one?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, that's all one group.

MR. CATANESE: Okay. 8621-14 through 8626-14. Approving the reappointment of Ms. Avis Kotovsky, Ms. Georgia Hernandez, Ms. Susan Gove, Mr. Ward Garner, Dr. Helen Cahalane and Ms. Linda Ehrlich to serve as members of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. That will go to the Committee --- Appointment Review Committee. Now you got them all; right?

MR. CATANESE: Uh-huh (yes).

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Unfinished Business. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 8532-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the tax levy upon all real property subject to taxation within the limits of Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Thank you. The tax rate, the millage we're talking about is 4.73. If we break that down, it's 3.9552 mills and .7748 mills, and that's for debt service. And if you add that up, it should come out to 4.73, and that's what we're asking for the millage. I make a motion to approve.

MR. MARTONI: Second.

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

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?  
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: 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: Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll have a 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: 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: 8599-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission 16-14). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike?

MR. FINNERTY: I make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. Under remarks? Seeing none, let's 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: Aye.  
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: Committee on Health and Human Services, Second Reading. 8524-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny --- County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations for purposes of establishing a Food Safety Fund pursuant to Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. Section 12011 (sic), et seq. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, this received an affirmative recommendation from my committee, and I move for approval.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. Under remarks?

MS. DANKO: Can I just ask a question?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. DANKO: I wasn't at the meeting. This just establishes a fund; is that what this does?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. Thompson?

MR. THOMPSON: Currently, any funds that are a result of and enforcement action in our Food Safety Program, go to a restricted fund called the Environmental Health Fund, which is a fund that's spread across all environmental programs in the Health Department. What we're proposing is to direct those funds directly to a new Food Safety Fund which supports the Food Safety Program. That way violators --- the fees, fines and penalties that violators pay will go towards that enforcement rather than supporting the other programs in the Health Department.

MS. DANKO: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other comment?

MR. BAKER: One question, Mr. President. A vote in the affirmative for this doesn't denote that you're in favor of the restaurant rating; right? That's not ---?

MR. THOMPSON: This one and the next one has nothing to do with the restaurant rating.

MR. BAKER: Nothing; great. Thank you. I just wanted to make sure.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more questions, 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: Aye.

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: 8526-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations for purposes of bringing the County Regulations into conformity with the State and Federal Food Codes pursuant to Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. Section 12001, et seq. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. This also met with an affirmative recommendation from my committee and I move for approval.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll take 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: Aye.  
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? Okay. Sue? Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: November 11th was Veterans Day, and Upper St. Clair had a wonderful event. The Upper St. Clair band played and it just was ---. The choral sang and it was such a beautiful event. And also, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Registered Nurses Club had a Veterans Day event in South Park and it was --- it was also just to me a very memorable event. Even as a nurse, I have never even considered that military nurses pay a price when they serve their country. And it's an emotional cost, a physical cost, and they honor all veterans, but specifically, they honored the military nurses.

And they have an organization and they meet the third Thursday of every month at Hamilton Presbyterian Church. And I went to today's meeting and they had over 100 nurses in attendance, and they have 200 nurses in their club. And it was just a delightful event. The other thing I wanted to comment on was next week it'll be Thanksgiving. And I'm very thankful that I'm here serving on County Council and it will soon be my one-year anniversary, and I really enjoyed getting to know everyone and the staff and the other Council members. I also want to just encourage people to take time next Thursday to give thanks. And to inspire everyone, I wanted to read a few words from our president, that he spoke on his inaugural address.

This is President Barack Obama. We remain a young nation, but in the words of Scripture, the time has come to set aside childish things. The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit, to choose our better history, to carry forward the precious gift, the noble idea passed on from generation to generation, the

God-given promise that we are all equal. We are all free and we deserve a chance to pursue our full measure of happiness. Let it be said by our children's children that we were tested. We refuse to let this journey end, and we did not turn back, nor did we falter. And with eyes fixed on the horizon and God's grace upon us, we carried forth that great gift of freedom and delivered it safely to future generations. And for that, I am thankful.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Did you have your hand raised, John?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes, I did, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll go to this side after that. Go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: I don't know with this little trivial information I have here, if I want to follow that, but that's okay. Thank you, Mr. President. On Sunday, this past Sunday I attended the Montour Trail organization's 25th anniversary dinner. And those people over there at the Montour Trail, anybody that knows anything about that, they do really take their mission above and beyond. They just did a marvelous job and raised the bar so high for other organizations. And the other thing, Mr. President, I had the opportunity also Sunday to attend an Eagle Scout ceremony for one of our local boys. And a couple weeks ago in Brentwood, I did the same thing.

