

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 (Via Telephone)
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
Terri Klein	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12 (Via Telephone)
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
Richard Fitzgerald	-	Chief Executive
Jack Cambest	-	Allegheny County Solicitor

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection. After me, ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

(Moment of Prayer or Reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: 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?

MS. RAE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: 15 members current present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Proclamations and Certificates. 8993-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating and thanking Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC for providing 125 years of caring to the children of our region. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh,

Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President.

Marissa, would you come up, and Kirsten (phonetic)? I knew I was going to mispronounce it, so I was waiting for you to pronounce it for me. Well, it's really a great honor to honor Children's Hospital, 125 years. Recently, Children's Hospital has one of the best hospitals in America. And this is the sixth consecutive year that they've been ranked one of the best children's hospitals in the United States of America.

I was privileged in 2009 to sign the I-beam on that tops your new building. My granddaughter and myself, granddaughter Allison and I, signed that beam with Dan Onorato at the time. And it was really a great occasion and really liked that. We also went out and did the groundbreaking for the South Fayette Children's Hospital that you built, and then went out also for the grand opening. It's quite a building. And we people in the south really appreciate that because we do not like to cross rivers so it makes it a lot easier for us in the south.

But through the decades, Children's Hospital has done amazing things. The fight against polio which Children's Hospitals fight until Dr. Jonas Salk came up with a vaccine. And I don't know if anybody here is as old as I am, in the '50s when we were getting polio shots as experimental guinea pigs, and then we went back and it worked. And we got the sugar cube the next time. No shot. And it was much better. But that put Children's on the map, international map, actually.

In the '60s and '70s you might remember Mr. Yuk sticker that was out to protect against poison, liquids and that was again a Children's Hospital first. And then in the '80s --- Dr. Thomas Starzl is a world pioneer in surgery and I think everybody knows that, had the first pediatric liver transplant. It was at Children's Hospital. Today Children's leads the world in that field. So these are just a few of the things that Children's has been famous for over the years. And it's with the greatest honor that I read this proclamation.

And I also wanted to mention that I was --- when you moved from Children's in Oakland to Children's on Penn Avenue in Lawrenceville, that was quite, quite an amazing

feat. It was. You had to see it to believe it. I mean, they had the roads closed. They were moving patients. It was unbelievable. What an organization to get that done. It was tremendous. And I just want applaud you people for that. This is our proclamation.

WHEREAS, 11-year-old Kirk LeMoyne, son of a local pediatrician, Dr. Frank LeMoyne, who gifted a single cot to be used for children and infants at a local hospital could never have imagined the size and scope of his endeavor 125 years into the future. Since its founding on June 4th, 1890 to the present day, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC has grown to become one of the world's top pediatrician --- pediatric hospitals with a reputation for innovation as well as superior care and successful treatment of children with highly complex medical issues.

WHEREAS, the hospital began with 15 beds near Forbes Avenue in McDevitt Place. It has grown --- it had grown to a 100 beds by 1920, and it moved to DeSoto Street in central Oakland in 1926. The hospital began serving patients from Ohio and West Virginia in the late 1940s. And by the 1980s the hospital had undergone several expansions and renovations. In May 2009, the hospital moved to a multi-million dollar research center in Lawrenceville where it merged with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, UPMC.

AND WHEREAS, Children's has maintained its commitment to the community by providing high quality, cost effective, full accessibility health care service for our region's most precious resource, our children and the ones with the great --- we have the greatest responsibility for.

WHEREAS, Children's national prominence among pediatric hospitals is the result of a unique combination of facilities, capabilities and people including the people of this region whose support over the past 125 years has placed a major --- has played a major factor in its success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC and we urge the citizens of Allegheny County to join us in recognizing and commending the doctors, nurses, support staff, volunteers and friends of Children's Hospital as they celebrate a 125 years of caring for the children of our region.

It's sponsored by myself, Michael Finnerty, and all members of Council on this day, the 16th day of June, 2015. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MS. HILLIER: Thank you so much. Thank you. On behalf of the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation, thank you so much, Councilman Finnerty and the entire Allegheny County Council. We are so honored to be represented here in the Allegheny County community, and we are so thrilled to be celebrating our 125 years within this community. So thank you so much for celebrating with us. We are inviting our entire community to celebrate with us throughout this entire year. If you'd like to go and take a look at our website, we are going to be providing a story booth throughout the entire community in a series of events. We're going to be at Kennywood. We're going to be in the Arts Festivals everywhere throughout the community because we want to hear your stories of either your childhood memories or your stories about your experiences at Children's Hospitals. Whatever you have to share, we want to hear it from you.

So we hope you share your experiences with us and can celebrate with us as well. So thank you so much for this honor to the Allegheny County Council. We greatly appreciate it and we love your support. So thank you so much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8994-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating South Fayette High School students, Eishan Ashwat, Brooke Ley, Brennan McCann, Cara Price and Jackie Witwicki and Team Advisor, Brian Garlick, for winning first place in the Pennsylvania Governor's STEM Competition. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Would you like to come up, please? It's really a great pleasure and honor to introduce the academic state champions of Pennsylvania. They've done a lot of work here and they won the regional championship, sort of like the WPIAL championship. And then they went on to the state and won the state championship. This proc is presented because of this innovational work. Not only was it just thinking outside the box, but it was a matter of going out and finding out

what people wanted, not just deciding on your own, going out doing a little survey in relation to this.

And they got to meet the Governor, I believe. You got to meet the Governor, Tom Wolf, who, what I understand, he loved that. I guess some day we're all going to have to be using one so we appreciate that. So let me read the proclamation and I have one for each one of you.

WHEREAS, South Fayette High School students, Eishan Ashwat, Brooke Ley, Brennan McCann, Carla (sic) Price and Jackie Witwicki --- boy, I like that name, though --- along with the team advisor, Brian Garlick, took first place in the Pennsylvania Governor's STEM Competition held on May 29th, 2015, at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Lancaster, PA, earning praise and recognition from the Pennsylvania Governor, Tom Wolf.

WHEREAS, the academic competition and the student's team, along with school community and business advisors and partners, worked tirelessly from October to mid-February and captured first place out of 21 teams at the region finals held on February 18th, 2015 at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit at Homestead, Pennsylvania.

