

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 (via phone)
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 (via phone)
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
Jack Cambest	-	Council Solicitor

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. All rise and pledge allegiance to the flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection. After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

(Moment of Silent Prayer.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. We'll have a roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Danko?

MS. DANKO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'm here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

MR. MARTONI: Here.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Did you --- I'm sorry. This is Ms. Heidelbaugh. I didn't hear you call my name. I'm here.

MR. CATANESE: Okay. Got you.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Sorry. Thank you.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?

MS. RAE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

MR. DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Fifteen (15) members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Proclamations and Certificates. 8905-15.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement awarded to the editors, staff writers and sponsors of Baldwin Area High School's student newspaper, The Purbalite, which earned a First Place Award in the annual judging of student newspapers by the American Scholastic Press Association, sponsored by Council member Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. Good evening, everyone. This is kind of special day for me in the sense that these students and Keith Harrison, their teacher, are down here tonight. And the main reason is they're keeping alive newspaper reporting and all the things that go along with the old-fashioned way of doing things and producing news and information. They've done a wonderful job at the high school for a long time now. And I wanted to have them down here. They won this special award and I'm honored that they all --- most of the kids showed up and Keith is here also. So I'm really pleased about that. And I hope that you understand the essence here of what this is all about. I hope you appreciate what we're trying to do here. Okay? Thank you very much. Keith, come on up, if you would, please. Kids, come on up. You can go all the way around here. That's it, all the way around here. Okay. Right in here, some right in here. Okay. Fine. Now, what we're going to do, I'm going to read the proclamation and then, Keith, I want you to --- if you could say a few words and I want you introduce your students one by one and then give them their proclamations. Okay?

MR. HARRISON: Sure.

MR. PALMIERE: And then we'll take a picture afterwards. So that's the whole scenario so you're aware. Okay, guys?

MR. HARRISON: Sure.

MR. PALMIERE: All right. This is awarded to The Purbalite. This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the editors, staff writers and sponsors of Baldwin High School student newspaper, The Purbalite, which earned a first place award in the annual judging of student newspapers by the American Scholastic Press Association. High school papers from throughout the United States are judged in 40 categories and ranked third place, second place or first place. The honor was given based on newspaper issues published in the 2013-2014 school year.

The Purbalite has established a tradition of excellence in this competition, having won the first place award for the past three consecutive years. By selling advertisements, print copies and holding community events, the students raise the money needed to publish the print paper and maintain its online presence.

In 2014, The Purbalite website, [www.purbalite.net](http://www.purbalite.net), had more than 40,000 paid visitors from 73 countries. The paper has more than 400 followers on its Twitter account and around 200 on Instagram. I'm not on either one of those two, by the way. You have set a standard of commitment and fervor that the youth of our great country may follow. You serve as an inspiration to this Council and to the citizens of Allegheny County. This is sponsored by myself and my colleagues on County Council.

Kids, this is a wonderful award and congratulations.

And ladies and gentlemen, these are the kids that don't get any of the notoriety. It's the five percent that we hear about. Oh, this generation. These are the kids that are going to be future citizens, hopefully, sitting here some day and in all the other places. These are the ones, these children here, these young men and women here are going to be the citizens of the future and our country will be in good hands regardless of what they're saying. And this is proof right here.

Okay. I said my speech. Keith, come on over. This is Keith Harrison, their instructor.

MR. HARRISON: I'd like to quickly thank four different sets of people. First, Christine Kondrot is the past --- retired sponsor of The Purbalite and really made the paper. She created the standards that we try to match today.

I would like to thank Baldwin-Whitehall's School Board and Administrators for supporting student journalism and backing us and trusting these kids. When there's a story, we are allowed to pursue it.

I'd also like to thank the parents of these kids for first supporting the paper, and also just raising such great kids.

And mostly this honor goes to these kids. At Baldwin newspaper, it's not just a class. It's not just an after-school activity. For these kids, it's a passion.

They have set a standard of excellence for the newspaper and they simply don't rest until each issue matches that standard.

MR. PALMIERE: I want you to introduce the students, Keith. And now each one of --- in fact, if you'd like, each one can come up and introduce themselves and you can give them their proclamation.

MR. HARRISON: Yeah. Sure. Absolutely.

MR. PALMIERE: If we can start right on the end, come up and introduce yourself.

MS. KOERBEL: Hello. I'm Allison Koerbel. I've been on The Purbalite staff for three years, and I'm like the design editor.

MR. ROMACK: I'm Nick Romack, and this is my first year on The Purbalite.

MS. FERRARI: I'm Rachel Ferrari, and this is my first year on The Purbalite.

MR. EYLES: I'm Brandon Eyles. I am a two-year veteran of The Purbalite.

MS. BLYSTONE: I'm Emily Blystone and I'm a news editor for The Purbalite.

MS. POWELL: I'm Julie and I'm a new editor as well on The Purbalite.

