

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

Allegheny County Courthouse
Fourth Floor, Gold Room
436 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

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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 Officer

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll call the meeting to order. We're all going to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. And for our silent prayer, I want to say we're going to remember a former County Council Member, Jay Jabbour, who represented District 9, who passed away last week, and Andy Frazier, husband of former Council member Brenda Frazier. Please remember them and family members in your prayers, and later we will do a formal thing for Council member Jabbour. So after me with the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Remain standing for silent prayer.

(Silent Prayer or Reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MR. 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?

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: Fifteen (15) members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Proclamation/Certificates. 8691, and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring the late K. Leroy Irvis and Anderson Little upon the occasion of the 2015 Spirit of King Award ceremony, presented by the Port Authority, along with the Kingsley Association, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the New Pittsburgh Courier. Sponsored by Council members Green Hawkins and Robinson.

8692-15, Proclamation congratulating the General Electric Lighting Glass Plant upon the occasion of its 95th anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Finnerty.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Can you add me to the first one, please?

MR. CATANESE: Sure.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Joe, there are probably others that have to be added.

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Absolutely.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All of us.

MR. CATANESE: Everybody?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Who doesn't want to be a sponsor?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, put everybody.

MR. CATANESE: Do you want me to read the second one again?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Go ahead. Go with the second one.

MR. CATANESE: 8692-15, Proclamation congratulating the General Electric Lighting Glass Plant upon the occasion of its 95th Anniversary. Sponsored by Council member Finnerty.

8693-15, Certificate of Recognition awarded to Florence Bartolomeo upon the occasion of her 102nd birthday. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public Comment on Agenda Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have none. Approval of the minutes, 8694-15.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on December 2, 2014.

MR. KRESS: So approved.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Remarks?

MR. KRESS: Yes. I have ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wait a minute. Someone second ---.

MR. KRESS: I made a motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone second it.

MR. FINNERTY: I'll second it, but I ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We have a remark here.

MR. FINNERTY: I do have a question about it. The total, the grand total of our budget, should have been \$1,770,974,407. In the minutes they omitted the \$770,000,000. So it was just \$1,000,974,407, so I want to make sure that correction is made. Mr. Barker?

MR. BARKER: We did e-mail the court reporter service yesterday. We requested the change. We don't know if they've gotten back to us yet. As when we came upstairs they have not, but I expect to hear from them in the near future.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Any other remarks? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 8685-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Caroline Mitchell to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on January 13, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go the Committee on Appointment Review. 8686-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Georgia Hernandez to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Committee on Appointment Review. 8687-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Avis Kotovsky to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8688-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Clifford B. Levine to serve as a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Committee on Appointment Review. 8689-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Dr. David Y. Miller to serve as a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Committee on Appointment Review. 8690-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Robert Macey to serve as a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term to end on December 31, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Unfinished business.

MR. CATANESE: You want to put that in committee?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: In committee, yeah. Okay. Put it in the Appointment Review Committee. Then under unfinished business.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: None. Liaison reports, does anyone have anything on liaison reports? Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Today is January the 6th and we celebrate around the world Orthodox Christmas. I wish to wish everybody a Merry Christmas in that faith. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Anything? Mike, you must have something.

MR. FINNERTY: I do, but I'm keeping it for the next meeting.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Let's go on to 8695-15.

MR. CATANESE: Ordinance of the County of Allegheny granting authorization to demolish the North Park Horse Barn located on McKinney Road. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Committee on Parks. 8696 ---. What?

MR. FUTULES: Public Works. I thought we were going to Public Works with that.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah. That should go to Public Works.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, they do the maintenance.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Yeah. All right. Public Works. Okay. 8696-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2015, Submission #1-15. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into the Committee on Budget and Finance.

MS. MEANS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. MEANS: I'd like to make a motion to introduce a new piece of legislation, to have it put on the agenda for today.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What is it? Did you have it before, Sue?

MS. MEANS: Yes, I have it. I have copies, but don't I need a second?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I didn't hear one yet.

MR. PAMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MR. FINNERTY: I have no remark. I just want to see the legislation.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. We'll get that.

MR. FINNERTY: I can't have a remark until I see it.

(Off Record Discussion.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to explain it? Do you want to explain your ---?

MS. MEANS: Well, I think it's pretty self-explanatory.

MR. FINNERTY: Joe has to read it first.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Joe has to read it.

MR. CATANESE: Yeah, I'm going to. It's 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 requirements of Section 5, 1013.31, entitled Summary Report to Council and Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does anybody have anything under remarks?

MS. DANKO: Are we just putting it on the agenda?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: She made a motion. I don't know if --- I could put it in committee. Put it in committee?

MS. MEANS: Do we have to vote to put it on the agenda and then throw it into committee? Is that how it goes?

MR. CATANESE: That's correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, that's what we'll do.

DR. MARTONI: I make a motion to put it on the Agenda.

MR. FINNERTY: No, she already --- there's already been a motion on and a second.

MR. CATANESE: There's already been a motion and a second.

DR. MARTONI: Oh, is that already done? Okay. Sorry about that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's take the vote.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MR. 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?

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, 15, noes, 0. The bill
is placed on the agenda.
DR. MARTONI: Now, what are our choices?
MR. FINNERTY: No, he's sending it to committee.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm going to send it to
Committee.
MR. CATANESE: Which committee?
DR. MARTONI: I'm a little --- this is my first
meeting this year so ---.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, I didn't really get
into the --- what is it? I asked you to explain it real
quick. I mean, I guess it would go into Government
Reform.
MS. MEANS: Do you want me to ---?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah. I would like to hear
what ---.
MS. MEANS: I'll explain it. Sure. Right now,
if we get a report from the Ethics Commission, it says
that the report has --- and the recommendation has to go
to County Council and the Chief Executive. But it's not
really clear how the information will be distributed to
us, or if one person gets it and that's enough, that
everyone has been notified. So this kind of lays down a
path to establish that the recommendations will go to the
Chief Clerk, and we get the recommendations within seven
days. And they go to the Chief Clerk, who then must
disseminate the copies of the report within three business
days to all the members of Council. And that he will also
keep a record for ten years. So basically, it just lays
down what happens when we get the report.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll put that in, I guess,
Government Reform. All right. Let's move on to Public
Comment. We have one.
MR. ELLENBOGEN: We have one.
MR. FINNERTY: He's not here.
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Lester, we all know Lester.
MR. CATANESE: Lester Ludwig?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: He's not present.
MR. CATANESE: Oh, sorry.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We're down to ---
does anyone want to make a motion to adjourn?
MR. FUTULES: Make a motion to adjourn.
MS. DANKO: 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.

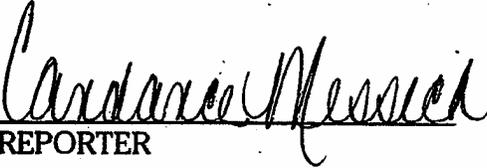
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:18 p.m.

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