I had no idea when I first started attending these that all the work and hard work that those young men have to go through to achieve those pins --- those Eagle Scout pins. It's just a wonderful opportunity for me. It's one of the things I really enjoy doing as being a councilman. It's just a great opportunity to share with these young men. And you know, I kind of --- for me, what it does more than anything else, it just reaffirms that we hear about five percent of the kids, you know, that are always in trouble and having problems. But there's a lot of good young men and women out there doing good things, and I was really proud to be a part of that. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We'll go down this way. Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah. I just wanted to bring light to --- recently I had a public safety meeting regarding not only the Ebola crisis, for lack of a better word, but also, you know, how a situation works in

Allegheny County when there's an emergency. I'd like to thank Councilman Finnerty and Councilwoman Means for being there at my side, asking the right questions. Dr. Hacker sent her staff. Chief Henderson was here, the county police. And I just want the public to recognize the fact that our county is very well prepared for any type of emergency regarding any kind of health situation. And we really grilled them, and it's a situation where Dr. Hacker will flip the switch and everybody knows where they're supposed to be and what's supposed to happen next, which I think is very important. I think I can speak for my colleagues, too, in the sense that we don't want a situation to happen and that people don't know how they're supposed to coordinate with each other and how it's supposed to work. So I would like the public to feel --- rest assured that not only in this particular situation but in other health emergencies, that our police, our emergency people and our Health Department are well synchronized, and I feel good about it.

As a former special services chief, I feel even more comfortable that I had the opportunity in the past to work with Chief McNaughton (phonetic) from Allegheny Health, Chief Henderson and also Chief Full from the state FEMA. So I feel good about it, and I think everybody else should to, too. And thanks again for your help.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Councilwoman Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President.

As part of the Get Stuffed With Love program, the Pittsburgh police will be delivering meals to people this Thanksgiving holiday. And if you know anyone who's really in need of a meal, they ask that you just call the zone --- their principal zone office for their neighborhood and place the order for --- for the meals to be delivered. And they'll need you to do that as soon as possible, not the day of Thanksgiving, so that there can be preparations made for the meals to be prepared and delivered to the families. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. I think it was Council member Baker and then ---.

MR. BAKER: Okay. Thanks, Mr. President. I have just a couple quick updates. We've had a few nice Live Well kickoffs in District 1. We had our Live Well Ross and West View kickoff. The County Executive, Dr. Hacker, and I were on a team against some Ross local elected officials for some health trivia, which was very

fun. It was a tie, was the result. But it was a great kickoff. And we had our Live Well North Fayette kickoff this past Sunday and we did a 1.1-mile walk around Donaldson Park in North Fayette. It was a great kickoff to that. And the goal, generally, is life-long fluctuator weight-wise. I will say I really appreciate what Live Well is all about. And healthy eating, healthy living, just staying more active, which is something I think that we can all do here in the community. I want to thank my friends from Moon Township for coming out tonight. We've got Danielle and Virginia. I had a really nice meeting, as Molly mentioned, a really nice meeting with them last week. Curly Joe is not here. That's Virginia's dog. He did sneak in to our last meeting.

VIRGINIA: They won't let him in the front door.

MR. BAKER: He's not allowed into the courthouse, though. He popped out 45 minutes into the meeting, which it was rare but it was very fun. So I thank them for all their advocacy, for what they believe in. And finally, Councilman Finnerty and I spent a lot of time together and we've been at two really, really great kickoffs and press announcements for flights that are coming into our region. Had a nice chance --- Senator Smith asked me to join him at the Airport Authority board meeting last week, so I got to see Jan Rea, who serves on that board there. And it's been great to just learn more about all the good things going on in the airport area. And hopefully, Councilman Finnerty and all of us get to go to a lot more press conferences to announce flights that are coming in and out of Allegheny County. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Council member Danko?