MS. HARPER: I'm Laura Harper and this is my second year on The Purbalite. I'm also a copy editor.

MS. PERSTON: I'm Allison Perston and this is my second year on The Purbalite. And I'm an internet editor.

MS. MONTANA: I'm Casey Montana. This is my third year on the paper and I'm the photography editor.

MS. HINES: I'm Maggie Hines. This is my first year on the paper.

MR. HAWRYLAK: I was always told you should adjust the mic before you speak so people can hear you, but my name is Dillon Hawrylak, and I've been on The Purbalite for two years. And I'm an entertainment editor. And I just wanted to say I didn't realize --- it just hit me that you don't really get a lot of appreciation when you work behind the scenes. And I think you guys know that and I just want to say thank you for serving the public because Mr. Palmiere cuts my hair and I know how hard he works to balance both things. So thank you so much.

MS. DINI: I'm Jess Dini and this is my first year on The Purbalite.

MS. TOURANI: I'm Vaishali Tourani and this is my second year on The Purbalite.

MS. SCHUGG: I'm Lauren Schugg. This is my second year on The Purbalite and I'm a web editor.

MS. YANKO: I'm Jennifer Yanko and this is my second year on The Purbalite.

MS. STARK: I'm Samantha Stark and this is my first year on The Purbalite.

MS. KINZLER: I'm Kyra Kinzler and this is my first year on The Purbalite.

MR. BECKER: I'm Thomas Becker and this is my first year on The Purbalite.

MR. PALMIERE: Congratulations. This is a real good day. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8906-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring Gary Rigdon, member of the Council of Friends of North Park and volunteer Robert Habegger for their significant contributions to North Park. Sponsored by Council member Rae.

MS. RAE: I'm going to have Mr. Rigdon and Mr. Habegger come to the podium, please. And I also have Council member Kress with me. Mr. Rigdon and Mr. Habegger epitomize the meaning of community service. They both work tirelessly and professionally for the benefit of all the Allegheny County residents and they concentrate their efforts on North Park. I could go on and on about what these two men have accomplished in North Park, but I would like each of them to elaborate on their truly remarkable gifts that they have given and achieved to give to North Park. So I will have either one of them come to the podium and speak first, whoever would like to, and talk about the partnerships and the projects that you're accomplished over the years because they're very significant. So whoever wants to take the podium first, please ---.

MR. RIGDON: Thank you. Thank you. I have a few things that I wanted to say and I'd like to address the partnerships and all. First of all, I want to thank Jan for --- and the rest of County Council for this proclamation. I'd just like to thank my family and friends and colleagues many of whom are here. And this is truly an honor and I want to thank you again, everyone.

So as we all know, there's a lot of things that make the Pittsburgh region a great place to live. There's our four and distinct wonderful seasons, the three rivers, the corporations that provide all kinds of employment, foundations, hospitals, universities, the sports teams, museums, arts, affordable housing, great people, but last but not least, there's the parks. The parks are a really, really, important thing. They contribute immensely to the quality of life we enjoy in the Pittsburgh region. They provide opportunities to pursue recreation, experience nature and live healthy lifestyles. Our parks attract and retain talented people who contribute to the economic prosperity of the Pittsburgh region. Our parks are vital to our community. Without them, life as we know it would simply not be as good. We should feel grateful for the men and women who preceded us and had the foresight to create the County park system. And we need to keep in mind that our parks deserve the attention and commitment of resources that will ensure that they are properly maintained and are proof for the benefit of everyone living in our region today and for the generations that will follow us. The value of our park lands, open spaces and greenways should not be taken for granted. We need to fully commit ourselves to providing good stewardship for these special places.

So with that in mind, the stewardship, I have two specific things that I would like to recommend. The first is that I would like to recommend the implementation of a comprehensive deer management program in the County parks. The scientific evidence is very clear and there really is no argument about what's happening. The deer are eating North Park. I'm a nature lover and --- which is precisely why I am extremely concerned about the situation. There are so many deer in North Park and the surrounding communities eating so much of the plant life trying to grow that nature is extremely out of balance in many detrimental ways. It not only affects the trees, but it's the insects, the birds, everything in the park.

One of the biggest aspects is the effect on trees in North Park because they're not regenerating. So some day it's possible that will be very few healthy trees there, particularly when you consider the rate at which tree are currently dying from all kinds of diseases such as oak wilt and emerald ash borer. The science is also clear and there's no argument about what deer management

techniques work and which do not. So I want to urge the County to take action on this matter and do it soon before the situation gets worse.

The second thing I'd like to recommend is that the County develop and implement initiatives to proactively and systemically mobilize volunteers in the County parks. All indications are that the availability of volunteers who are interested in doing volunteer work in the County parks is likely at an all-time high. Many universities, for example, are encouraging students to do community service, and they have programs now that are, you know, in place that have never been in place before.

