

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:

William McKain	-	County Manager
Joseph Catanese	-	Director of Constituent Services
Jared Barker	-	Director of Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski	-	Budget Director
Andrew F. Szefi	-	County Solicitor
Rich Fitzgerald	-	County Executive
Jack Cambest	-	County Solicitor

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. We'll all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. And remain standing for a silent prayer and reflection. After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

(Moment of Silent Prayer.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

(No response.)

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?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?

(No Response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

MR. DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: 12 members currently present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Proclamations and Certificates. 8824-15 will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Patrick Tyler Ruffing of Boy Scout Troop 57 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

8841-15. Proclamation commending Get Involved, Inc. and naming March 26, 2015 as Get Involved Service Summit Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council members Baker, Means, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Rae and Robinson.

MS. MEANS: It's a real honor to be here today to give this award to all these honorees. And I'm sorry I'm blowing it. I didn't know I got to go first. I thought it was just supplemental. But it's an honor to join Mr. Tom Baker and all the members of Council to give this award today. And actually, this is also an award --- congratulations to Tom Baker, because this was his idea to promote individuals to be involved in their community. And it's always a good and wonderful idea to encourage people to get involved in their community. And today is a day of thanksgiving, not only for these wonderful people stepping forward to give to their community, but also to all the people who have inspired you and helped and supported you to come to this day. And now you can turn around and inspire others as well. Thank you.

MR. BAKER: All right. Thanks to Councilwoman Means. And we have some of our terrific honorees for the Sixth Annual Pittsburgh Service Summit so I'm going to welcome --- Councilwoman Means and I are going to welcome to the podium --- we've got Brittany, we've got LaTasha, we got Marcus, we got Austin and we got Maria. So if our five Honorees are with us here tonight can join us, let's give it up for the honorees.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: So just to go over a little bit about the event. It's tomorrow night at Carlow University. And all five of our esteemed honorees will be part of the event tomorrow night along with some other great folks. Our three keynote speaks this year are Mayor Peduto, Evan Frazier from Highmark and Dina Clark from the YWCA.

This is our sixth year doing the event, and for all of you here, if you can remember back in college when you went to that activities fair where you learned about organizations to join and to get involved with, this is like that for young professionals. So that is the goal of the Service Summit, is really to enable college students, graduate students, young professionals and lifelong learners to get more involved in the community, to do more

outside of work, to make a difference. And every year we get dozens and dozens and dozens of nominations for the awards. LaTasha Wilson-Batch is our 2015 Woman of the Year, which is pretty amazing. So congratulations to LaTasha. And we have one special award for a female and a male emerging leader, 18 to 25. Those winners this year are Austin Davis and Brittany Reno. And Brittany took a step ahead, I guess, this week. She became a local council person in Sharpsburg, actually so she's a new council woman there. And then Maria Gerardi and Marcus Thompson are with us as well. They're part of the Class of 2015 for the Western PA Rising Stars. It's an amazing group of young professionals, 30 and younger, who are doing a lot of good things, all the things we want the younger professionals to do here in our community. And they're great examples of that. So Maria and Marcus as well. We should have a little over 300 people there --- again there this year for the service. It's tomorrow, 5:00 to 8:30 at Carlow University. We'll have great speakers at the event. County Executive Fitzgerald spoke at the event in the past. Charlie Bash made some comments as well at the event a few years ago. So we always have some terrific keynotes, and it's a non-partisan, bi-partisan --- just non-partisan event. Everyone is welcome at the Service Summit. And with that, I'll invite LaTasha up to the podium to say a word or two, so --- our 2015 Woman of the Year, LaTasha Wilson-Batch.

MS. WILSON-BATCH: Thank you everyone. My main message that I deliver is that I was honored, number one, to be able to receive such an award, but I don't do this by myself. It takes volunteers of all ages and service leaders of all ages to lead by example so that the ones behind us know exactly what to do. I stressed this morning in a City Council meeting about it's okay to do work for free for people. If somebody did work for you for free ---. So continue to get involved and continue to support each other and let's continue teaching our younger generation how to get involved and stay involved. Thank you.

MR. BAKER: Austin is worried we're going to start asking questions if he goes ---. Okay. Again, you're welcome to come tomorrow night, and we'll have a great crowd and if we don't see you tomorrow, we'll hope to see you at the 7th Annual Pittsburgh Service Summit

next spring. So congratulations again to our winners and we'll do a group photo.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8842-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring Allegheny County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Chambers for stopping a violent crime on his way to work the morning of February 23, 2015. Sponsored by Council members Ellenbogen, Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Good evening, everyone. I would ask Deputy Chambers, Mrs. Chambers and Luke to come on up. I would also ask, due to the significance, if the Chief Executive would join us at the podium. Thank you, Chief. We're here this evening to honor a young man who saw something happening and did something about it. You probably have read the story of the 19-year old kid that assaulted someone and Deputy Chambers saw the situation. And anybody that can chase a 19-year old kid down three blocks has my respect. But with that, I would like to read the Proclamation honoring Deputy Chambers. It will give you a synopsis of, you know, what actually happened without me butchering it.

Whereas, Allegheny County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Chambers consistently exemplifies the reputation of professionalism and qualities to which the Allegheny County Sheriff's office prides itself.

And Whereas, on February 23rd, 2015 on his way to work Deputy Chambers saw a man being assaulted on Fifth Avenue. He got out of his car and identified himself as a deputy sheriff. Deputy Chambers checked on the victim, a 24-year man with swelling and scraps on his face. And radioed to summon backup. Deputy Chambers chased and apprehended the suspect three blocks away on Colwell Street. The suspect was combative and highly uncooperative when Deputy Chambers arrested him.

And Whereas, the 19-year old suspect was charged with robbery, assault and related crimes, he's also a suspect in the robbery that occurred on Center Avenue minutes before he injured the 24-year old man. After he was in custody, they learned that the suspect was wanted on a warrant related to a burglary that took place on December 15th, 2014 in the South Side.

Now, Therefore be it resolved, that Allegheny County Council does hereby honor Allegheny County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Chambers for stopping a violent crime on February 23rd, 2015. Deputy Chambers has diligently guarded the safety of our County's residents over the course of his exemplary 18-year career and his dedication to serve in the community, even at great risk to himself, has conferred honor upon the County to be shared by each of us and for that we commend him. Sponsored by myself and all member of Council.

(Applause.)

MR. ELLENBOGEN: What's also important here is, you know, over the years, you know, people talk about, you know, the county sheriffs, you know, are they police officers or are they not? There's always been that question. Well, Deputy Chambers proved exactly what County Sheriffs are all about. I'm very proud of the work that he has done as I am all of the Allegheny County Sheriffs and as I am the County Police. And with that I'm going to ask the Chief Executive Fitzgerald to say a couple of words and then we'll turn it over to the guy that can chase 19-year olds.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I think you could chase those 19-year olds, Councilman. I know you could do that.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Not any more.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Not anymore. No. I think the Councilman said it very well. We're very proud of the work that the Deputy did in keeping all of us safe and those men and women in that department, in that office do a lot of terrific things that don't always make the news media. But they do things apprehending our fugitives and bringing them to justice. So I want to congratulate him and add my words to the Councilman's. Thank you.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: With that I'm going to ask Deputy Chambers to say a few words.

DEPUTY CHAMBERS: Thanks everybody for the Proclamation. I appreciate it. And once again, I was just at the right place at the right time, and hopefully anybody would have done what I did that morning. It was nothing special, just the right place at the right time.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8843-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation naming the month of April 2015 as Fair Housing Month in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council members Robinson, Green Hawkins, Baker, Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Rea.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. Ms. Danko, if you would be kind enough to come up and join me? Also, we're going to need Ms. Cassandra Collinge, assistant manager of consumer programs here in our county in our Urban Redevelopment Authority ---. Let me just say one thing and then I'll ask Ms. Danko if she'd be kind enough to read the Proclamation, and then we'll hear from Cassandra.

I have occasion to work with this young lady as both a staff person and a member of the Vacant Property Review Committee for this County. She has done an outstanding job in my opinion, has been very cooperative and has assisted me as I have attempted to assist this Council in making sure in all of our districts and throughout the County where there are vacant or vandalized properties, we do what we can as a Council to provide the resources to the committee.