AND WHEREAS, led by South Fayette High School Technology Education teacher Brian Garlick, the group of five students created an innovate product, the life-saver innovation walker. And I believe you just call it the Lifesaver; right? Designed to bring additional safety measures to those needing ambulatory aide while also providing enhanced aesthetics to such devices.

AND THEREFORE, the students overcame nearly a 150 teams from across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that originally entered the competition. And each student was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to use toward their college education.

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be resolved that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate South Fayette High School students Eishan Ashwat, Brooke Ley, Brennan McCann, Cara Price and Jackie Witwicki and team advisor, Brian Garlick, for entering and earning first place in the Pennsylvania Governor's STEM Competition.

This is sponsored by myself, Mike Finnerty, and presented on the 16th day of June, 2015. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. GARLICK: On behalf of the South Fayette Township School District and myself, Brian Garlick, I'd

like to thank Council for taking a minute to recognize us today. I have been honored to work with a number of wonderful kids over the 27 years I've been a teacher. And these are five of the best that I've ever had. And I'm proud to introduce them here in a minute. I'd also like to thank Ms. Lisa Passyn, another engineering advisor and community member that helped us out throughout the entire year, and also a gentleman named, Mr. Lucas Andrews, who was a great help with a number of things that we did across the course of the year. I'm going to let each team member come up and introduce themselves. If you're a senior, share your plans and comment a little bit about our walker, please.

MS. WITWICKI: Good afternoon. My name is Jackie Witwicki. I am a senior. Next year I'll be going to John Carroll University for international business with language and culture. I found this project to be truly rewarding. Being able to work not only with my classmates, but in the community going to nursing homes, interviewing individuals and seeing how we could help them and how they could help us complete a project. It was a lot of effort on the part of us, but also in the community as a whole. And we found a great deal of support which was an incredibly enjoyable and fulfilling experience. Thank you so much for honoring us today with these proclamations.

MS. LEY: Good afternoon. I am Brooke Ley. I am a senior or just graduated and next year I will be going to Carnegie Mellon and I'm going to be studying computer science. And although I --- from the Carnegie Mellon computer science, you're going to assume I'm a pretty techie person. One of my favorite parts about the walker is the way that we changed the aesthetics. You can typically --- whenever you think of a walker you think of the sort of gray, drab, medical looking thing. And one thing that we learned through conducting interviews and through that entire process is that a lot of people would actually go out of their way to not use walkers because of that. They didn't want the image that they needed help associated with them. And so whenever we made our walker and we showed it off to people and we had --- after the regional competition we went to one of the local nursing homes to show our walker again. It was just really rewarding, after all of our hard work, not to just win the competition, but to see how the folks at these nursing

homes actually reacted to the walker and how excited they got over it. And that was, I think, my favorite part of the entire process, more so than even winning the competition. Thank you.

MS. PRICE: Hello everyone. My name is Cara Price and I'll be a senior this upcoming school year studying Russian in Moldova. I'd like to echo what Brooke said about her favorite of the project being interacting with the nursing home residents. One part I found especially fulfilling was interacting with them at each part of the process. So we went with them to determine what their needs were. But then we each iteration of our project, we asked them for feedback. And after we won the state award we were recognized by our school, and one woman who we'd consulted throughout the process, looked at our walker and said I invented that. And that was just the greatest moment for all of us, to see that she valued --- she enjoyed feeling as though she had value as we went through our project. And like everyone else, I'd like to thank the county for recognizing us today.

MR. MCCANN: Hello. My name is Brennan McCann. I just graduated this past year. I'm going to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University for aerospace engineering. I want to thank you all of having me --- having all of us here today. And I think one of the biggest things about this project that I know many of us can echo is that we all had kind of personal stories that kind of fed into this a bit. We all knew someone who used a walker, and we all definitely had a personal stake in this. So I think definitely to be able to say this is a problem that we've all seen firsthand and being able to, A, work to fix it, and then, B, be recognized for the work that we're doing is something that I feel very happy to be a part of. So thank you very much again.

MR. ASHWAT: Hello. My name is Eishan Ashwat and I'm a rising senior at South Fayette High School. And I think a unique aspect of our project was the fact that it could touch so many people's lives. So in the beginning, we mainly sought the target audience of the elderly in making this walker. But as we progressed, we saw that this walker could reach and touch a lot more people's lives. We saw that it could touch the disabled's lives. We saw a man in a nursing home who had --- I believe he had a stroke and he couldn't use --- he didn't have full function of one of his arms so we saw that this

sort of walker could help a broad scope of people instead of just our intended target audience. So through this initiative and through using the STEM skills and STEM processes, we were able to reach such a broad audience through our design. So thank you once again.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

MR. BAKER: You guys are good speakers. Congratulations.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8995-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring Dr. Jim Withers for developing --- I'm sorry, for devoting his time and energy to the homeless population of the Pittsburgh region through is program Operation Safety Net. Sponsored by Council members Heidelbaugh, Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rae and Robinson.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. In the Book of Hebrews, Chapter 13, Verse 2, we are told do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so, some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. It's my honor to provide a proclamation today to Dr. Jim Withers. Since 1992, for 22 years, Dr. Withers has provided care to our neighbors who are the most valuable --- excuse me, valuable and vulnerable members of our community, the homeless, the men and women who live under our bridges, who pass us by in the street, who suffer in plain view.

Dr. Withers, through the Sisters of Mercy and the Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, have devoted their lives and coalesced a team of professionals to care for our neighbors. Although my profession is devoted to the delivery of words, words alone could never express mine or our community's deep gratefulness for your personal sacrifice and your efforts to our neighbors.

In your honor, let me read this proclamation on behalf of all the citizens of Allegheny County.

WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Withers, a full-time employee of the Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, assistant clinical professor of the University School of Medicine, and facility of Mercy Hospital, devotes his time and energy week after week to the homeless population of the Pittsburgh region through his program, Operation Safety Net.