And the demand for outdoor volunteer projects is also greater than supply. Any organization that has the ability to plan good outdoor volunteer projects should not have any problem finding volunteers to do them. There are also many nonprofit organizations and agencies that are eager to work with the County to do projects in the parks with volunteers. These include the Allegheny CleanWays, Tree Pittsburgh, Urban Eco Stewards, Tree Vitalized, Allegheny County Conservation District, Trout Unlimited, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, United Way of Allegheny County and Pittsburgh Cares. The combination of volunteers and partner organizations represents a largely untapped resource of the County that can provide considerable benefits to the park. Six specific areas of focus have been identified where volunteers, partner organizations in the County can work together to achieve significant results. These areas are litter clean-up and dump removal, tree planting and care, trail building and maintenance, stream and wetland restoration, invasive plant species control and historic preservation.

Organizations like the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy are mobilizing volunteers in the City park, and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation of Natural Resources is doing this in the state parks and state forests. If they can do these things, I believe that the County should be able to do these things, too.

So that's it as far as my prepared remarks. I made reference to the partnership, and those are really important. For example, we are planning a stewardship day in North Park for May the 17th. And Robert and I have lined up numerous partners we'll be working with. The North Area Environment Council will be helping us, as well

as Venture Outdoors and L. L. Bean and an organization called Paddle Without Pollution. So we help each other recruit individual volunteers. We help each other recruit groups of volunteers like scouts and students, employer groups. We help each other get food to help feed the volunteers. And we work together to identify projects in the parks, and we recruit crew leaders. It's really a group effort. And without the partnerships we have, I just don't think these things could be possible. So with that said, the partnerships are really important and there are many, many opportunities for the County to partner with people or with these organizations. Or to build on partnerships that already exist.

(Applause.)

MS. RAE: Thank you. Robert.

MS. HABEGGER: I can't top Gary's there since I didn't write anything down. I'm more of a hands-on person. So back in 2012 --- oh, by the way, I do a lot of kayaking and work for L. L. Bean. And so kayaking in 2012, come across this blue heron that's hanging out of a tree by its talon, by a fishing line. So it prompted us to want to do something about that. So last year about this time I implemented 17 of the fishing line repository bins around the lake. And I tried to engage the scouts or families to do the collection. They record statistics and then the fishing line gets shipped back to Berkley Fishing Company and they melt that down and making fishing habitats. So it's a win-win situation.

And the other thing I wanted to mention is and Gary touched base on this, was the mobilization of volunteers. Back in maybe 2011 there might have been 10 to 20 of us that would show up for one of our stewardship days. Last year we had 114 so we started --- we started to really go after the groups. Scouting is a big demographic for us there, so ---. And then other than that last year, we adopted Tennis Court Road which is one of the main arteries there from Allegheny CleanWays and Allegheny County. And we also --- recently L. L. Bean adopted North Park Lake. And what goes along with the adoption is two times a year you should do a clean-up and then report that back to Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. So those are some of the things that I work on. Thank you.

MS. RAE: Do you work on the newsletter that goes out? You have a remarkable newsletter that you send out, too. I think it's in our proclamation, 500 residents

of the County get a newsletter from them. And it's as professional as any one of our Departments send out. So they really are a very dedicated and amazing group of people working in North Park. Thank you. Ed, do you want to read the proclamation?

MR. KRESS: Sure. And I can personally vouch for Gary Rigdon. I was on the Friends of North Park and he's done an exceptional job with North Park. And I have to say that's a special park for me because as a kid that's where I used to go all the time. My father used to take me over to North Park, and there's a lot of special memories over there. And that's really --- I'd say we're really blessed to have somebody like Gary Rigdon over there helping out and also with Robert Habegger, too. But Gary, I have seen you with the Rick Sebak specials also about North Park, so I mean, he is a very special person. And again, I can't say enough good things about Gary and also about Robert for being there for us. Now to the proclamation.

Whereas, Allegheny County is blessed to have citizens such as Mr. Robert Habegger, volunteer marketing and communications for the Friends of North Park, and Mr. Gary Rigdon, Chairman of the Friends of North Park, dedicated to providing stewardship and advocacy for our County parks.

And whereas, Mr. Habegger, Mr. Rigdon and the Friends of North Park work tirelessly to promote volunteerism, promote and preserve North Park's natural heritage, educate citizens about how to be responsible environmental stewards, raise funds for special projects, provide a forum for public discussion on matters important to park users.

And whereas, by and leave, the Friends of North Park organizes volunteers for litter cleanup, dump removal, invasive plant species control and tree planting.

And whereas, in 2014, the Friends of North Park had several notable projects including fundraising for the purchase of the 75 acres Irwin Run Conversation Area adjacent to the park by the Allegheny Land Trust, fundraising for construction of the Feinsein Trail, the installation of 17 receptacles around North Park Lake used for proper disposal of fishing line, the preparation of a historic America landscape survey submission to the National Park Service and a successful application and adoption of Tennis Court Road.