Also, she's been very helpful in putting together an annual report for each district so that you can see that the money is well invested. And I want to thank each and every one of you, thank our Chief Executive and his staff for making sure that this Vacant Property Review Committee process continues. It's grown from about eight communities that are participating to well over 40 now. The challenge is throughout our County. And I want to thank Cassandra for being so diligent and hard-working. She now is the chair of the committee doing an outstanding job and I'm very proud to work with her and we're very fortunate to have her in our service.

MS. DANKO: Okay. Thank you. Whereas, the 1968 Fair Housing Act guarantees the rights of all Americans, regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status or disability to live in the neighborhood of their choice, and is one of the most important components of our national civil rights policy.

And Whereas, Allegheny County has expanded the protected classes that traditionally include ancestry or place of birth, gender identify or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, use of a guide or

support animal because of blindness or because the user is a handler or trainer of support of guide animals, or deafness or physical disability of any individual or independent contractor or because of a disability of an individual with whom the person is known to have association.

And Whereas, although this non-discrimination policy is the law of the land, we must recognize that proper enforcement requires the continued cooperation of all levels of government, the real estate and home building industries and private citizens.

And Whereas, throughout Allegheny County, the spirit of collaboration is evident through the efforts of our federal, state and local governments and with the support of countless community and non-profit organizations.

And Whereas, this County dedicates itself to promoting equal housing opportunity as an essential part of this larger mission of endorsing justice in all areas of life for all citizens. Allegheny County ensures its communities are open to all people, and citizens may exercise freedom to choose where they live.

And Whereas, the month of April is set aside to acknowledge the 47th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and the work of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Human Relations Commission of the County of Allegheny, the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations and the Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh which ensure the protection of fair housing rights.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that Allegheny County Council hereby proclaims April 2015 as Fair Housing Month in Allegheny County.

This Council recognizes that everyone shares in the future of this great nation and thanks the Fair Housing Act for reminding citizens to not take these freedoms for granted.

Sponsored by Council members William Russell Robinson, Amanda Green Hawkins and all members of Council and presented this 24th day of March, 2015.

MS. COLLINGE: Thank you, Councilman Robinson for your kind words. And I thank you Council for the Proclamation. Fair Housing is something we take very importantly especially at the Department of Economic Development. And we appreciate your support for the projects that we advance to create affordable housing.

And we also appreciate your support for adding the additional protected classes because that's really important for the residents of our County. So thank you again for your support.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8844-15. And the rest of the Proclamations will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: Let the record show that Councilwoman Danko is present.

8844-15. Proclamation congratulating Father Joseph R. Grosko upon the occasion of this 83rd birthday. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

8845-15. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Bryer John Cochenour of Boy Scout Troop 99 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council member Macey.

8846-15. Certificate of Achievement congratulating Ms. Stephanie Walsh, Chief Operating Officer of Auberie, for winning the Pittsburgh Business Times 2015 Business Women First Award. Sponsored by Council members Macey, Green Hawkins, Danko, Heidelbaugh, Means, Rea, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Martoni, Palmiere and Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. At this time we'll have our quarterly address by County Executive Rich Fitzgerald.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. Always good to be here and discuss some of the issues that are pertinent to County government and the things we're dealing with. I guess I'll start with the finances. It's always a good place for the budget, which was passed late last December. But really, I wanted to talk more in general. If you recall, when we took office a little over three years ago, we had about \$5 million in the bank which sounds like a lot of money maybe to some people, but in an \$800 million budget, it's woefully under what you need to be. The rating agencies want you to have a minimum of five percent which is about \$40 million. And over the last three years all working together coming up with imaginative solutions, you know, without massive tax increases or program cuts or layoffs, we were able to make some progress. After the first year, the fund balance was around \$12 million. After the second year, it was around \$25 million. And when we closed the books at the end of last year it was

\$38 million. We've very close to where we need to be so we're making very good progress.

We did not have any layoffs. We had a hiring freeze early on in 2012, but nobody was laid off. And I'm very proud of the fact that we were able to provide that security for our employees and keep the operations going without massive cuts.

Since that time, we've also had three bond rating increases which --- I think we can all again be very proud of. Standard and Poors and Moody's seen the credit worthiness of this county and the stability of our budget looking better. And then just late last year our pension system, our pension fund, was deemed solvent by our actuarial. And that's the first time in 15 years that that happened. I remember when this government first came into office, along with Councilman DeFazio, Councilman Martoni and Councilwoman Rae, we made some decisions early on not to put as much money into the pension fund. And some of that is because you don't want to raise taxes. You don't want to cut other programs. And then there was a downturn in the stock market and really, for the last 15 years, we've been trying to battle back from that. We've added some contributions over the last couple of years. Obviously, the stock market going up again over the last few years has been a big help. And then the legislation that the legislature passed about a year or so ago that dealt with our ability to control our costs with respect to spiking and when people become vested, et cetera, those three things really contributed to us becoming --- having a solvent pension system.

So I think in light of what's going on around the state and with many other municipalities, I think it's something we can be very, very proud of that our retirees and the folks that are working for us are in a system that, for now, is solvent. And we want to make sure that we continue those fiscally sound policies moving forward. And we'll continue to do that.

With that, we've had a couple of new directors since the last time I was here, one of which is the budget director. I want to introduce and have her stand up for a minute, Mary Soroka is the new budget director. I'm sure you've met her and seen her. We've also named a new airport authority director. She's not here tonight, Christina Cassotis, and I want to make sure she comes in. I know she's met some of you at various events. She's

been here now about two months, I think, since she started in late January. She's actually traveling, out making sales calls to try to get more flights which is something we want to do. And then the third director is no stranger to any of us, Mr. Hurley, Bob Hurley, the new director of Economic Development. You guys all know Bob.

(Applause.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And I think that was really one of the successes that Bob and his predecessor, Dennis Davin, had on their success. Their success was such --- such noteworthy that Governor Wolf decided to tap Director Davin, our former Economic Development Director, as his Secretary of DCED, Economic Development. So I think that is something we can be very, very proud of because of some of the job growth that we've had here over the next --- over the last few years.

Yesterday was an exciting day in this County. Mr. Robinson, in your district, we broke ground on the 28 acre site, the Civic Arena site. It's a lot of historic significance for the people in the Hill District. Over 60 years ago, Urban Renewal came in and decided that it would be better to knock down a neighborhood and rebuild a Civic Arena. And I'm sure the folks that did it, did it all with best of intentions, but when that happened, over 8,000 people were displaced and over 400 businesses were taken away. And I think in many ways part of that community has not recovered. There's things that are happening now that are very, very positive, things like Crawford Square, the new grocery store, other things that are happening. And I think this new investment in reconnecting the Hill District to downtown through that 28 acre site was a very important --- a very important aspect. Governor Wolf came into town for it. We had our Congressional delegation or Senate delegation, local officials, community leaders. And it was a touching day. And I know Mayor Peduto was --- one of the things he really wanted to stress is he wanted to bring back, you know, some investment into that community. I think it was very, very important.

We also have some great things happening in the Strip District. The Three Crossings development is moving along very, very positively. We're very glad to see that and developments across the City and across this County. In McKees Rocks, the CSX development. What's happening out in Ross Township, what's happening in East Liberty,

what's happening out in North Fayette, in Findlay, continues to see growth and success as young people move in here, as businesses continue to locate here. Last year alone, Carnegie Mellon spun out 38 individual companies coming out of their one institution, and that continues to grow. There was a story that came out late last week regarding venture capital dollars that are flowing into this region in a large volume. And we see that continuing to happen over the next few years.

So one of our challenges, quite frankly, is managing growth. It's figuring out, as we grow again, how to have a transit system, how to have a road system, an infrastructure systems, et cetera, that handles the needs of a growing community. So we're excited. It's an exciting and a, quote, good problem and a good challenge to have. We're going to see a lot of good things happening.

Coming up this summer we've got two major conferences that will be coming to town we're very excited about. The FOP, celebrating a major 100th anniversary, having it here in Pittsburgh. There will be over 5,000 FOP members plus their families. It'll probably swell to about 10,000 people that will be here this summer, as well as the VFW conference will bring over 10,000 people into our community at the convention center. So we see a lot of good things in our tourism industry and you see the hotels that are being built and ribbons that are being cut in our hospitality industry all the time. And we want to continue that progress and continue that momentum.

I'm going to touch on some of our County departments and some of the things we've been doing. Administrative services now has taken on real estate per your approval. It's now a part of the department, the real estate department. And computer services launched an information portal to provide easier access for data and information throughout this County including the Courts.