WHEREAS, he was born in Hanover, Pennsylvania, raised by making house calls along with his father, a family practitioner, received his Under-Graduate degree from Haverford and completed his medical education at the University of Pittsburgh in 1984. His experiences in community-based medicine include Central America and India. He worked with Dr. Jack Preger, founder of the relief agency, Calcutta Rescue, and led him to embrace Street Medicine, a worldwide movement predicated on providing medical care directly to those living and sleeping on the streets who are unable to reach or who are actively denied care through traditional methods. In 1992, Dr. Withers and his colleague, Mike Swallows, a former homeless person himself, began making nine-time street rounds in Pittsburgh. And I remember precisely the moment that I first saw the TV --- the TV shows about what you were doing. It was the dead of winter and you were reaching out to the people who were actually shunning you and didn't want your help, but through your perseverance and your skill and your knowledge, were able to convince them to trust you and to allow them to receive medical care.

Under the auspices of the Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, Dr. Withers founded Operation Safety Net, the first full-time comprehensive medical service of its kind focusing on providing care to the unsheltered homeless population of Pittsburgh. Your life's work has been covered by local and national media including Pittsburgh Magazine, NPR, CBS News, People Magazine, Dateline, Readers Digest, the Huffington Post, many medical publications and several documentaries.

You have, for over 20 years, the dead of night, in the dead of the cold of Pittsburgh, set out onto the streets doing that which most of us in this room have never done, providing free medical care to about 20,000 individuals, helped more than 1,200 homeless people find a place to call their own and helped countless more with access to health insurance and other social programs that are all too frequently denied them.

There are no words that can express my gratitude to you, Doctor. Thank you.

(Applause.)

DR. WITHERS: I want to thank you very much for sponsoring this and for the Council for recognizing our work. And also, I want to recognize the County for being

leaders in the human services that I've witnessed in the time that I've been a physician here in Pittsburgh. It's very important leadership that isn't present in any other places.

(Beeper goes off.)

Sorry. I want to also, of course, acknowledge that --- the Sisters of Mercy, the Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, their legacy. This is the first Mercy Hospital in the world. In 1847, I believe, they started, and they were known as the walking nuns. So I feel honored to be part of that legacy of health care. The volunteers, the staff that have worked tirelessly for all these years, giving their love, their hearts. And I think we would all agree that we get a lot more out of it than we put into it.

I want to thank the --- our brothers and sisters on the streets who've welcomed us into their lives. It's not always easy to admit things aren't going well and to embrace change. And I have a lot of respect for people that have the courage to make those changes.

We've also got the Street Medicine Institute which is based on the work here and we have nearly 100 programs throughout the world on six continents that are doing street medicine. So I think from Pittsburgh once again --- I think, you know, great things have come and I want to just acknowledge, you know, being part of Pittsburgh. I love it. Thanks again and God Bless you all.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8996-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring Sidney Kushner for bringing joy to children battling cancer by founding the Pittsburgh nonprofit, Connecting Children with Champions. Sponsored by Council Members Heidelbaugh, Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rae and Robinson.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Eleanor Roosevelt once said you gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing which you think you cannot do.

Sidney Kushner looks fear in the face every day because he pairs children diagnosed with cancer with local

celebrities to help those children fulfill their dreams and to create life long friendships.

I recently read about this, excuse me, young man and his efforts to provide joy to our most innocent victims of such a cruel disease. And reading about you brought me hope and comfort that there are people in our community. When you're feeling down and you're thinking people don't care, you read a story about somebody like you and it brings you so much hope.

You have exhibited by your starting this organization selflessness and kindness. And in your honor, sir, I'm very proud of you. I read this proclamation.

After meeting a young cancer patient named Andy during his sophomore year of Brown University, Sidney Kushner founded CC Champions, connecting children with champions, a Pittsburgh nonprofit that pairs children diagnosed with cancer with local celebrities to help fulfill dreams and create lifelong friendships. CC Champions facilitates innovative six-month long friendships with the most inspirational role models in our community including artists, dancers, fire fighters, police officers, teachers and athletes from the Steelers, or Steelers (changes pronunciation), the Pirates, the Penguins, just to name a few. You work with the Pediatric Oncology Department of Children's Hospital who was just here. I'm sure you know those folks. As well as child specialists and licensed social workers to help mold each experience individually.

You create positive developmental moments for each child so they can combat the serious psychosocial side effects that accompany the illness and steer the kids with cancer back on the path of being a happy and healthy child.

Since its inception, your group has helped 150 children by providing meaningful long-term support to help them through their cancer journey. You've been recognized and featured in the Harvard Business Review, Forbes, Stanford's top 100 student entrepreneurs, the Boston Celtics Heroes Among Us, Pittsburgh Post Gazette and World magazine.

I'm very proud to say you're a fellow Pittsburgher, and thank you very kindly for all the work you're doing for our community.

MR. KUSHNER: Thank you, Councilman Heidelbaugh, and thank all of you. I think this is something I really never thought would happen in my life. I remember --- I grew up in Pittsburgh. I grew up in the South Hills. I went to Upper St. Clair. And when I graduated from high school, I told my mom and my dad, you know, I hate Pittsburgh. I'm never coming back here. I'm moving as far as away as I possibly could. I grew up here my whole life and sure enough, as soon as I graduated, I had started this organization, CC Champions, and I realized Pittsburgh is a really special place.

And I went to Brown, and Providence is really neat place and we had done a lot of our pilot program in Boston, which is really a special city, too. And I'll never forget when someone asks me --- because I thought we were going to Boston --- well, have you really given Pittsburgh a second chance? And I remember thinking about it. And for us, what we do is we match kids who are diagnosed with cancer with the people that they want to be when they grow up for six months during the cancer journey. So we have future police officers, future teachers, Pirates, Steelers, Penguins, dancers, nail stylists, whoever they want to be when they grow up, we match them with someone in the local community who does just that.

And so I looked at Pittsburgh and I saw that there's a community here of people that want to be a part of that family. And Pittsburgh is one of those cities where it's small enough that everyone feels like their part of that family, but it's big enough that people notice what's happening here. And for us, that was something that was really important, and for me, it was something that not until I grew up did I realize how lucky I am to be a Pittsburgher.