And whereas, the Friends of North Park has established and cultivated partnerships with the following groups; Allegheny County Parks Department, Allegheny County Parks Foundation, North Area Environmental Council, Allegheny Land Trust, Go Ape Zip Line and Treetop Adventure, Let Damian and Nature Center, L. L. Bean, Pittsburgh Trails Advocacy Group and Adventure Outdoors, just to name a few.

And whereas, nearly 500 individuals receive the Friends of North Park newsletter and more than 500 people have joined their Facebook group page.

Now therefore, be it resolved that Allegheny County Council on behalf of the Citizens of Allegheny County hereby recognize the outstanding contributions of Mr. Robert Habegger and Mr. Gary Rigdon who generously give their time and energies to support and preserve North Park. The Council thanks Mr. Habegger and Mr. Rigdon for encouraging people to visit, volunteer, support and learn about North Park. Thank you.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8907-15.

MR. CATANESE: Certificates of Achievement awarded to the 2014-2015 Vincentian Academy Girls' Basketball Team for winning the PIAA and WPIAL Class A Girls' Basketball Championships. Sponsored by Council Member Rae.

MS. RAE: So we need Coach Moncrief here to the podium, please. Thank you. It's always nice to see you. Champion teams have champion players, they have champion parents and they have champion coaches. The Vincentian Girls' Basketball team won the 2014-2015 PIAA and WPIAL Class A Girls' Basketball Championship. Here to tell you about their season is their champion coach, Ron Moncrief. Congratulations.

COACH MONCRIEF: I'd like to thank Council Member Rae and the rest of the Council for inviting me down here for Certificates of Achievement. We had a great season this year. We finished with a 30 and 1 record. We won a second title for, I believe, the fifth time in a row. Our senior class won four district titles, WPIAL Championships. They've been to the State Championship game three times and winning two of them back to back. So this senior class is a very good senior class. The whole team is a great team this year. They had a lot of expectations and pressure on them this year. And the

thing that stuck out to me is they didn't get too high or get too low. They took one game at a time and they focused on the big achievement, and that was winning the state title. Because of our team success, we had --- one of our seniors went to the University of Pittsburgh to continue her basketball career. The name is Brenna Wise, so I look forward to watching her play four more years locally and other senior class members. It's hard to accomplish what they accomplished in four years, you know, so ---. We set the standards high at Vincentian, and I'm looking forward to another great year and hopefully I see you guys next year.

(Applause.)

MS. RAE: And I'll read your proclamation. This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2014-2015 Vincentian Academy Girls' Basketball Team in recognition of winning the 2014-2015 PIAA and WPIAL Class A Girls' Basketball Championship. We commend and recognize each player and coach whose determination and resolve led to this achievement. The team has set a positive example of excellence for all of Allegheny County, continuing evidence that this is a County of Champions. This achievement has been conferred on and in the County and is an accomplishment in which the entire community can be proud. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8908-15 and the rest of the Proclamations will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing Jameson's Army for their dedication to raising awareness and funding for children and families affected by congenital heart defects and naming Friday, April 24, 2015 as "Jameson's Army Day", in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

8909-15. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Dusten Pisarcik of Boy Scout Troop 4 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council member Danko.

8910-15. Proclamation naming Tuesday, April 28, 2015 as "Workers Memorial Day" in Allegheny County in remembrance of workers who have been injured or killed on the job. Sponsored by Council Members DeFazio, Baker, Danko, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

8911-15. Certificates of Achievement presented to the top cadets of the West Mifflin Area High School Air

Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.  
Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

8912-15. Certificate of Achievement to Coach Lance Maha of West Mifflin Area High School for being named the 2014-2015 Daily News Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

8913-15. Certificate of Achievement presented to seventh-grader Katlyn McElhinny of West Mifflin Area Middle School for winning the Top Blue Ribbon in the 2015 Edmentum Spring Academic Sprints Contest featuring Study Island. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

8914-15. Certificate of Achievement awarded to West Mifflin Area Middle School for winning the 2015 Edmentum Spring Academic Sprints Contest featuring Study Island in the Middle School Category by earning an average of 20 Blue Ribbons per student. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

8915-15. Proclamation honoring Senior Pastor Gary Mitrik, founder of the Greater Works Outreach Bible School, for his 40 years of dedicated service to the community. Sponsored by Council Member Martoni.

8916-15. Certificate of Recognition presented to Mr. William "Ace" Adams upon the momentous occasion of his 86th birthday. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

8917-15. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Waytt Burke Schueler of Boy Scout Troop 329 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Rea.

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

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Approval of Minutes.

8853-15.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on March 24, 2015.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to make a motion?