As we continue to move into easier access to data and better ways for people to access that and utilize efficiencies and technology, we're going to continue to do those things.

In human resources, we took a major step forward when we put in place Ban the Box which means that people when they apply for a job do not have to check off the box that says that they have been convicted of a crime. They can at least get in the door. They can at least be part

of the interview process and it will come out at some point during their interview because we obviously need to know that. But a lot of folks were concerned that they didn't even get a shot at an interview when that was in place. You may know that the City of Pittsburgh implemented that a couple of years ago and it's been pretty successful.

We also instituted a paid parental leave program for people, the men and women that are on parental leave, that allows them to spend a little more time with their family. This was also kind of following a program that City Council did. Councilwoman Rudiak had introduced it. Mayor Peduto had been a big supporter of it. And I think, again, it's a progressive piece of initiative and policy that'll send a good signal for folks that want to work for Allegheny County.

We also embarked, along with Mayor Peduto, with the business community, with the Workforce Investment Board and Jerome Bettis, a --- Summer Jobs for Youth Program which we're going to be putting a little over a \$1 million, the County is. The City is going to be putting in a very similar amount to try to give summer jobs for youth. And it's not just going to be the traditional jobs that would just be cutting grass and maybe doing some pick-up. It'll actually be some training and some internships with some of our corporate partners throughout the community in all of our industries to really show youth what kind of good opportunities could be there for them.

In our human services department, we were very glad to receive a \$15 and half million grant dealing with homelessness. I applaud Marc Cherna, Director Cherna, and his department, for the good work that they do. We all know their reputation and the high regard in which they are kept and well deserved. So that was a big grant for this County to give.

We also did a book drive, a book drive kickoff, with the Children's Museum to try to have people donate books for kids to be able to improve their skills along reading --- you know, learning how to read at an early age.

One of the things that we're not real happy about and I know you've been talking about is our jail medical. I can just tell you that the County Manager and the warden and my administration is going to be working

on this, has been working on this, working with Judge Williams, the chairman of the Oversight Board. And I am not pleased and I know the county manager is not pleased at some of the results that we've had. And I can just tell you that we're going to continue to do what we can to make improvements there, partnering with some of our medical facilities and some of our universities to try to help us in providing the services that need to be provided.

The Health Department recently moved into some new offices. They are now at the old --- what was the county morgue. Our public works and the folks who rehabilitated those offices did a terrific job. I know a number of you were there for the ribbon cutting. Dr. Hacker and her team now are a little closer to us and in town and it allows, I think, a little more efficiency for what they're going to be doing. They continue to move successfully with the Live Well Program and also successfully work with the Pittsburgh Public Schools on the TB case. And we're glad of the work that that department continues to do.

Also, I talked to the Chairman of the Health Department --- or the Health Committee, Health and Human Services Committee, and we will be reintroducing knowing that the 30-day deadline or 60-day deadline, on the restaurant grading it'll just be the same thing. We'll be reintroducing it. It's really a procedural thing more than anything else.

The Live Well Program recently added the Pittsburgh Public Schools, we have another half dozen municipalities that are going to be ready to be designated it in the coming weeks.

The Kane Regional Centers, we have an additional Memory Care Unit. It's at the Kane Scott that you authorized a year or so ago. All 45 beds are full. There is a great demand for those services and the Kanes, the Kanes are glad to be able to provide that. And I also wanted to report that the Kane raw census is up to 96 percent full. So we're seeing some good results here on the vacancy or lack of vacancy, the occupancy at those operations.

Emergency Services, 9-1-1 Center, you probably might have read that I went to Harrisburg a week or so ago as we continue to try to find the right formula for funding when it comes to putting funding in place with

cell phones versus landlines. The legislature continues to work on that and we're hopeful that the program they put in place is something that's adequate. One statistic that was shocking to me, I learned at the testimony was that 46 percent of all 9-1-1 calls in this state are handled by two counties, Philadelphia County and Allegheny County. But we only receive 26 percent of the funding, which means there's a lot of counties out there that are getting a lot of funding and aren't quite as busy as Allegheny and Philadelphia.

I want to talk a little bit about our parks. We just recently closed up on the Boyce Park another successful season with the ski operation. We actually opened a little earlier this year, opening in late November. And the attendance was up again. And because of some of the fee adjustments that this Council made, we really closed the gap on the revenues versus expenditures. And again, it was very successful. We added some capacity on some of the hillsides that were able to be used and it really --- it really opened things up.

Also, for the first time, we're going to have a quarterly book. And I know that you've seen these books that we put out once a year. But because of all the activities, we'll be --- they're just hot off the press right now. We'll make sure we distribute these to you over the next day or two. Some of the new events that we have for folks in this community; co-ed kickball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, leagues that young people want to play in and want to engage, we have them at many of our parks. North Park, South Park and Boyce Park have opened those up and they'll be open this spring and this summer. We also have partnered with the Game Commission dealing with some bow hunting and many other activities that we have coming up. We also saw, you know, a nice increase on the skating and some other things.

The other thing that we've really been able to do is put online registration now. People are able to register and pay for things online electronically instead of having to deal with cash all the time.

We also opened a new deck hockey rink in Settler's Cabin partnering with the Pittsburgh Penguins and Highmark, who built that for us and it has allowed folks in Settler's Cabin in Collier and those communities to be able to access that.

Talk a little bit about public works. Folks in Allegheny County are probably wanting to know when the roads are going to be fixed. Some roads are going to be fixed. I can tell you that there's going to be a very robust construction program that's going to happen this summer in Allegheny County. Some people might be upset at the detours because there's going to be --- there's going to be a lot of work that's going to be done, almost \$30 million worth of construction whether it's mining and remilling, resurfacing. Bridge work, over \$13 million worth of bridge work and slope stabilization. We have a lot of slope and wall stabilization that needs to happen. Just to give you, you know, some of what's going to be happening, Camp Meeting Road extension in Bell Acres, the Clemente Bridge. We're going to be putting some bike lanes on the Clemente Bridge right here in downtown Pittsburgh. Glenfield Road in Swickley Hills, McCoy Road in McKees Rocks, Oakwood Road Bridge in Pittsburgh and Crafton and Brightwood Road in Bethel Park are all slated to be done, and Old Clairton Road as well out in Pleasant Hills.

Very briefly on the airport. I mentioned the new director who's come on board. We actually had a better year last year in the airport than we've had in many years. Fourteen (14) new destinations were added. Four new airlines planted their flag at the Pittsburgh International Airport, and I'm anticipating that many will be growing. We just recently added Dallas/Love Field. Southwest Airlines has added that as an expansion as well. And for the first time since 2011 we actually had an increase in traffic, a little over one percent, about one and a half percent.

We also had an increase in our transit riders last year, about 1.6 percent. And that was due to some of the technology changes we were able to make with real time, making some enhancements on existing routes. We didn't have any additional money to put new service online meaning new routes. But we were able to add some service and tweek some of the routes that were there and we saw some increase along those lines.

So with that, Mr. President, we can open it up to any questions that any of the members might have if there's anything I didn't touch on or they have some areas of interest.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Just raise your hand if you have any question. Any questions to my right? Do you have one? Okay. Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Mr. Fitzgerald, can you hear me?

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: (Indicates yes.)

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Mr. Fitzgerald, recently questions have arisen over your nominations to boards and authorities in regard to whether the persons appointed and the companies they work for have a conflict of interest in serving on the boards because either they or their employers have contracts with the County, the issue being you nominate the person and you authorize and sign all county contracts. My question today is a little different in regard to conflicts of interest. You are the sole owner of a company called Aquanef which is located in your home. Your financial disclosure reports indicate you're still the sole owner of that company. You told the Post Gazette that Aquanef sold products and services to the airport authority.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Heather, ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: My question is, can you please tell the Council how you prevent Aquanef from selling to companies that have County contracts?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, first of all, I don't sell to the airport. I don't know how that story got in there, but I do the full ethics disclosure that everybody else does, and I have no problem with how I do business.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, how does the public know whether Aquanef sells to people who have county contracts?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I don't even --- because it's not anything that I do.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You don't --- Aquanef does not sell to anyone who has a county contract?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I don't even know who we --- you know, everybody we sell to, quite frankly.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is that it?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have other questions.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there any other questions to my right? All right. Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Question. Chief, as you know, when the State seems to do all this construction that there's really no thought given to what happens around them. And case in point was the Liberty Tunnel. They

just closed a lane. Instead of somebody using a little bit of thought process and maybe making a lane one-way going in during rush hour and the other --- they just do what they do. And the only thing that I would ask is --- and I know we have a very robust paving schedule this year --- that our public works director might want to reach out to the state and do some coordinating in terms of, you know, hours and things like that so --- for instance, like Greentree Road ties into Forsythe Road, McMonagle, Potomac, Crane, you know, just in terms of just trying to work together so that the public just is not that inconvenienced that it's just nuts like it was last year.