And so for me, it all started in high school when my friend Lauren was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. And I'll never forget the day that --- that we found out that she had cancer because that --- the last day that I saw her before she died. And so by the time I had gotten into Brown, I figured, okay, I'm going to study applied mathematics, focus on biology and I'm going to be pediatric oncologist, and that's how I'll give back to Lauren.

And sure enough my sophomore year, I'm taking organic chemistry and multi-variable calculus and all

those super fun classes, and I volunteered at Children's Hospital. And I met a nine-year old cancer patient named Jenny who I will never ever forget. So I walked into the hospital and I said, hey, Jenny, I'm a volunteer, can I play with you? And I walked in, and she was a little bit hesitant and I asked her, well, what do you want to be when you grow up? And without missing a beat, Jenny's eyes immediately lit up and she said, I want to be a dancer. And for the next 45 minutes we sat around her hospital bed and we watched videos of Nicki Minaj and Katy Perry and Beyonce, all of my --- clearly my favorite music artists. It was incredible because you could tell that in the brief moment Jenny totally forgot about having cancer and she was just a kid again.

And thinking about my friend, Lauren, and watching Jenny and being able to experience that moment with her was something that I never wanted to forget. And what I never will forget is when I was walking out of that room, I looked back at Jenny and I saw that her face had completely changed. And I asked her what was up. What's up, Jenny? And she looked down, she thought for a while, she looked up at me and said, I'm just really afraid that all of my friends are going to forget about me now that I have cancer. And hearing a nine year old girl say something like that just made my heart sink into my stomach. And what I quickly learned as I was working with more and more families and working with pediatric oncologists here at Children's and nurses and child life specialists, social workers, educators and parents is that fear of falling off the map is absolutely pervasive.

And the more that I was doing research and talking with these really incredible experts in the field, the more I realized that long-term social support throughout the cancer journey is really missing. And there's this vitally missing piece to the puzzle that needs to be filled. And so Jenny and Lauren inspired me to start CC Champions and we --- I graduated from Brown in 2013, moved back here, and in those couple of years I've been incredibly grateful for everything that Pittsburgh has given us. And we're on pace this year to help 75 newly diagnosed child cancer patients. And it's only the beginning. So thank you, Councilman Heidelbaugh. Thank you everyone else on the Council and thank you, Pittsburgh.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8997-15, and the rest of the proclamations will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating Dr. Caroline Jean Acker upon the occasion of her retirement from Carnegie Mellon University and Prevention Point Pittsburgh. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

8998-15. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde and Florence Shively upon the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

8999-15. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Luke Phillips of Carlynton Junior-Senior High School for winning the 2015 WPIAL Class AA Boys' Singles Tennis Championship and earning third place in the 2015 PIAA Class AA Boys Single Tennis Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

9000-15. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. William and Patricia Sniegocki upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Okay. At this time we have a quarterly address by County Executive Rich Fitzgerald.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. It's good to see everybody again on a quarterly address. I want to welcome Councilwoman Klein for her participation and service for this County.

Let me begin, as I usually do, kind of starting with the economics which continue to be pretty good in the City and the County and the region. Unemployment in the Pittsburgh MSA for April was down to 4.6 percent which is down over one percent from the last quarter. The Pennsylvania rate continues to go down as well. It's a little bit above the Pittsburgh MSA rate. And the US rate is about a half a point higher. So we continue to exceed what's happening nationally as we continue to grow and grow jobs.

From our own standpoint in the County, over the last three plus years, the unassigned fund balance that closed the books last year grew to \$38.3 million. And if you recall, when we took office four years ago or three plus years ago, it was only 5.7, so we're heading in the right direction. The rating agencies want us to be a

five percent, which would be a little over \$40 million, so again, we're heading in the right direction. And I think we've done it in a very deliberative and in a positive way, going from 5.7 after the first year to 12, a little over \$12 million after the second year, to about \$26 million last year, a little over \$25 million and now up to \$38 million. So again, we've done it without layoffs. We've done it without massive revenue increases or cutting programs. I think the County Manager and the department heads deserve an awful lot of credit for using efficiencies and figuring out ways to, you know, improve what we're doing.

Along those lines I got some news to report --- is we've been working on the 9-1-1 funding fee from the state. And I'm happy to report that the Senate passed by a vote of 49 to nothing a new funding source for the 9-1-1 program. As you know, we've been running a deficit for a number of years that continues to worsen because of our reliance on land lines as the funding mechanism to fund the 9-1-1 operation. They're moving that towards cellular devices, electronic devices, and hopefully our understanding is this will go to the House in the next couple of days, and all indications are that there's bipartisan support and bicameral support and that the Governor supports it as well. It will really help close that fund balance and provide the funding that we need to make sure we have a robust 9-1-1 operation that provides public safety for everybody.

To get back to economic development, the announcement a few months ago that Uber would be opening and Advanced Technology Center here in Pittsburgh to focus primarily on areas of mapping, vehicle safety and driverless vehicle technology. The Uber Advanced Technology Center is in the Strip District, will probably be adding at least 19 positions right away, engineering positions, and their partnership with Carnegie Mellon will continue to help that grow.

We've also come to a agreement with Uber, and I'll get into that a little bit later when I talk about the airport. I know Councilman Rae was a big part of that, serving on that Board.

We also got good news, that CSX is going to be making a major investment in Stowe Township, in Stowe and McKees Rocks, and the Borough of both Stowe and McKees Rocks deserve an awful lot of credit for coming together,

working with Bob Hurley and coming together with our economic team for CSX to make that major investment, over \$60 million, into that area and provide over 100 people with jobs. An average job, the salary is going to be over \$64,000 a year. So we continue to see investment in this region. It continues to grow.

Just last week, Gordon Food Service had their grand opening located out in Findlay Township, and they'll be providing employment for 300 people over the next three to five years in a new 400,000 square foot state-of-the-art food distribution facility out in the airport corridor. It continues to be very positive, what's going on out in the airport corridor. Just some of the recent groundbreaking we've had --- and I know a number of Council members have been at some of those. In the Hill District, the Skyline Terrace one that KBK did is a terrific, terrific addition to that community that continues to move forward. West Penn Hospital opened a brand new postpartum unit. The Moorhead Towers in Oakland, a very positive development. The Trade Institute of Pittsburgh in the Homewood-Wilkinsburg area is very innovative in training people on the new jobs and the new technologies. Oxford and the Industry Drive development, again, out in the airport. In the Findlay area, Under Armour is moving in there, and that's, again, a national company that's putting their flag there. It's good to see. So there's a lot of growth that's happening both in the City and in and around the region, and we continue to see, you know, positive things that continue to happen.