MS. DANKO: Yes. I wanted to recognize the City Council today. They formed --- they announced the formation of a women's caucus, Theresa Kail-Smith, Natalia Rudiak, Deb Gross and Darlene Harris, and they're going to be working on legislative initiatives together. And I'm thinking that although County Council is a little more challenging, since we're three Republicans and two Democrats --- but I think that I'm going to start lobbying that we might have a women's caucus on County Council. And you know, at the very least, we should be able to get together for lunch or something and have a good --- have a good time, so ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I second that.

MR. BAKER: If you want, you ought to make a photo together today, the five of you, so ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just want to respond that you should be aware that many of us that sit up here have very strong-willed grown daughters who, like, push us around, so feel free any time.

MS. DANKO: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 8628-14.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting an Operating Budget pursuant to Article IV, Section 2, and Article VII, Section 4, of the Home Rule Charter, by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of Allegheny County, and for meeting debt charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2015 and ending December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by Council members Finnerty, Macey and Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. That will go to the Budget and Finance Committee. 8629-14.

MR. CATANESE: Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a Capital Budget pursuant to Article IV, Section 2, and Article --- I'm sorry, Article II --- Article IV, Section 2, and Article VII, Section 4, of the Home Rule Charter, by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses of capital expenditures during the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2015 and ending December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by Council members Finnerty, Macey and Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to the Budget and Finance Committee. 8630-14.

MR. CATANESE: Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Grants Budget, Special Accounts Budget and Agency Fund Budget, by setting forth appropriations to pay said expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2015 and ending December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by Council members Finnerty, Macey and Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to the Budget and Finance Committee. 8631-14.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Code of Allegheny County (the ACE Code), set forth in Article 1013 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County in order to clarify the application of Paragraph N(1) of Section

5-1013.09 of the ACE Code, and to make Paragraph N(1) consistent with the county's Take Home Vehicle Policy. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to Government Reform Committee.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Mr. President, I have a motion that I'd like to present to Council, please. Can you pass those out, please?

(Copies of motion distributed.)

MR. CATANESE: This is a motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing the Council of Allegheny County to conduct a public hearing pursuant to Article II(G) of the Rules of Allegheny County Council, on December 10th, 2014, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Allegheny County Courthouse, Gold Room, located at 436 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA. Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee of Council, John Palmiere, shall be the presiding officer for such public hearing.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We need a second.

MS. MEANS: I'll second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: John, did you make a ---?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes, I did.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. She seconded. Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll take a voice vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm opposed.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have one opposed so the ayes have it. All right. Okay. We have 8632-14.

MR. CATANESE: Summary of executive actions for all departments from 10/1/14 through 10/31/14 to be received and filed.

MR. FINNERTY: Move we receive and file.

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. We now have Public Comment. First speaker is Lester Ludwig.

MR. LUDWIG: My name is Les Ludwig. I live at 6589 Rosemoor Street, in Squirrel Hill. We have a lot of

choices to make, and we've heard choices being made by the women. We've heard about the youth making choices. But we have some really bigger ones that we're --- we're not really facing up to. Education, the level that everyone has an opportunity to move forward from, free college undergrad education. And I'm pleased to announce that there's a solution in sight that I will hopefully be able to bring forward to you within, hopefully, less than a year. Number two, government is not a matter of who wins and who loses. We just had an election. The party warfare is still in existence. Who loses, who really loses? You and I, the members of the electorate, because not enough gets done in Washington and possibly even here in the county. So what is it that I propose that Mr. Kress and I are going to be working on, I'm sure, and that is that we raise as much money for the budget solution as is possible, so that we can actually work together. When you're busy working together to make a buck, old-fashioned American business, make a profit, there's less opportunity to fight between Republicans, Democrats, Independents, call yourselves whatever names that you want.

So I put it down at 75 percent. Wow. Oh, my God. Can you imagine if we made 75 percent of the government's budget from profit? What would that do to disposable income because we could afford to lower taxes? And if we lower taxes, what do we do, the common person do --- does? We go out. We don't save it in this country. We go out and spend it. It's disposable income. And therefore, what happens to the economy? Whoa, up it goes. So I'm saying --- came here to say to you that you don't have an organized department as yet, but Mr. Kress and I will go to work on it, and we're going to see if can start making a buck. How about that?