And the only other question I have is I just would ask you to explain to the public how certain folks did not contribute or will not contribute to the subway that turned out to be what everybody likes in South Hills under the river to the stadiums and who's paying for it now. I know you put a lot of hard work in trying to continue to allow people to ride the subway under the river to the games. I know it's a significant impact on my district because a lot of our folks they just get on a trolley and they go right to the football game or the baseball game. And I know this wouldn't happen without your diligence. And I'd like just like the public to know that. Thank you.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thanks. And I think what --- we've seen a much better job over the last couple of years with PennDOT, with our public works department, with the utility companies, in trying to coordinate so that they don't rip up the road and then a year later have to go back in and change, you know, a utility line or fix a water line. We see a better job of that happening certainly with the City, with PennDOT, with other municipalities, with Director Shanley and his folks. I think they've really taken very seriously exactly the fact --- if we're going to tear up a road, let's do it once and not have to go back in and do it again.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you. Appreciate it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Sue.

MS. MEANS: Hi, Mr. Fitzgerald. Nice to see you again.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Hello, Councilwoman.

MS. MEANS: I know that you posted the description for the park rangers and I know --- I believe

the interview process has begun. I was wondering if you could give us a update on how that's going. And I guess until you appoint them, we won't know what their duties are and the parameters of what they'll be doing. Because the four people you'll hire, they will design the program; is that correct?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: You know what? I'm going to ask the County manager because I think he's been more involved in the day-to-day ---

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: --- operation of what we're doing.

MR. MCKAIN: As you said, we are going through the interview process. The structure we have is a lead ranger and then three senior rangers. And as you had said, once we get them on board, they're going to help us craft, you know, the future of that. We also have stakeholders. I told Council during the budget hearings with the Student Conversation Association as a resource to help us with the curriculum and training and things like that. Once they come on then we'll develop more specific job descriptions for the rangers and, you know, the ambassadors that we want them to be and have training in the park and things like that. So we haven't made our selections yet, but we're in the midst of interviews.

MS. MEANS: Is it all right if I ask do you know --- you're going to hire four now, but do you know how many you want to eventually hire or that's all to be determined?

MR. MCKAIN: This is an implementation here as we had told Council. This is to build a foundation of that program beginning with those four. We have other organizations that is considering contributing so maybe we can add to it this year and have a full transition next year with the Executive's approval if we come to Council during budget process.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

MR. MCKAIN: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Can I ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Chief, I did that Proclamation for that deputy sheriff. I think the important thing here for the public to know is this gives you the ability to put a division of officers out into the street, whereas you can see with Deputy Chambers, they're more than

capable of really helping in a situation. So I applaud you for that.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: One of the reasons we did that, we're trying to make, with the County Manager's work, data-driven decisions. And, you know, when you've got police officers deployed over here, but maybe the crime over here, you want to put those assets, those resources, in a place where it's going to more effectuate crime and criminal activity so that was one of the reasons that we're moving in that direction. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. DANKO: I got a couple of calls from constituents related to where we are on Deer Lakes Park as far as initiating the drilling. And they also --- the Protect Our Parks group had said that they were putting together a booklet that they wanted to distribute so people would know who to contact if they had any issues or concerns with what's going on. I was wondering if you have a project manager or a point of contact for people and what kind of timeline you're looking at.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, the drilling is not in our control. This is going to be done by the company that's doing the drilling in conjunction with the private landowners that they're willing to be doing it with. I don't know that we have a point of contact. We could try to find someone or appoint somebody to do that with the neighbors in the community. I don't know if we --- Mr. Szefi, would there be any ---? How did we ---?

MS. DANKO: So there wouldn't be a single point of contact in the county? You'd have to sort of wander around?

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Go ahead.

MR. SZEFI: With regard to the schedule, I believe, the latest update is that they're planning on preparing the pads for sometime this summer. So that's that timing. With regard to the issue, I saw Mr. Detwiler's letter. I mean, it's a kind of a far ranging array of issues --- if we have someone in the park that shouldn't be there, if we have an issue with Range Resources. So I mean, I think it's very sort of issue and scenario specific on who you would call. I think obviously if you saw someone in the park who shouldn't be there, call the Parks Department. Concerns about water quality, someone mentioned that. It's never been raised

before, but if that happens, Health Department. So it does depend on the issue. There's no one person to send to.

MS. DANKO: So there's no like project manager within the County?

MR. SZEFI: We do not have a project manager, no. I wouldn't say it's our project. I mean, it's --- we lease the land. We lease the oil and gas rights under the land, so no, we do not have an appointed project manager working with that.

MS. DANKO: So we don't have anybody that's sort of charged with watching this on an overall basis?

MR. SZEFI: We have lots of people who are charged with watching it. We have Parks Department people who are out in those parks every day making sure that no one is in those parks that aren't supposed to be. And they're not allowed in those parks during drilling related activities. Again, it's not something that's happening in our park or on our land. So do we have someone on the pad watching? No, we don't. It's not our property and it's not our project. But with regard to our property in the parks, we certainly have people out there all the time and they are very much aware that there is to be no activity going on in that park.

MS. DANKO: So there's no point of contact other than call here, call there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Ed, question?

MR. KRESS: Thank you very much, Mr. Fitzgerald, for coming today. But the question on Deer Lakes Park, we also had a job fair associated with that lease. My question is, what is the status of the job fair?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: There's two job fairs that are being scheduled as we speak, one in April and one in May. I don't have a date and the location other than to say that they will be in that community. As soon as we get that information, we'll certainly communicate that with you and all members of Council.

MR. KRESS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other questions?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Mr. Fitzgerald, have you ever contacted the employer of any Council member or Allegheny County row officer and encouraged the employer to take an adverse employment action against the Council member or the row officer, or pressure the Council member on a pending vote?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Councilwoman, you make these allegations --- I mean, you make them up. It's incredible. No, I don't call ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Just a simple yes or no.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: No. I don't do those things.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You've never done that?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: To pressure somebody to do what?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Have you ever called a member of Council's employer and asked the employer to take an adverse action against the Council member or pressure that Council member on a vote?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: No.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other questions?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have another one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You mentioned the Corizon problem. As I understood it from the head of the Jail Oversight Board, Judge Williams, what I see the County and the Oversight Board doing is looking at how much longer we have in terms of a contractual obligation to Corizon versus how long it will take to get somebody to replace them. And the question I asked Judge Williams was since we have a Constitutional duty to take care of the men and women who are in the jail, some who have not been found guilty yet, but who cannot make bail, don't we have another option? Don't we have an option to make sure that we have to supplement the care and if it costs us money we have to do that, to make sure that we don't have any more deaths in that jail?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, we do have an obligation and that's why we're trying to take action --- to make corrective action that we're doing. So regarding the contract, regarding our employees, regarding the treatment of these inmates, yes, we take that very seriously. And if you recall, the system that was in place before we got the Corizon was so bad that there were editorials written asking who the next --- for the next County Executive to dismiss who was at the time the Health Department Director because things were so bad, because there was so little corrective action taken. We made an attempt to bring in a company that had a national reputation to try to correct this situation.

As I said in my earlier statements, I'm not happy with where we are right now, and we're going to continue to make sure whoever is providing the care does the job right.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: My question is more nuanced. We have a problem and we've had it for quite some time. It might be six ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: We've had a problem for years and years and years.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Let me finish my question, sir. We're here to ask you questions. Okay?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I think you're going to depose me if that's ---. That's what it seems like.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No, I'm just here to ask you some questions and I'd just like you to answer them because that's what the Charter provides. My question is, we have a problem now with people who are dying in the jail. And what I keep hearing is we're trying to deal with it. And we're going to get lawsuits. It's a moral question. People haven't been convicted. And instead of trying to deal with the contract, what I'm asking you is why aren't --- you know, why aren't other agencies coming in and assisting and supplementing what we're doing with Corizon even if we have to pay for it?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: We're working on just that, to be honest with you. We're trying to figure out a system to put in place to solve the problem.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And when will that ---?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: It may involve other entities that can assist and the company that's doing that right now.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And when will that be done?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I can't put a timeline on it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other questions?