In our parks, I was out there just a few weeks ago. I know Councilman Macey, Councilman Means were with me for the opening of the Oval. That was a great partnership with our Parks Foundation, private money along with some public money that went into that program. It was very, very positive to see that. I know Councilman Palmiere was instrumental in working on that as well with some of the Friends groups and the folks that we worked with out there. Just a week or so ago, we also, with the Parks Foundation, cut the ribbon on the completion of Phase I of the North Park Loop. I know Councilwoman Rae was also instrumental in helping with that. And it's made people much safer on that Ingomar Road Trail that is, quite frankly, very crowded. I know Councilman Kress also was out there with Speaker Turzai. It was an exciting event, and it was just great to see all the enthusiasm

that people had on that opening. And the Parks Foundation, working with Council, continues to do good things.

Our concert series, which is always a highlight of the summer, began a few weeks ago both at Hartwood and South Park, continues to get good response, good attendance to all of the events. We continue to have it free for the public, so there's no charge other than the two private fundraisers that the Food Bank has and others for the festivals, and they continue to do good things.

We had a big event a couple of weeks ago with Slide the City. Thousands and thousands of people showed up in South Park to participate in that. I don't know if I saw any council members out there sliding. That's not how you got that (indicating), Council ---. It was really something to see. All those people showing up on a nice, hot day. I was out there on the Saturday, but it was a Saturday and Sunday event. People actually had to wait a long time in line, and I didn't hear anybody, too many people complaining. It was quite an adventure, I guess, is probably the best way to say it. And I want to thank Director Baechle and the folks that helped put that on. Our County Police did a great job with crowd control. It was very, very positive.

As you saw, we finally announced last week, the hiring of our lead ranger, the three lead rangers that are going to be part of the park ranger program that the County Manager and the Parks Department have been pushing or talking really for the last couple of years. We're very excited about that program. We think we've gotten some really, really good people to help. We're going to be partnering with the City of Pittsburgh. Major Peduto and his Parks Department also are very, very helpful and very instrumental and very excited about that. I want to thank the Regional Asset District for their participation and help with the Connections Grant as well as RK Mellon which has come forward with over \$400,000 for funding for the Student Conservation Association Ranger Program that are going to be helping people. It's really going to be great for people to go into the parks to have people that they can ask about nature, to ask about what kind of trees, what kind of species, what kind of birds, what kind of fish are in the lake at North Park, et cetera, et cetera from people that really have the background, the education and the experience. The rangers are from

California, from Montana and from locally, so we got a lot of applications or a lot of people are excited about being part of a exciting parks system which has over 12,000 acres which, quite frankly, has been underutilized. And I know that's a challenge we've all had, to try to figure out a way to do more with our parks, and we're seeing that, you know, continue to happen.

Also, I want to thank some of the members who came last week for the unveiling of the Commissioner portraits as we do the renovation of this courthouse, and we worked with the architects to bring this beautiful structure that's over 125 years old back to what it needs to be. I mean, we have roof issues and window issues and heating and cooling issues, et cetera, et cetera.

And one of the things we wanted to do was show the great history that this County and County government has had over the years. So we unveiled with the help of Amy Downs and Kate Breen (phonetic) and Barb Parees from our office, you know, helping to put that together, the photos of some of the Commissioners who served back in --- I think we go back as far as 1936. And we'll continue to try to find pictures and help with --- the Heinz History Center has been a great partner for doing that. I know Councilman DeFazio was there. Councilman Heidelbaugh was there, Councilman Finnerty. It was a great event. I think some of the families of the Kanes and the McGradys among others who were there was very touched by seeing their loved ones and their grandfathers put on the wall and being remembered for some of the great work that they did. So we'll continue to work on the development of that.

I'll talk a little bit again about some of our buildings and some of the things we're doing. We, along with many of the corporate community, have signed on to the Green Building Alliance Challenge, which the goal is to reduce by 50 percent our usage of energy, water, et cetera. We were supposed to reduce by 10 percent this year and we've actually exceed that. We're at 17, almost 16 --- excuse me, 16.9 percent, almost 17 percent. So I want to thank our facilities department, our public works folks who continue to find ways to reduce energy, to reduce water consumption and make our buildings more energy efficient and green.

We also kicked off our Learn and Earn program, a great opportunity for youth, a summer youth employment

program, with over 700 county jobs along --- partnering with the City of Pittsburgh, we're going to do 1,300 jobs. So it's 2,000 employment opportunities for young people to intern, to learn, to work, to do good things throughout the summer.

Along with the jobs, I want to mention that --- our jobs fair that we've been talking about with the Marcellus Shale Partnership that we did at Deer Lakes Park will be held this Thursday night --- actually, all day Thursday. I think it's from 2:00 to 9:00 --- 2:00 to 7:00, I'm sorry. You know better than me, Councilman. 2:00 to 7:00 out at the Frazer Mills. And I understand there's 40 --- almost 40 companies have signed up thus far to participate and show the opportunities that might be there in the energy field. So that's something again providing opportunities to folks, showing them a way to have a good career and a good life.

We've gotten some good news recently with Shuman which we're very excited about. We actually got our license back which is obviously very important when we had lost that a couple of years ago. But we've also gotten a couple of awards, one from the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania recognizing some of the good things that are happening out there. And I want to thank Director Earl Hill and his team for what they've done out there. And the Governor also gave us an award to Shuman for some of the innovative things that are happening.

I want to thank the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for providing some training and some education for some of the kids that are there, again, giving them opportunities to not just sit there while they're waiting, but to try to do something positive about what's going on.