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make the motion.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

8900-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Brandon Coney to serve as a member of the following Authorities; the Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority, the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority and the Residential Finance Authority, administered collectively through the Finance and Development Commission, for a term to expire on December 31st, 2019. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into the Appointment Review Committee. 8901-15.

MR. CATANESE: Can I take the group together?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Go ahead.

MR. CATANESE: 8901-15, 8902-15, 8903-15 and 8904-15. Approving the reappointment of Deborah Lange, Donald Newman, Thomas Sray and Michael Finnerty to serve as a members of the Allegheny County Conservation District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: They'll all go into the Appointment Review Committee. Unfinished Business. Committee on Appointment Review, Second Reading. 8833-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Alice Paylor-Dais to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Juvenile Detention Board of Advisors for a term to expire on December 31, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes. The Appointment Review Committee met and Alice Paylor-Dias was recommended to the full council for appointment to the Allegheny County Juvenile Detention Board of Advisors.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You make a motion?

MS. RAE: I need a motion and a second?

MR. ROBINSON: I'll move.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second.

MS. RAE: All in favor?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Now, wait. First of all, I'll get it. Any remarks first?

MS. RAE: Sorry.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
Let's go down to ---. The next one would be 8850-15.

MR. CATANESE: 88 ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 59.

MR. CATANESE: --- 59-15.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Eva Bednar to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes. The Appointment Review Committee met and recommended that Ava Bednar be reappointed to serve as a member of the Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board to serve for a term to expire on December 31st, 2017. And I make a motion for her approval.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
8861-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Dorothy Antonelli to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Authority Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes. The Appointment Review Committee met and recommended with an affirmative recommendation Dorothy Antonelli to serve on the Air Pollution Advisory Control Committee. I make a motion to approve.

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.  
8863-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Daniel K. Bricmont to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rae?

MS. RAE: The Appointment Review Committee met and recommends the full council the reappointment of Daniel K. Bricmont to serve as a member on the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee. And I make a motion for his reappointment.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
8864-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of David Cannon to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rae?

MS. RAE: The Appointment Review Committee met and recommends to the full council the reappointment of David Cannon to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee. And I make a motion for his reappointment.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
8865-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Jeanne Clark to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rae?

MS. RAE: The Appointment Review Committee met and recommends to the full council the reappointment of Jeanne Clark to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee. And I make a motion for her reappointment.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed. The ayes have it.  
8866-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Steven Hvozdoch to serve as a member of the Air

Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes. The Appointment Review Committee met and recommends to the full council the reappointment of Steven Hvozdoch to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee. And I make a motion for his reappointment.

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.  
8867-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Mark Jeffrey to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes. The Appointment Review Committee met for the reappointment of Mark Jeffrey to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee. And I make a motion for his reappointment.

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.  
8868-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Robert Orchowski to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes. The Appointment Review Committee met and recommends to the full council the reappointment of Robert Orchowski to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee. And I make a motion for his reappointment.

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
8869-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Joe Osborne to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes. The Appointment Review Committee met for the reappointment of Joe Osborne and recommends to the full council his reappointment to the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee. And I make a motion for that reappointment.

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.  
8870-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of John Palmiere to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes. The Appointment Review Committee met and recommends to the full council the reappointment of John Palmiere to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee. And I make a motion for his reappointment.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
Committee on Education, Second Reading. 8773-15.

MR. CATANESE: Ordinance of the County of Allegheny authorizing the transfer of custody of certain County records to the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania to allow for their maintenance and preservation at no cost to the County under preservation guidelines established by the Society of American Archivists and for public access to these records at the Senator John Heinz History Center. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike, did you have it?

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah. That's me. Thank you, Mr. President. We did discuss this ordinance and we released

it with a positive recommendation. And I move for approval.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Sue? Representative Means, go ahead.

MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing me, President DeFazio. Under the Pennsylvania statute, these important historical documents must be approved by the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission. So I would like to enter into the record this document, a letter from the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission that he assures us that the Commission has approved of the transfer of these important documents.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you have a letter you ---?

MS. MEANS: Can we enter this into the record?

MR. FINNERTY: I think everybody has that.

MS. MEANS: Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: It was e-mailed to everybody.

MS. MEANS: But I would like it put into the record.

MR. FINNERTY: Sure.

MS. MEANS: Is that okay? Thank you.

MR. FINNERTY: We can e-mail it to anybody that wants it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay? All right. There was a motion, and a second? Any more remarks? Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to say that I remember years ago there was a little fire in the Prothonotary's Office and a water line break that ruined a lot of records, so I think this is an excellent move to try to save some of our history because, you know, anything can happen. And I know Dr. Macey will see that this stuff is preserved for our future. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes?

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah. I'd just like to say that I think this is a great idea, and I thank Mary Esther and Kelly for following through with this. And I think it's going to be something that will preserve our records. Because some of our records --- they brought a book down to show us, and it was pretty well moth-eaten and weathered and whatever, so ---. At least, they're going to be preserved in a place where the humidity is right and everything. And we'll still have access to all the records.