MR. KRESS: In regards to Boyce Park, you said that revenues exceeded expenditures or expenditures exceeded revenue?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: No. No. No. I said we'd closed the gap on ---. We were losing a lot of money many years ago. Last year we closed that gap somewhat. And this year we closed it even more. But it's still not --- it's not running at a profit, if you will. The revenues are not exceeding the expenditures.

MR. KRESS: So based on, I guess, the fee adjustment, how much more revenue did we generate through the fee adjustment? Do we have those figures?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: I think it's probably maybe a couple of hundred thousand. Willie, does that sound about right?

MR. MCKAIN: Yeah, it's actually like \$230,000.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Some of that was due to the fee increases and some of that was due to more attendance. And longer days. We had more days in which we were open.

MR. KRESS: Okay.

MR. MCKAIN: And we added another two ---.

MR. KRESS: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no other questions, thank you.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President. Appreciate it.

(Applause.)

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

MR. CATANESE: We have none. But for the record, just let the record show the Council member Green Hawkins is present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Approval of Minutes.
8847-15.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on February 3, 2015.

MR. FUTULES: So moved.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
8848-15.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on February 17, 2015.

MR. FUTULES: So moved.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Jared, at this time, in Unfinished Business, I wish to pass that motion out to everybody. Did everybody look at that?

MR. FINNERTY: Sure did.

MR. CATANESE: Do you want me to read that?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. CATANESE: Appointing five voters of Allegheny County for appointment by County Council to the Government Review Commission. Sponsored by Council President DeFazio.

MR. FINNERTY: You can add me as a sponsor also.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does someone want to make a motion rather than myself?

MR. FUTULES: I'll make that motion.

MR. FINNERTY: I'll second it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks. Go ahead.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I see the names on here Mark Foerster, Rich Schwartz, Jim Nowak --- Nowalk, excuse me, Doug Price and Jay Hagerman.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: And I wanted to ask a question about how these individuals were selected and appointed --- selected for appointment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Or am I missing something?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. Here's how they were --- I went to three Democratic Council people and asked them to put someone's name in and two Republican people to put a name in. There's five people so I went three and two. Technically, if you look at the Administrative Code you don't have to do it that way. Under the Ethics thing about two sections over, a couple of pages over, they have a specific way to do it. But this is a way to do it. We felt it was fair to do it that way. There's more Democrats on there and so let the Democrats pick three and the Republicans pick two. We have five picks.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: May I ask a follow-up question?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: And that's fine you're speaking about Democrats. However, I don't recall being included in that discussion so if someone could, who made the suggestions for these people --- if they could just enlighten me, at least, as to who they are and a little

bit about their background as to why they were selected, too. I'm just not familiar with them.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, if somebody ---.

MR. FINNERTY. I tell you what.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead. Mike, do you want to ---?

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Well, I didn't really nominate Doug Price, but I know Doug Price. He was on council at one time. He's an attorney. He's a very smart individual. And he's a very good attorney.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Nick, you said you wanted to ---?

MR. FINNERTY: He lives in Collier Township.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah. I asked to consider Rick Schwartz. He was one of the original Council members of this Council. And he actually helped write the Home Rule Charter. At one point I thought he was probably qualified to this position.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Ed, do you want to ---?

MR. KRESS: Mr. President, I was just going to say about Doug Price. I served with Doug Price in 2005 for a short period of time because I had been appointed. Now, Doug Price, I think is an outstanding person. He works for the law firm of Harry S. Cohen. He was very interested in doing this. You know, even though he's an attorney. He's very busy doing medical malpractice work. He's had a, you know, basis on County Council. I believe he's served at least one term on County Council. I think from 2001 to 2005. I'm actually happy he could be on this committee. I think his qualifications are without reproach. I think he's an excellent person. So I mean, I think his experience on County Council and being involved with the process makes him an excellent person.

The other person I have to admit is --- he's a little younger. His name is Jay Hagerman. He's 28 years old. He's a lawyer. He's from Hampton Township. And I thought it was important maybe to try to get somebody younger on this committee considering that, you know, again we have a lot of younger people in this county. And I don't think that younger people should be shut out of government. And just looking at their age I don't think just because someone is 28-years old should not have a voice in how the County is run. He's an attorney. He's also involved, I guess, in Hampton politics a little bit. He's the vice-chair of Hampton Committee, but he's a good

person. And again, this wasn't so much a political thing. I asked Jay. I was looking for some names. I called many different people from many different law firms. And Jay was the person that eventually said, hey, I'd do it. So again, I was trying to look for people who are lawyers, because again, this is to me that --- we're dealing with like some legal issues here. And I have to say just because I chose these two people it doesn't mean eventually people can't have input on the whole process itself.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: John Palmiere, go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: Are we on now? Okay. Mr. President, I recommended Jim Nowalk, who is one of the most honorable people I know in my dealings with Whitehall. He's also the mayor of Whitehall. He's an attorney. And like I said before, one of the best family men and one of the nicest people and the most honorable people I know. And that's why I recommended him. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead. Finish up, Amanda.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. And I noticed that as each of you were speaking, you mentioned he, he, he, he, he and he. And I know that we like to --- well, we say we like to have diversity. And diversity is more than just diversity of where people live. It also includes diversity of our backgrounds and gender and things of that nature. So I find it a little ironic that in a process that I wasn't included in, I have male colleagues asking me to support a motion with five males on it. Is there any ethic diversity?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay, look. You're supposed to look at that in all cases, I believe. But you got to remember I could have picked all of them under the procedure.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I'm just saying ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hold on. No, I want to explain it.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: You may have, but I'm just saying diversity ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I understand that, but ---

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: And diversity will ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: --- let me finish.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Go ahead.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I didn't pick one person. I just asked the Council people to give me a person. Try to find diversity. Try to find the best people you can find. These are the names I have. Okay? And that's what we're going to have to deal with. Okay? Go ahead, Heather.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So I just want to make sure. Can I have an affirmation that there are no women on this group, that no one here is actually a woman; is that right?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: As far as I can see. I don't know any of them.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I mean ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I do know them. I know a couple, yeah, Ric, Schwartz, Foerster.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Are there any African-Americans in the group?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, I think. I don't know if Rich on the other side ---?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Are any of these people African-American?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Not on this group, I don't think.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Now, this group right here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I said no. I don't think.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Unless there ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Is there anybody who is Latino?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. There's the criteria right now --- we try to work with that.

MS. HEIDELBAGUH: Is there anybody ---? I know, I'm the conservative Republican. Is there anybody who's in the LGBT community?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. Heather, ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Is there anybody ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Heather. Hey, Heather, look. We're not going to go on fighting back and forth. If you don't like the people ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You can call me out of order.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I am. I'm calling ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You're telling me I can't talk?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm telling you've had enough. These people picked them. If you don't like their pick ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm asking questions.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I told you.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I told you I don't have a resume in front of me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, there's no call for a resume. We never had a resume.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH; Oh, okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Not for this committee. No. You don't have that.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Is there anybody who's elderly?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hey, hold it. Heather, I'm the ones that makes the order. We're finished with you. Anybody else have a question? Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Well, first of all, I was not consulted on this either, so just ---. But I do know all the individuals, but I don't know the young fellow. Him I don't know. However, I do like the fact that there are two original Council members that are on this. Well, I don't know, he goes pretty far back.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I think I like the fact that there are a couple of people who were here before who have an understanding of how we got from there to here which is good. I think it should be noted here, I mean, there are some Council people that are taking exception, you know, and I'm not going to get into whether they're right, wrong or whatever. I do know that the president has the ability to have just closed doors and picked whoever he wanted. But he opened it up, obviously, to some folks, so you know, I guess, you can't ask 15 people to pick one. But just so you all know, I wasn't picked either, but I'm all right with this. And you can put me as a co-sponsor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I've read this area and I vehemently disagree that the Council president has the right to pick all of the people here. I assume what's going to happen is we're going to ramrod this through without a call for this ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Heather, you're out of order now. Look, I have a right. I determine the rules. If you don't like them, that's fine. I am allowed to pick who I want with the approval of Council. I didn't do that. I went with three Democrats and two

Republicans. Now, we're going to take a vote on it. You don't like the picks, vote it down. Call the roll. Take a vote.