I do want to talk a little bit about our Public Works Initiative that I think you've probably got some feedback from over the last couple of months. I want to thank the Director, Director Shanley. We made an investment this year thanks to your appropriation, and we decided to buy a milling machine. Now, we've been renting the milling machine the last couple of years. And in buying the milling machine, we'll get a payback of about two years. We were paying close to \$200,000 in rent to rent the machine. We're buying it for \$400,000, but more importantly having control of it and having the machine, you know, under our direction, is going to enable us to do an extra ten miles of road this year. And we're hearing

good feedback. I know Blackburn Road and Duncan Road and some of the other roads --- Crawford Run is going to finally get done, some of these roads we just didn't have the money to pave. The needs were there. We've obviously had a couple of tough winters that have been very tough on our roads, but I really want to praise the Public Works Department for the work they're doing. We've gone out there to see some of the work, and they're excited about it. You can see the morale. They're very enthusiastic about, you know, fixing the roads that have been, you know, been let go. They're excited to see that happen.

I want to talk about the airport a little bit. And again, Councilwoman Rae, thank you for her service in doing that. Flights are up this year. Passenger service is up about two and a half percent. And that's on top of things being up last year. We recently added two new flights, two new destinations, one to Milwaukee and one to Indianapolis with one jet. That brings us up to 49 destinations. And just two years ago we were at 32 destinations, so 17 new cities have been added for connections to the business traveler, the vacation traveler, the leisure traveler. And I know the work that the Board and Director Cassotis are doing out there continues to move us forward.

The other big announcement, I mentioned Uber before. We're so excited to have them here, to have them here in the City, to have them here partnering with Carnegie Mellon. But we also partnered with them at the airport. Uber and Lift have recently contract agreements with Airport Authority to provide another option for the traveler who needs a ride. And that will also, along with Yellow Cab, will give folks the ability to make some choices. And we're excited again to see the innovation that continues to go on at the airport.

And just recently, just this week, or last week, Sunoco, the fuelling station out there was the first one in the country to offer three alternative fueling options alongside, you know, traditional gasoline. They offer CNG, they offer liquid propane, and then three electric charging stations. So whatever kind of vehicle you have there you can get filled up at the airport. And again, it's just trying to provide customer service over what we have.

Also, I just wanted to talk a little bit about the Port Authority. They're going to be voting in the

next couple of months to try to add some service. Not add new routes, but to add some service. And I know this is something that Council has been talking about. I know Councilman Palmiere representing Baldwin. I know Councilwoman Heidelbaugh has mentioned this. Baldwin is going to get some additional service to an existing route that they have. We're also going to be adding Groveton out in Robinson Township. McKeesport is going to be picking up the Penn State/Allegheny Station. I know that was something that Councilman Macey was concerned about. And then adding a little more service to the RIDC Park out in O'Hara. I know that's something Councilman Kress has been working on, so the Port Authority continues to move forward. Try to become more cashless, using more the Connect Cards and Smart Cards. And I think we'll continue to see more of that in the coming days.

Now, I also want to talk about the jail, and I know that's something that's been on the minds of a lot of folks here. I know today a couple of Council members took a tour of the jail, which I think is important. I'd encourage almost every Council member, if you can, to do that. I took a tour myself last week. And I've taken many. And I also got to interview a number of the inmates there to try to, you know, kind of wrap our hands around or heads around what's going on. And I know there's been a lot of controversy over the medical. You saw the announcement that we've decided to part ways with Corizon. It was something that I was probably hinting at the last time I was here without coming out to say it. We were working on this. The County manager and the warden and my administration have really not been happy with the way things were going, so we've decided to bring it in-house to have it under the direction of the County Manager and the warden. That means we'll be in charge of it, but it also means we'll be responsible for it, so it's our job now to make sure that we're providing the services that are needed.

One thing I will tell you is it's probably going to be a little more expensive. We're going to be coming to you with a bigger appropriation when we present the budget in October because it's just not going to be cheap, I guess, is the best way to say it.

We've recently partnered with Allegheny Health Network to provide a couple of medical professionals, a couple of doctors on the mental health aspect as well as

traditional medical care. And for those of you who have taken the tour or seen what's going on, the medical issues --- excuse me, the mental care and mental health issue around the jail is just an area that's very challenging, not just challenging for Allegheny County, but challenging across the state and quite frankly, across the country. As state hospitals have closed over the years, a lot of those individuals have kind of really been dumped into the street and a lot of them end up in our jail. Probably shouldn't be there, but they get tied up in a situation sometimes that that's where they land. And I think it's a challenge for all of us to work with all of our partners, the federal government, the state government, to see how we can rectify this. So this is a challenge. And I got to tell you, you know, we've got some legislation that we're presenting tonight to ask for an exemption or a waiver on residency. And that's not something that I'm necessarily always in favor of because I always think if you're going to work for Allegheny County government, you should live in Allegheny County. The challenge is, though, that there are not a lot of folks that want these jobs. Medical professionals, whether they're doctors or nurses, you know, would prefer to serve and prefer to work in a traditional health care and hospital facility. Getting them to work at the jail, you know, takes a special dedication. It's not always that easy for us to find those individuals. And I know it's probably been frustrating for you as it has for me to, hey, let's just change it. Let's just flip a switch. It's not that easy. And I got to give the County Manager and the warden and all the folks --- Austin Davis from my staff, Judge Williams, who chairs the Oversight Board have been really spending a lot of time working on this and trying to get their hands around this. And it's just not an easy thing to come to grips with.

So I think that runs me to about end of the things I wanted to just highlight. I know there's probably some other things you have questions on or maybe for me to expand upon some of the things I already talked about. So Mr. President, I'll ask if you have any questions for me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, I'm going to start with Council. Raise your hand. Heather. Representative.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Mr. Fitzgerald, I took a tour of the jail today. Can you hear me?

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (yes).

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I toured the jail today and I have been concerned about the some of the health issues at the jail. I know we take one question at a time, so let me do my first question here. One of the things I would suggest to you in regard to the last comments you made in regard to the large number of folks at the jail who have mental health issues, I would suggest that we do something here in Allegheny County that's out of the box and maybe become a leader in the nation. And that you form a committee of interested people with expertise in this area to determine how we can move the criminalization of the mentally ill to the treatment of the mentally ill. I think we have resources in Allegheny County that perhaps may reduce the cost. Instead of criminalizing and housing in a criminal structure, that we take these individuals, our neighbors who are mentally ill, we figure out the resources that we have, that they have, that the community has. We begin to treat them for their mental illness and we don't criminalize them with the added burden through the courts.