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

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?

MR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

MR. DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15; nos, 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Reports. Anybody have a ---?

MR. FINNERTY: Well, you can go down that way first.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's start at the end over there. Was that John? Representative Palmiere? Go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted like to inform my colleagues here at County Council that I attended the Air Advisory Committee meeting yesterday, and all these good people that we voted in

tonight are --- I want to tell you, that's a tremendous group of people down there, very dedicated and very professional. And I was really proud and happy to be a part of it. And one other thing, Mr. President, these appointments are one year and we would like, at some point, maybe --- perhaps to move these to a two year appointment as opposed to a one year so we don't have to be here every year --- year after year. So that's just something that came up last night, and I'd thought I'd report it to you. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Sue, did you have your hand up?

MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. President. I just want to invite all the public. On May the 9th we have the grand reopening of the South Park Oval. And we start at noon to 2:00. It is a ticketed event, but that money will be used for the Parks Foundation. So the rest of the day from 2:00 to 5:00 there will be games and activities for the public to enjoy. So it's a great celebration of the reopening of the Oval, a million dollar project. And we did it, the County did it in collaboration with the Parks Foundation. So I want to invite everyone to come.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anyone else on this side? Mr. Macey. Go ahead.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. I just want to remind everybody that the West Mifflin Volunteer Fire Company Number Three in West Mifflin is going to have its car cruises this year for all you people that love hot rods and like antique cars. This is our tenth year. And it starts May 6th from 5:30 to 8:30. It'll be every Wednesday throughout the summer. There's great food. There'll be door prizes and of course, refreshments. That will be May 6th, the first night, 5:30 to 8:30 and every Wednesday for the rest of the summer. And you know, volunteer fire companies, we depend on fundraising to make our communities safe. And without the fundraising, you taxpayers would be on hook for the money so ---. Come on out and have some fun and spend a couple of bucks. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yeah. I'd just like to say one thing. I witnessed on April 12th, President John DeFazio being inducted into the Italian Sports Hall of Fame.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: For labor.

MR. KRESS: For labor.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: For labor management.

MR. KRESS: I just wanted to say he didn't really --- he was kind of keeping this quiet. He didn't really tell anybody about it. I only found out from somebody else. So our President is a very humble person. But I have to say that it was a great honor for him. I was there. There was, I don't know how many people there, about 500 people there to witness this so ---. Again, it was a great honor.

MR. FUTULES: 500?

MR. KRESS: I don't know. I'm not good at counting numbers.

MR. FUTULES: That was his family.

MR. KRESS: There was a lot of people there. I've never attended the event before, but it was a great honor for him.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Moving down. Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Seeing as how everybody has one, this last Saturday it was a beautiful day and I happened to be driving through North Park. And I came to the conclusion that Ingmar Road is now completed and it's much safer for the people walking around the lake. And the other thing I noticed was it was the first day of trout fishing. And there had to be literally thousands of people there. The streets were packed with people, the banks of the lake --- it was just nice to see so many people out at the park. Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Moving down. Representative Finnerty, do you have anything?

MR. FINNERTY: Oh, yeah. Of course.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm surprised. You have something?

MR. FINNERTY: I mean, it's amazing. I just wanted to mention two things. First of all, Collier Township is having a grand opening of their Collier Community Center Sunday, May 3rd, and it's from 12 noon to 5:00. They're having --- it's a big event out there. They're having a raffle every half an hour. And this community center is --- it used to be the Nike site, if you are familiar with that. And they've developed the officers' club out there into a community center, and it's really fantastic. So if you get a chance, stop out.

And also Military Appreciation Day is May the 14th, 15th and 16th. And this is happening at the --- I don't know how I can describe this. It's Soldier's Lane in Coraopolis. It isn't actually in Coraopolis. It's opposite the old airport, but it's a Coraopolis ZIP Code. And it's the Army Reserve area over there. It's where the new food center is for the veterans. So if you get a chance, stop out. It's from 1000 to 1400 on 14th. And May 15th is a Friday. It's from 1000 to 1400 also. And Saturday, May 16th, is actually the big ceremony for honoring our fallen heroes. And that's from 1300 to 1500 on Saturday. So if you get a chance, stop out. And this is being sponsored by the VFW 3577 of Aliquippa, PA.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen, go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I wanted to call attention to an article from the media from April 5th in the business section about the Airport Authority --- or the airport upgrades where they had spent \$18.3 million to upgrade the airport which they put a new roof in, a new airside building, a lot of new things to try to attract more business and more --- a much better airport. But I would be remiss if there weren't a couple of things in here that really kind of caught my eye. I mean, one of the things that was taunted here was a free water bottle filling station available at some fountains, just some. You know, which I think is --- could be a great thing because, you know, being of old school, I had to like take my bottle and kind of tip it under the water fountain. So now I would like to thank the airport for eliminating the tip and I can stick the bottle right under there.