MS. MEANS: May I be recognized?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, I didn't call on you yet. Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: Okay. I have done extensive study of also past practice. I have a copy in the minutes from ten years ago. I would like that to be passed out from ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hold on.

MS. MEANS: Wait. Let me finish.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Now, wait a minute. First of all, there's no past practice on one instance. This happened ten years ago, once. One time doesn't make a past practice. Okay? Number Two, you go with language. Language supersedes, even if you did have a practice, okay. So we have a right --- I have a right to ---.

MS. MEANS: You interrupted me, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hey, and I'm going ---.

MS. MEANS: Show me respect. You interrupted me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You make your point because I make the final decision on order. Now, make your quick point.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Point of order.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm not going to fight round and round here.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Point of order.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What's your point?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I don't think you're allowed to --- you're the Chief Officer. You're not allowed to engage in the debate. No, you're not. I'd like a ruling.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I make the ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have a point of order.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I make the decision.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You're not the dictator.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm the one that makes the decisions.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No, you don't.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You better read the book. I make the ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'd like a ruling.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I make the decisions.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: He is supposed to allow us to say what we want. When we say something that he doesn't like, he rules us out of order. It's completely inappropriate.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I've never before.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: This is not a democracy.

MR. CAMBEST: The President of Council has the right recognize anybody on Council to speak. He also has the right to call you out of order if you are out of order. That's his determination.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: How many is for a quorum?

MR. CAMBEST: How many for a quorum?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes. How many ---?

MR. CAMBEST: You need eight. You need a majority for a quorum.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: When does this body not become a quorum? And there's no ---.

MR. CAMBEST: It does not become a quorum --- it doesn't because the President of Council has certain powers. And one of those powers ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: How many members have to be here to for a quorum?

MR. CAMBEST: Eight.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. So if eight people leave there's no quorum?

MR. CAMBEST: That's correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. CAMBEST: But once you establish a quorum, if you leave, the quorum is still established. And you have a quorum for tonight's meeting.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What's your point?

MS. MEANS: My point right now is that I was not allowed to speak my mind and that you interrupted me. And I wasn't out of order. Now, I would like to go to the Administrative Code, Chapter Five, where it says at a regularly scheduled meeting of Council in February of 2005 and every ten years thereafter, the Council shall select and appoint five voters of the County to serve on the Review Commission. Now, I know later today --- I mean, I just --- I have my own ordinance for my own reasons, but I looked at these five people. First of all, it says Council shall select and appoint five members. I didn't have any say in the five people.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Doesn't say that.

MS. MEANS: Let me finish.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, I don't have to. It doesn't say that.

MS. MEANS: Let me finish.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, I don't have to let you finish if you keep going on the same thing. It doesn't say what you think it says. Okay? It doesn't say that. If you have your own motion you're going to put in, put it in. It says Council, right. So what we always do, everywhere, I put the names in. If you don't like it, you vote it down. If you do like it, you vote it up. It doesn't specifically say you do it this way or that way. It's vague on all that. Okay?

MS. MEANS: I agree it's vague.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hold it. Hold it.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Point of order.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: She's still got the floor. Wait a minute.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Point of order.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What's your point?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Are you ruling? Are you ruling as a matter of record that this behavior is ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You have to address me, not him.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: --- pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Heather. You have to address me, not him. Then we'll get him.

MR. CAMBEST: The Council president is speaking with Ms. Means. He has the right, if he believes she's out of order, to ask her to continue not on the same subject. Now, I don't know what your subject is. You're bringing up minutes that happened ten years ago. And if your intent is to say that that's the past practice and that that's what we should follow ---.

MS. MEANS: No, that's not my next point, Mr. Cambest.

MR. CAMBEST: I'm ---.

MS. MEANS: I would like to finish my train of thought without being disrespected.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, what's your ---?

MS. MEANS: I respect you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wait a minute.

MS. MEANS: Why don't you respect me?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Look, we're not going to argue. What's your next point? We want to get to the end of this. What's your next point?

MS. MEANS: This is very important commission of great magnitude. These people will take an oath of office. These people will review all aspects of our government and make recommendations that may lead to referendums. And whenever County Council considers our appointment, we must consider their political affiliation. No one has told me the make-up of this Board. And we all must consider ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I told you ---.

MS. MEANS: --- their gender, their age. Do they all live in the City? Do they all live in suburbs? These are all things in the Administrative Code that we are to consider as a body.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, not all that. Now, make your point because I don't want to stand here and argue with people. We're taking a vote. The majority is going to rule on this one or the other.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: The majority is not a tyranny.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You don't have the floor.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm telling you ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You don't have the floor. Look, you're out of order. You're the one that don't know what you're doing. She's talking and I'm talking to her.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You haven't read the law. You're violating the law. This is going to result in a Court order against you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, put it in Court. Okay? Put it in Court.

MS. MEANS: Am I allowed to finish?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes. She keeps interrupting. I said you had the floor.

MS. MEANS: No, Mr. President, respectfully, sir, you have interrupted me ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: She keeps ---.

MS. MEANS: --- over and over again. I have never seen in my life such disrespect.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You got that right. Go ahead, talk.

MS. MEANS: I think that every member should get a vote and we have not been allowed --- we were not apprised, we were not included, we were not informed that this process was going forward. No one informed me. I

heard through the grapevine that this was happening, but I was not informed that this was happening. And I'm a Council person and the 91,000 people in my District have not be represented in this process. And if every member of this Council got a vote and was included in this process, then all the people of Allegheny County would be included in the consideration of the diversity and where they live and ethnicity and it would be a much better process. Instead, this --- we were not included. It was not in the light of day. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Now, are you done?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Number one, I told you, you did know about it. I talked to you a couple of times on the phone. And I told you the process. We're picking --- not that we have to do it, I said, but we're picking three people from the Democratic side, the point people and two from the Republican side. And you show me the book --- I said you show me in any book, you or anybody else, where I'm doing it improperly, and I'll change it to your way. And you can pick all five of them if you show me that --- wait. You had the floor. Nick Futules had the next question.

MR. FUTULES: I wanted to clarify something, that you gave the opportunity to the Democratic caucus and the Republican candidates as well.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No.

MS. MEANS: No.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. I didn't give no caucus. I just picked people. Okay?

MR. FUTULES: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And they picked the members. I didn't pick any members.

MR. FUTULES: You picked a Democrat and a Republican.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Council people.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. But from a different party?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: One Republican.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, the other one gave her pick up to Ed Kress.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. I just wanted to check on that. I was just going to clarify that. That's all.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: All right. Mr. Cambest, you ruled that he has the ability to do this; correct?

MR. CAMBEST: That's correct.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: That being said ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No, that's ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No, wait a minute. That being said, ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: He's going to read ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead.

MR. CAMBEST: 1203.03, subparagraph (a) gives the right to Council to select and appoint five voters and that's what you're doing. If you don't like these five voters or these five selections, vote them down. I mean, that's the process here. When people don't like pieces of legislation they vote them down. When people don't like appointments to Boards and Commissions, they vote them down. And so that's what you need to do. If you don't like these five people, for whatever reason, whether it's sex and race or age or whatever it may be, you need to vote them down.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: We still have a quorum.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: That being said, we pay a lot of money to the Solicitor ---.