And I think through your position as the County Executive with the power that you have and with the bully pulpit you have, you certainly could call for the community to join together and much unlike the rest of the nation, really do something radically different to change this really poor situation that we have in our country now, where we have gone from a place in the '70s where we treated the mentally ill very poorly. Then we closed our mental health facilities. They had nowhere to go. They went onto the streets as we saw with the doctor treating the homeless. We've burdened our jail warden with impossible situations. And we ought to --- as a community, we ought to stand up and we ought to say enough. Let's figure out a way that we can do it differently. Let's be the one community in the country who tries to figure out a better solution. And I think that with your leadership you could do that.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Councilwoman. And I agree. I think it's a good suggestion. We're in agreement. I think when the state decided to close Mayview and Woodvale before that and put people out on the street, that --- they're not criminals. They're people that have issues, mental health issues, that need to be dealt with. I'll certainly do that. I'll

certainly be glad to work with Council to put a commission together. I think, obviously, the judges and the courts need to be a big part of that. They provide the sentencing and whether the warden wants to release somebody or not, that's not within his power of authority to do so or the County Manager or me or you or anybody else. So working with all those people is exactly what I think we need to do.

And I'll use the model that we kind of did with the jail medical. We just didn't bring AHN in. We brought all of our eds and meds experts in, UPMC, Pitt Med, CMU, all the folks together. And they were very helpful. And I want to thank all of them. But you know, I think you're right. I think there could be a way in which we have the expertise in this community, and if we find some of the right people and put some of the right policies in place, that could happen. I'll certainly be able to use whatever influence my office has to do that.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And I would put my money where my mouth is. I'd be happy to volunteer to, you know, try to get the volunteers to serve on this commission to provide some out of the box thinking, survey what's going on in America. And I just have a hunch that if we dealt with folks with their mental health problems instead of criminalizing them, that in the long run, in the bigger picture in society, we'd actually spend less money.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: There's no question. I think you're absolutely right. And I also think that we also have a very rich and robust foundation community in this area that --- in talking to them, I think, they would be very supportive financially to be able to help provide resources that might, you know, help along these lines. We've also got a lot of very, very good nonprofits who have programs, halfway house programs or job training or things that --- where they can provide some of the treatment to these individuals and help them along the way. Right now, they kind of get dumped off on the families and families might not be equipped necessarily to handle those individuals. And then those individuals get into situations that become criminalized, as you said. And then it becomes almost a vicious cycle going in the wrong direction. So yeah, we'll be glad to do that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any others? Sue?
Representative Means. Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: Hi, County Executive Fitzgerald. It's nice to see you this evening.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Good to see you, Councilwoman.

MS. MEANS: You did touch base on hiring the three lead park rangers.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (yes).

MS. MEANS: I was wondering if you could go into a little bit more detail. I was especially wondering --- I know they're the lead, and they're going to be designing what the other park rangers are going to be doing. I was wondering when we might be able to see a more expansive explanation of what their role will be and how many people will be hired.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, I think it's going to be a --- probably a slow process, Councilwoman, as we go forward. We want to make sure we do it right. We'll probably be taking a lot of our advice from these three individuals who know --- they've served as rangers. They've worked under ranger systems. They know it a lot better than certainly I do and probably the County Manager and even our parks personnel. So we're going to be relying on them an awful lot. So part of it's going to be partnering with the City, the four main city parks, Schenley, Riverview, Highland and Frick as well as our nine county parks. So we've trying to put training programs in place where people can go cross train and go back and forth and use the synergies the foundation community and the RAD and a lot of individuals would like to see. I guess we'll try to continue to communicate with you as to how this program goes about. They're just starting right now. They're going to be working with a lot of the student conversation folks that we'll have for a number of months. And I don't know if the County Manager --- I don't know, Willie, do you want to maybe give a little more detail on how this program ---? The County Manager has done --- has done a yeoman's job and a great job in putting this together. And I know they interviewed dozens and dozens of folks from all over this country that were interested in this positions, so ---.

MR. MCKAIN: Thank you. Just to add on what Rich said, we are very excited. There's a lead and there's two seniors. There's another budget for another senior as we evaluate that. They trained with the rangers that are with the City parks. They also trained with the

Student Conservation Association. They have two teams of six. They do anything from AED training, Red Cross, Verbal Judo, communication, those type of things. They're going to be out in our parks --- a generous grant from R. K. Mellon for the Student Conservation Association. You're going to see coming out of parks a summer program. It's going to add some programs where they're going to be in our parks, taking people along our trails, talking to them about nature, conservation, things like that. One of the visions we have is to have our parks filled with school buses and children will come out. We can educate them, take them for walks. When someone needs directions in our parks, when they're lost, when they want to know about programs, where things are --- so this is the first year of rolling that out with the generous grant for Student Conservation and collaborative training with the City, they'll be developing a manual and those types of things to move forward.

You're going to see them in all of our parks as they start rolling out. You might have saw the visual. They have the uniforms. They're highly educated. They've done this before. If we continue to grow the program, which will be the recommendation coming through the County Executive as we move forward, the Student Conservation people who have come here from 12 to 15 different states --- one person is from Viet Nam --- that they actually can see our communities, stay here, love our parks like we do and perhaps be a feeding program if we grow the program.

MS. MEANS: Thank you. I was just wondering can you clarify, is --- the partnership with the City, is that a training partnership? I just wanted you to clarify what that means, to partner with the city.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, it remains to be seen, but I think eventually the mayor and myself would like to be able to see a park ranger that could do both parks, that maybe Monday and Tuesday they're in North Park, Wednesday they're in Schenley Park, Thursday they're in South Park. And they have --- they're able to do both, because I think most people when they want to go to a park, they don't necessarily even know if it's a City or County park. They just want to go for whatever activity might be there. Maybe their kid is playing soccer there or they're there for a 5K run or whatever it might be. So we want to have people to be able to use both. Our regional asset district which provides a lot of funding funds both

systems. So I think that's something that we've heard loud and clear from the members of the RAD Board, that they would like to see that collaboration. We've also heard that loud and clear from the foundation community, that they would be glad to fund a lot of these initiatives. So hopefully, you know, at some time in the future, if you have a pass for the skating rink at South Park, that same pass can be used at the skating rink at Schenley Park and those type of things. So we hope to use the synergies and use the efficiencies that can be gained that we've already seen on somewhat of a scale between the County and other municipalities, including the City of Pittsburgh.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'd just to, first of all, congratulate the Port Authority for extending some of the routes as they went back and adjusted. Hopefully, we'll have more adjustments as we go on. It would very much be appreciated. In relation to the jail, I guess this is the second year we've had Corizon?