MR. FINNERTY: And spill it all over yourself.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Spill it all over myself. There's one other thing that they did also --- is that when I came back from Delmar, California, that instead of taking a cab back to Scott and Green Tree, I can ride a bicycle down the trail if I want to go meet Mike for --- you know, to get something to eat or whatnot, but I really feel like riding a bicycle after sitting on a plane for six hours, but okay. But the only questions I have is I'm going to need somebody to bring the bike back. It just says, you know, --- do I get to keep the bike?

MR. FINNERTY: No. You don't get to keep it. You can drop it off.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay. Well, anyways, thank you. A little levity.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other ---? Jan? Representative Rae?

MS. RAE: I guess I appreciate Mr. Ellenbogen bringing up the airport and the positive things going on at the airport because I think with the new executive director, Christine Cassotis, I mean, things will just continue to improve at the airport. And she's been a valued, valued new choice there.

And I also just wanted to just thank and just mention to people on this Board, the Juvenile Diabetes Association, they had their big gala on Saturday, and there were over 760 people in this County who attended. And it's really a huge benefit. And they raised a lot of money for Juvenile Diabetes. And I know some members of Council, their children have juvenile diabetes and mine does. And I just want to thank the Executive Director and all the people in Allegheny County and the corporations that are so very generous to that cause. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Jared, I have that motion now for New Business. Do you have enough? I got one. I'll take the extra one. Joe, do you want to read this motion?

MR. CATANESE: This is a motion of the Council of Allegheny County.

Expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County urging the Congress to oppose "fast track" authority in its current form for the Trans Pacific Partnership, TPP, and instead, urges the President and Congress to conduct a fully transparent and inclusive legislative process for consideration of the TPP. Sponsored by Council member DeFazio.

MR. FINNERTY: Are you making a motion?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'll make ---. I'll let someone else.

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make the motion.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

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

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed?

MS. MEANS: I'd like to abstain. I did not have enough time to read this and understand the legislation that you're proposing.

MR. BAKER: Mr. President, I'm going to have to abstain, too. I'm just halfway done.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm going to abstain, please.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Heather Heidelbaugh.

MR. CATANESE: I got that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next is 8919-15 (sic).

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to transfer the entirety of Lower --- I mean, Lowries Run/Mt. Nebo Road Loop/Roosevelt Road Extension, County Road Number 1190-02 to Ohio Township. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. I read the wrong number. Hold on a minute.

MR. CATANESE: It's 8918.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: It's 18.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, 8918.

MR. CATANESE: Uh-huh (yes).

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: It's 8918, yeah. Okay. Heather, is this the same ---?

MR. FUTULES: No.

MR. CATANESE: No. This is one you got to put into Committee. Yeah, we're on 8918-15. I'll read it again.

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to transfer the entirety of Lowries Run/Mt. Nebo Road Loop/Roosevelt Road Extension, County Road Number 1190-02 to Ohio Township. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's Public Works.

MR. FUTULES: Public Works Committee. Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to say ---? Okay. All right. I thought you wanted to say something. Now, what's next because I've got the wrong page?

MR. CATANESE: 8919-15.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8919-15.

MR. CATANESE: Yes. Motion to pull Bill No. 8228-14, a Resolution of the County of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to act with all deliberate speed an act authorizing the governing bodies of counties of the second class to provide by ordinance for the implementation of tax provisions to allow for a property tax freeze for

qualified senior citizens from committee for an immediate and final vote. Sponsored by Council Member Heidelbaugh.

MR. FINNERTY: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. FINNERTY: I think this is the same motion that we voted on last meeting. I don't think you should be bringing up the same thing continuously in a situation like this. I also have another thought that this is in committee. Since it's in committee, it's not on the floor. So to read this is wrong. What should be said is somebody wants to waive as a resolution to waive this and bring it into full council and the Bill Number is 8919-15. And I think that's all it should say. In our packet, we'll probably have the other part, but it should not be read since it's not actually up here. It's in committee. It has never come up to this. It hasn't been released.

So that's two things that I object to. I object to, number one, that it's already been voted on. And it has been voted down. And we're doing it again. And that this should not --- this description should not be there because it is not on this --- it's not on our agenda and it's not --- I shouldn't say not on our agenda. It's still in committee. It's not up to full council. So that's two things that I think we should consider as a body.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, first of all, I agree with what you're saying, about it was done, but let's talk to our Parliamentarian for a minute. Jack, this was identical last month, coming up again this month. It was voted down, like he said, last month.