MR. CAMBEST: Not that much, but ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I've seen you golf. You win the rest. But he's ruled this legal. Now, in the same light --- and I don't think it's fair that the president is being demonized here. I think he's being under assault here. However, the President of this Council, in the same light, picks the chairman of the committees; public works, parks. Nobody said a word about, well, he picked this one. He picked that one. There's 15 of us. I was not included. I didn't even know who these five were until I looked at this today. I did not. But that's his pick. That's the rule. Now, you know, well, if we don't like you (sic), you just vote it down. But in the same light that he picks the chairs, it's legal. To demonize him for doing what is his right --- and if you don't like it, then vote him out as the president because that's the option that you have if you disagree with him. But to demonize him is just not right. It's not. And we're making a spectacle of ourselves to the public. So that being said, thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you have a question? Go ahead.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Just a comment, if I may. And if the President thought that I was trying to demonize him I sincerely apologize for that because my issue is not with the president's right to pick the five. My issue and concern was about a perceived lack of diversity that I have concerning these appointments and what their role is supposed to be. And that is the issue I was bringing to bear in my comments.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I didn't ---.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: If I did offend you, Mr. President, I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. I didn't make that comment, but I agree with, basically, what you're saying. I left it up to these people to pick. Okay? I told certain people to do certain things and I left it up to them. I didn't recommend anybody. But with that, let's call the vote and get this over one way or the other. What's your question, Heather?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have a comment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So the Administrative Code of Allegheny County establishes that a government review commission is to be appointed and is to spend about a year studying the charter, studying the way Allegheny County government works or doesn't work. There could be nothing more important than this commission getting together and meeting because the manner in which this Council works is broken. Now, it's very important to me, as an at-large member, that the members of this commission are committed to the process, will agree to hold hearings and to study this issue. They have a right to initiate referendum. They have the right to comment on referendum that are initiated by the people, and they have the right to institute processes and/or referendum in the future to change the way the charter is worded. And the reason why this was envisioned by the original members who formed this government was because it was a new form of government and they wanted it looked at in earnest every ten years. The Executive in this county has too much power. The County Council is a rubber stamp and does everything, basically, that the County Executive wants.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. You're out of order now.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No, I'm not.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes, you are.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm just saying something that you don't like.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. No, I want to say that you're wrong.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: When I say something you don't like, you call me out of order.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Listen, first of all, ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So in order to finish ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: First of all, no, you're not going to finish. We're going over this too much.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Over this too much?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do I look like the original person wrote --- helped write this language when it started; okay? If you don't like what's in the Code, you have to change it. For now, we have to live with what we have.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: There's no ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: There's nothing illegally wrong on what we're doing. All we're doing is fighting back and forth. And I'm telling you now, let's go for the vote and quit fighting her.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm not finished.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, as far as I'm concerned, unless somebody rules ---. Go ahead, you can say something.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm not finished. May I finish?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, you can't keep making speeches. Say what you're going to say.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: This is the comment period. This is what we do.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're not going to stay here and go over and over like you're in Court somewhere. Say what you want to say.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So it's very important that these people get together and they meet and they go through and they see what is going on. We can't have another rubber stamp in this Commission. So one of the ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Why do you call people rubber stamp?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So one of the things that ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: If you don't like the way they vote, you vote your way. Let them vote their way.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: One of the things that I think is the most important is for us to put together this Commission. And I think it's very important that I understand who these people are. I don't have a biography. I don't have a Curriculum Vitae. I found out what was going on, that Mr. DeFazio was asking only Ed Kress to appoint these and did not go to the caucus chair as was done last time, Sue Means. So I am completely against this on the Rule of Law, on due process and on the manner in which --- this is exactly the way this Commission is going to work by this methodology.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Heather.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: As soon as someone says anything that you ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: --- don't like, rule them out of order.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: First of all, you don't listen to the Solicitor. You don't listen to anything. You don't read the book right. You're wrong on almost everything you're saying here tonight. So that's what I'm saying. Barbara Danko, you didn't say anything, so go ahead.

MS. DANKO: Okay. In a more brief version, I do want to say I agree. This is one of the most important things we're going to do this year is picking these people. And I'm not sure why we have to have a last minute motion on this. It should have been on the agenda. There would have been a time to vet some of these people for people personally. I mean, another issue I have, none of these people live in the City. You know, we've got all suburban representation, not to mention, as has been said already, all males, you know. And I can understand how five males pick file males. But we have to do better than that. And you know, I'll be voting no.

MS. MEANS: Sir?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing me. I would like to know what is the political affiliation of the five people that you chose? And when we vote, this is for a final vote. This is the people who will serve, so these people of such magnitude as this Commission will not be going to appointment review? They will not be vetted?

We will not get resumes? We will not interview them? These people will take an oath of office. This is huge, what they are about to undertake. And so the answer --- my question is this is vote and then these people will be appointed if the votes passes; correct? There will be no vetting?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's the rules.

MS. MEANS: They will not ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That is the administrative code.

MS. MEANS: They will not ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's what I'm going by. We don't have to do it everything you're saying. If we would, I'd do it.

MS. MEANS: I understand that, Mr. President. I appreciate you giving me ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, I don't think you understand.

MS. MEANS: --- the opportunity to speak.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You don't seem to understand it.

MS. MEANS: I just wanted to clarify the process. That's all I wanted, was clarification. I still have a question. How many of these gentlemen are Republicans? How many are Democrats? Are there any Independents in the group?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: As far as I know --- and they can correct me if I'm wrong, because I may not know all of these people --- three are Democrats and two are Republicans. Am I wrong in saying that?

MR. KRESS: That's correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. MEANS: The other thing I would like to make my statement that I am opposed to this process. And that there is no opposition --- there is not a personal statement against these gentlemen. This is a statement against the process and these people --- maybe I would have voted for them all if I had a chance to interview and vet them and look at their credentials. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You're welcome. I'm going by the process. Go ahead.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Mr. President, if I may. Thank you. As you can see, Mr. President, this issue or this motion has caused quite a bit of angst, especially with the women members of this Council. And speaking to

you personally, Mr. President, I am familiar with the work you did as Director of District 10 with the Steelworkers. And I know that when it came to concerns regarding civil rights and things that affected women in the workplace and so forth, you were definitely someone who was available to speak freely with us about these issues and offer anything that was requested. And I will say publicly that I appreciate that. And that's what I remember about you during the time of the Steelworker's Union.

So in that vein, I'm not sure if this is something that needs to be passed this evening, but in that vein, if we could possibly take a moment to perhaps do this in a way where everyone feels included, particularly the women members of Council. I'm just asking, is that something that we can do, either with a break in the back or something or maybe the next Council meeting?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let me say this. There was a woman on the group that decided to give Ed Kress the vote and let him pick who he wanted. Number Two, these people were notified that they're going to be on there. How does it look when you have to go back and tell them that we're going to change the system. Now, it gets changed legislatively, my hands --- I'm out of it. Okay. Fine. But you can't go running back now. They appoint people and then they have to tell them, no, we really don't want you.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: They haven't been appointed, sir, until we approve it. Is that correct? They haven't been appointed?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: It's not official until it's approved; right.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: So you don't have to go back and renege, necessarily, on anything.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, they told them they're putting them on.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Oh, my God.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, that's what their pick was. They got to be approved, naturally.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Rubber stamped.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's not rubber stamped. If they don't vote your way, Heather, they're rubber stamps. Right? Let's take the vote. Start taking the vote. Let's go.

MR. CATANESE: Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?
MS. DANKO: No.
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: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No.
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: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Nay.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Eight, yes; six, no. Bill

passes.

MS. MEANS: I'd like to make a motion. I'd like to make a motion to appeal the decision of the Chair.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead. Make a motion.

MR. ROBINSON: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I don't have a decision.

MS. MEANS: You just made a decision.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That vote is over.

MS. MEANS: A motion is a motion. Am I incorrect?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. What are you appealing?

MS. MEANS: Your last motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The last motion is gone.

MS. MEANS: What we just did.

DR. MARTONI: The motion has been voted on.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: It was passed.

MS. MEANS: I can't appeal it? I can't appeal the decision of the President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CAMBEST: You can appeal the decision of the President, but not after a ---. All he did was introduce a motion. The motion was voted upon by a majority of Council. You can't appeal that decision.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Point of order. There was no waiver of the second reading. This is flawed.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, the first ---.

MR. CAMBEST: It's a motion.

MS. MEANS: It's a motion. Motions don't need a second reading.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hey, Heather, first of all, wait 'til you get called on, please. You talk about order. You're always out of order.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: There's no order here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Not with you here, no, there isn't. Okay. All right. Next we have Unfinished Business. 8835-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2015, Submission 03-15. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. FINNETY: Thank you, Mr. President. This was released from the Budget and Finance Committee with an affirmative recommendation. And I move for approval.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, 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. FINNETY: 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?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes 14, no's, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8849-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Article 1203, Government Review Commission, of the Administrative Code by clarifying the procedure by which the five appointees of the County Council to the Commission are nominated and selected. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going to put that in the Government Reform Committee. You can say something briefly. Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: Briefly?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes. You're supposed to if you want to go with the rules.

MS. MEANS: Yes. I had studied over the past couple of weeks the Administrative Code regarding the Government Review Commission, and I felt that the language was very vague. And so that's why I came up with --- I drafted this ordinance to lay out that every member would get to appoint at least one person. So that way, the diversity in the County, the population --- we would have a bigger pool of candidates to pull from and debate. I also wanted the nominees to go in front of Appointment Review so it will be a vetting process. I think that this would be a better way for the County to proceed forward, because again, if we have a larger pool and more councilmen have a say in what happens, I think it would be a much better transparent process. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 8850-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to convey one parcel of land in the Township of Stowe to Sandra Skender Gordon. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Macey.