MR. KRESS: Sounds good.

MR. LUDWIG: Okay? Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Loretta Weir --- not here? Joseph Zawoysky, Jr.

MR. ZAWOYSKY: Joe Zawoysky, Jr., 123 Fifth Avenue, Ross Township. I only got three minutes so I'll be brief. Allegheny Council, are you going to answer my spreadsheet I presented to you on November --- or October the 7th? Let me know. I'm also presenting a spreadsheet tonight of Ross commissioners working for Allegheny County. It's attached to the packet. Who do I notify if I want to bring the media here, if I want to bring, you

know, like, what's his name, Marty Griffin or 60 Minutes? Are you up to that, or do I just come in? I know at the Council meeting they said you can assemble the media. Is there application? Listed on the 18th November letter is all I'm interested in asking you. I'm preparing a packet to send to the Congressional Oversight Committee after I get the procedure from Senator Casey's office on requirements. I will be submitting it in January, not later than February. Allegheny County will get a copy, since they've been referenced on several documents I received from them. I have over hundreds of pages on 95 percent of the issues I have to send to investigators. It's not he said, she said. I got all documents saying he said, this said. Now, do you have any questions for me? I'm looking for a response, and I will be present here to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Next speaker is John Detwiler.

MR. DETWILER: Thank you, Mr. President. John Detwiler, 5723 Solway Street, Pittsburgh. I'm here to speak about a proposed ordinance for a wait-and-see policy for future natural gas drilling in county parks. The ordinance isn't on today's agenda, but it's coming your way, and we can talk about the details when you get it. But tonight I'm just going to talk about messages. Thursday before last, Protect Our Parks delivered 1,800 signatures from 84 municipalities. That's two thirds of the county petitioning to bring this item to Council. But then the newspapers quoted Amie Downs speaking for the County Executive saying that he will veto this legislation because, even though he has no plans for more leases, this measure sends the wrong message.

So I wondered, what exactly does he mean by the wrong message? And I'll have to ask you, because the executive branch has left the room. I wondered, because this proposed ordinance simply commits to public statements that the Executive and some members of this body have made when Deer Lakes Park was put up for fracking. It says, this ordinance says, that before considering gas leases at any other county parks, we will wait and see what happens at Deer Lakes Park. That's it. So my question is exactly what wrong message does the Executive think that this ordinance would send? Is it that the county plans to be prudent about the future of our parks? Is that the wrong message?

Or is it that thousands of voters actually get to have a say about our parks? Is that the wrong message? I haven't heard a wrong message yet. So turn it around. What might be a more accurate message that the Executive would be sending by vetoing such legislation? Is it that he expects that fracking won't go as advertised at Deer Lakes Park? Or is it that he's being cute again when he says that he doesn't have plans to propose more leases? We've seen how that goes. Or is the real message from Mr. Fitzgerald that he is still the driller's best friend, just as he told them when he went after their campaign contributions? Or maybe the Executive has gotten confused about who is sending a message to whom. Maybe he thinks he gets to decide what the message is, even when he's not the one doing the talking.

So really, this proposal isn't about some sort of subliminal message at all. If we wanted to send a message, we could buy a Hallmark card. What this ordinance is about, is about valuing the parks. It's about health and safety. It's about economics and the environment. It's about transparency and credibility in county government. It means just what it says. Let's wait and see before fracking any more parks. And when this measure arrives on your agenda, please let's not talk about sending messages, but about doing what's right for the future of our families and our county. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Okay. At this point, does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: So moved.

MR. FINNERTY: Mr. President, I have a --- could I have a second? Our next Budget and Finance meeting is going to be Thursday at 4:00; Thursday at 4:00. Okay?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Amanda, you made a motion to adjourn. Did someone second it?

MR. MARTONI: I second.

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

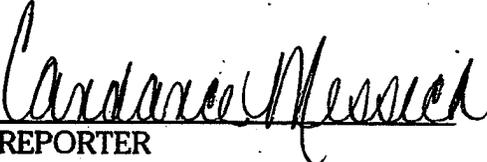
(Chorus of ayes.)

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:02 P.M.

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