MR. CAMBEST: Yes. As you're aware, I think most of the members have been here for a while, there's always been a question as to what constitutes a session under Robert's Rules of Order and Council, and we don't have a specific rule that deals with the issue that we're talking about now. And so what we've done in the past, historically, is we have permitted motions to reconsider, if that's what Ms. Heidelbaugh is asking for. And they are generally limited to the session --- and I call it a meeting, although, although it's a session in Robert's Rules of Order --- that the motion is brought up. So if it's a motion to reconsider, then historically we have said that that would be improper because it's not at the same meeting that the motion was first voted upon.

Secondly, you can do other things by way of motion. You can change the motion. If you have a substantial change in the wording of the motion, you can bring that up. I would agree with Mr. Finnerty that --- without looking at last meeting's agenda, I think this is the same motion that we talked about. So in order to bring it forward you could have a change in the motion. You could have the other concepts that we have under Robert's Rules of Order like tabling motions, doing certain things, which I don't think we're talking about here.

And so finally, it looks like this would be a renewal of a motion that we previously voted upon. And what Robert's Rules of Order basically says, that unless there is an exception to the renewal rule, you can't ask that the same motion be brought forward if it was disposed of at the last meeting. And the rationale for that is you could have a minority of individuals keep bringing up the same motion, and then it becomes a dilatory tactic under Robert's Rules of Order. So unless we have some exception, some change in the language, historically, we have not permitted a vote on the same motion unless it was a motion to reconsider done at the same meeting.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Then we'll move on based on that. We're now down Public Comment on General Items. What do we have, two speakers? Okay. Lester Ludwig.

MR. LUDWIG: My name is Les Ludwig. I live at 6589 Rosemoor Street in Squirrel Hill. And I come to you again in regards to money. Jeez. Do we need money? Does government need money? I'm still waiting for a promised meeting. Apparently Mr. Kress has some information for me. If you don't want the money, say so and I have a garden to look after and I'll be thrilled to stay home. But I've come to you since 2007. Now think about it, that this effort to make money for government goes back that far. And it's not making the kind of progress that it should make. It's not getting the attention. I went to Fitzgerald's office and was told, well, his schedule is busy. He's full. There's no room for making money. Well, okay, fine. We're dedicated to taxation. I'm not talking about taxation. I'm talking about non-tax revenue. And I'm not talking about pennies. The Chair of the City of Pittsburgh's effort believes that half the City's budget, which is probably close to \$3 mil, can be

made if proper attention is given. Now, which way is it going to be, ladies and gentlemen of Council? I've offered my services for free for years. I'm tired of that. I want ten percent, and I think I've earned it just in being patient.

So to wind up, let's look at --- let's trade places. I would like some day to be handed one of those certificates honoring me for raising so many millions of dollars for Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh. And believe me, I'll put my heart to it. When I pointed to the wall, and I said, what is this? It's a wall? It's also a surface. If the surface belongs to the government and faces the public, why isn't it at least, for non-tax revenue? And everybody says, jeez, that makes sense. But we're not really making the progress toward it. And we are coming to a period in our history in this country where many of the entitlement programs that we've lived to see are now being subjected to examination and to being closed out. Where are we going to get the bread to keep them?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wrap it up.

MR. LUDWIG: Thank you. I leave it for your consideration.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Does someone want to make a motion to adjourn? Oh, I'm sorry. I missed him.

MR. CATANESE: We missed him, but we'll get you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: My fault. Is Tom Barchfeld here?

MR. BARCHFELD: Yes, he is. Hi. I was admitted to the --- I went to the County jail last year and I was issued footwear.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: A little louder. Name and address, did you give it?

MR. BARCHFELD: My address is 1 Glen Elm Drive. I live in Whitehall Borough. Last year I was in the County jail and I was issued footwear from the County jail and noticed last week that the footwear was made in China. And I didn't wear it very long. I was not in the jail very long, but I noticed the bad ---. You can see it's coming apart the seams here on both sides. And I haven't worn it very long, just around my apartment this year. The problem is I would like to have our tax dollars being spent to buy items --- products made in the Untied States. I have an article I'd like to hand out to the Council

members, pass out if you would. I have an article I read in Nevada in 2012 which suggests people buy products made in the United States to preserve American jobs.

Well, I've learned that in this country there are like 50 million people on food stamps. The national debt is over \$18 trillion, and we also have an unfunded liability amount of over a \$145 trillion in this country. And the next three generations of unborn will be paying this debt all their lives. We need to put more people on the employment rolls. I've learned also that there are over 93 million adult Americans on the unemployment rolls, and we need to change that. I don't think that spending tax dollars for items made in China will help because I remember Tiananmen Square. There was a man standing in front of a tank in 1989, and we know what happened to those people trying to fight for their freedom. And we don't need to support a country like China and a government like that. I don't think we need to spend our tax dollars for a country like that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. FUTULES: Make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to second?

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

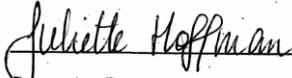
(Ayes Respond.)

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:11 p.m.

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