MR. CATANESE: You have to put it in Committee.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm sorry. It goes into Mr. Macey's Committee. 8851-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Screaming Spirit Productions, LLC to use certain County owned real and personal property in connection with filming a television series. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That would go also into Public Works, Mr. Macey's committee.

MR. MACEY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: New Business?

MR. FINNERTY: Mr. President, ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead

MR. FINNERTY: --- if I might? You skipped Liaison Reports.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, yeah. How did I do that? Okay. Let's back up. Under Liaison Reports, Mike, I know you have one.

MR. FINNERTY: I do have one. I have two, actually. Both of them are in regard to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum. March 26th, which is this week, it's Thursday, at 7:00 p.m., Soldiers and Sailors will screen a documentary about the last days of Vietnam. This is an Academy award nominated documentary film produced and directed by Rory Kennedy, and it reveals the story of courage and bravery by American soldiers who risked their life during the chaotic, final days of the Vietnam War. So if you would like to go see that, it's --- what they say it's a very, very good film, and it was nominated for an Academy Award.

Also, at Soldiers and Sailors, at John (sic) A. Dugan, Jr. Hall of Valor, on Sunday, March the 29th, at 2:00 p.m., this is the induction of our Hall of Valor. Soldiers that have went above and beyond the call of duty that will be inducted into the Hall of Valor at Soldiers and Sailors. And that again is this Sunday, March the 29th at 2:00 p.m. So it would be appreciated if you would get there. Both of them are free, by the way. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Tom.

MR. BAKER: A quick one. April 2nd, it's a Thursday morning over at the Big Brothers, Big Sisters office. I know some of you have had experience with us, but feel free to come on over. It's a Community Leaders breakfast. It's designed for people like everyone in the room to attend. So April 2nd, 8:00 a.m. Come eat some free breakfast and learn more about how you can start something with Big Brothers, Big Sisters. And I'll put these in everyone's Council mailboxes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Sue.

MS. MEANS: Yes. I wanted this year --- that this Sunday on March the 29th at noon to 12:00, the Friends of the Park, in cooperation with the Save the Game Preserve, will be sponsoring an Easter egg hunt from 12:00 to 2:00. And parents, don't be afraid, they're going to separate the children in age groups so that the two-year olds don't get stomped (sic) by the eight-year olds. That wouldn't be a good way for an Easter egg hunt to end. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more, we'll go to Unfinished Business. Motions. Go ahead.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I have a motion if I could request Mr. Barker to pass it out to Council members? And I'll wait for the clerk to read it and then may I speak?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. MEANS: I'll give it a second.

MR. FINNERTY: I didn't even see it yet.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: And just to be clear, so moved.

MR. CATANESE: Can I read it? Do you want me to read it now?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. CATANESE: Authorizing the Council of Allegheny County to conduct a public hearing pursuant to Article 2 (g) of the Rules of Allegheny County Council on April 14, 2015 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Allegheny County Courthouse Gold Room located at 436 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, PA. The primary purpose of this hearing is to allow the opportunity for public comment regarding Bill Number 8527-14 an Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, setting forth a new chapter 435 of the County Code of Ordinances in order to approve operations of the County's MBE Program.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Am I recognized, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you. This is a bill that has been pending in my committee. I've met with members of MWDBE Committee about the bill, and they did ask me if it would be possible if we could move it in the month of April. And I did explain to them that I thought it would be very important to have some public comment on the bill because MWDBE, our policy and program, are things that many constituents of mine and of others have contacted me about. And I thought it would be important to give them an opportunity to speak their piece on it. And so I did ask that the hearing be scheduled for Monday, April the 3rd, --- I'm sorry, for Tuesday, April 14 at 5:00 o'clock p.m. for the opportunity to give members of the public to comment on the pending bill and for things that they think may be done to improve our --- excuse me, our policies.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What we're going to do technically is I'm supposed to handle all public hearings, but sometimes I waiver that. What I'm going to do --- it may not be April 14th, but I'll try to make a hearing as close to that as possible. So we'll do it that way.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: As close to April 14th as possible? And how much notice do you give?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, I mean, it's not going to be sooner. It'll be later. You'll get enough notice. You'll get plenty of notice.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I have a question. Do we have --- but as part of this motion for a public hearing don't we have to have a date in it? Can we change the date in this at any time or is that --- another motion required? I'm just asking for the procedure.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, okay. Technically, I guess, technically we could say --- why don't we amend this to say we'll have it, but don't put the actual date in, so we don't get tripped up on the date.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I don't know if there's a proper notice for a hearing, Mr. President.

MR. FINNERTY: You have to have a date.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, it's a motion. I think we can --- I could take up taking care of setting up the hearing. We just don't have to have April 14th in there.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I'm not sure, so Mr. President, if we could ask the Parliamentarian?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Because notice is notice and notice is generally a time, place and matter that the public is allowed to meet ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We would do that later.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: And if we don't do the time and just place, the matter, I don't know if it meets the test of a proper notice.

MR. CAMBEST: Yeah. The Rule 2(g) does state that the motion for the public hearing shall include the date, time, place and purpose of the public hearing, so you have to have that in the motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: But we could just say we're going to hold it, though. Do we have to ---?

MR. CAMBEST: It says date, time and place.

MR. FINNERTY: It says date ---.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: And I have a date, time and place in here so my motion here sounds like it comports with the requirements under the Code.

MR. CAMBEST: Under 2(g)(1), yes.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: And should we remove the date then it does not?

MR. CAMBEST: Then it would not be an appropriate motion.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: So I've already made a motion for this and had a second and I'm not interested in withdrawing that at this point.

MR. CAMBEST: No. If Council does not like that date, for instance, they would vote the motion down and then would try to reach a compromise on the date.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Nick?

MR. FUTULES: Can I make a comment?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. FUTULES: Can we send this to Committee and figure out how we're going to implement this?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I made a motion. I got a second. I'm not withdrawing.

MR. FUTULES: Oh, no. I'm not asking to withdraw.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: You're asking to send this to committee. I'm saying it's a motion and a second. It requires a vote at this point. I'm not going to withdraw. I'm not interested in withdrawing.

MR. FINNERTY: That's her prerogative.

MR. FUTULES: Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: She make a motion. She made the motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Did anybody else have ---?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, just for a point of clarification, the only thing you're considering changing in the motion is the date?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: No, I'm not ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I was the one ---.

MR. PALMIERE: You're not considering that, no. I understand that. But if --- okay. So if we vote this down, we say no if we're not --- if we're not agreeable or miniable to the date?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. PALMIERE: Is that ---?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Will do what people do ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. PALMIERE: I'm just trying for a point of clarification. That's all. I don't have an opinion one way or the other. I just wanted to know.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. First of all, Councilwoman Green, you are Chairman of Economic Development and Housing; is that correct?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: That is correct.

MR. FINNERTY: And this is in your committee; is that correct?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: And just so it's clear, Mr. President, you're giving me permission to speak to him?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead. Yeah.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: The bill is pending in my committee, correct.

MR. FINNERTY: The bill is pending in your committee. I'll vote for it.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other comments? Let's, in case there's a controversy, take a ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: It's in her committee and you have three people.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: 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: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14; no's 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: In the rules, Amanda, the President handles all public hearings or his designee. Do you have a problem with that?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: No, not at all.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I do know that at times, though, it's requested that you appoint specific people to chair the hearings.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Right.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: And I'm not territorial about it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. Just so --- in case we do ---.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Uh-huh (yes).

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Are we still on liaison reports?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, I guess we have one.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yeah. I want to make a Liaison Report. There's a great new book out. And it was written by a young, feminist author. And it's called Men Explain Things To Me. And it's really fascinating and I recommend that everyone to read it, the men and the women. Because what it talks about is how women who are competent and of a certain age and a certain background still have men explain things to them. Instead of the men understanding that women are smart and don't need things explained to them any more.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's go now to ---. We did all that. We're down to --- really, we're down to New Business Motion. Notification of Contracts. 8852-15.

MR. CATANESE: Summary of Executive Actions for all Departments from 2/1/15 through 2/28/15 to be received and filed.

MR. FINNERTY: I make that motion.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. We have Public Comment. Lester Ludwig?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anthony Piccola?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does somebody want to make a motion?

MR. KRESS: Make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there a second?

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Done.

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