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yes. We're about halfway through. Yes.

MR. FINNERTY: Before that, we were in house.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Somewhat. We had a nonprofit that was separate entity under the direction of the Health Department.

MR. FINNERTY: Right.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And if you recall, that didn't work.

MR. FINNERTY: Right. We moved it.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: We moved it. We did an RFP. You know, many companies applied and put their applications in and sought the business. A large group, including judges and many other folks, evaluated and they selected Corizon. And obviously, that --- in my mind and I think most of us would agree, that hasn't worked. So now it's actually going to be directly under the control and authority of the warden of the jail. The medical director will be reporting to the warden reporting to the County Manager. So we can't have this, you know, one side blaming the other. Was it the jail personnel that wouldn't let the medical personnel provide the medical treatment? Or was it because the medical personnel didn't want ---? You know, there was a lot of

that going back and forth. Now, it will be under one, you know, one authority.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Well, one thing I was thinking about was that, you know, five, six seven years ago when we were running that program, that every year at budget time, we were always over budget at the jail. And it wasn't just a million or two. It was quite a lot. Now, are we going to be in the same situation, do you think?

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, that I can't give you an answer one or the other right now.

MR. FINNERTY: Right.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And it's not just the cost of the medical. It's the cost of the sheriff's deputies transporting them, ---

MR. FINNERTY: Exactly.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: --- the overtime that is paid for there. It's a challenging and difficult situation. I'm not going to sugar coat it and say it's going to be easy. We think this is the right direction to go because the other direction wasn't working. So you know, we're hopeful that everybody coming together --- and there has been groups coming together. And I think what the Councilwoman talked about, under the medical --- the mental health aspect of the medical care is one aspect of where I think we can --- some improvements.

Quite frankly, there's probably a lot of folks in that jail that should be in a halfway house or a work release program and could be out, you know, doing some productive things, still being under supervision and under sentencing that would be appropriate, but they'd be more connected to their community, more connected --- more particularly their family. And I just --- it's not working, I guess, is the best way to say it.

MR. FINNERTY: Right. I agree with you a 100 percent, and I also agree with Councilwoman Heidelbaugh in relation to this, you know, especially in relation to the mental illness section. Do we still use Mercy Behavioral?

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Among others. I think we use a number of different entities, yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah. But I think a lot of times that we get somebody in the jail that has mental problems and get them off the street and we have a unit. I don't know if the unit is there any more. It was our own unit. I mean ---.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: There's a mental health unit in there where mental health patients are in there, male and female.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah. And they do a good job, but then that person is released. And when that person is released, they go back to the same place again. So for all --- I don't know how to say it, for all the remediation, if you want use that word or not, I don't really know if it's a good word to use in that regard, but all our energy that's been put in is wasted because the person goes back right where they were. And you're from the City so you know how the neighborhoods are. And if you're in that same neighborhood, they remember. And the thing of it is that --- I think that's one of the things we'd have to start thinking about. Once we release somebody, what are we going to do to help them once they're out? Not just put them back in the same place to start over again.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah. You're right, Councilman. I will say one of the successes I think that the community has had has been on recidivism. I think one of our --- our recidivism rate, while not perfect, is much lower ---

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, it is.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: --- than the national average. And I think there is --- you know, Director Cherna and a lot of other folks, the jail collaborative, have worked very proactively to try to provide job training, provide opportunities, to social services, family services, that are needed. It certainly could be more robust, particularly around mental health issues. That's certainly something that needs to be done. But I do want to praise some of the folks who have been working along those lines for many years from President Judge Manning to the warden and folks that have really been proactive in trying to do that. And again, it's just a --- you know, you got 2,500 people in that jail.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: It's a very difficult and challenging environment.

MR. FINNERTY: Oh, yes. I agree there 100 percent. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Heidelbaugh.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So we just received news that appears that the Shell Cracker Plant is going to go

forward. We've had a lot of hopeful signs in the newspaper.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Getting better, yes.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And there has never been a absolute, we're coming, be ready for us, but it looks like that's what they're saying. And so that is in our sister county, Beaver County.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (yes).

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I heard a news report that they --- and if I have this number wrong, forgive me. Maybe you'll know the correct number, that they're going to need 600 welders to build the plant, 6,000 employees. Could you just discuss what you're doing, what the County is doing to get our citizens involved in those construction jobs? I know CCAC has been active as well as the local unions in trying to get folks to learn the welding. I wouldn't think we'd be up to the 600 mark yet. But just discuss generally, you know, the things that Allegheny County is currently doing or maybe some things we ought to be doing now that we think this is coming.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, I don't think there's any question that it continues to move in the right direction. You're right. They have not made an official, yes, we're here. But if you ever go out there --- and I've toured that with the Commissioners a number of times --- there are trucks. They're moving earth. They've torn down the old Horsehead Plant. They're building roads. They're spending an awful lot of money. They have contracted with our Airport Authority for some land to use as staging areas because it's only about six or seven miles from our airport property. To be honest with you, once this thing gets up and running, I don't think we will have enough people to staff it. You're probably going to have to bring people in from other parts of the region and other parts of the country. Our trades, I think, we've been, you know, warning them or telling them it's coming. They've been doing a great job of increasing their training programs; welders, carpenters, operating engineers, electricians. It's going to be a beehive of activity for a number of years. They're going to spend, I don't know, upwards of \$6, \$7 billion in building this out. Our community colleges, we have over 50,000 people enrolled in the community college that are doing a lot of different things, welding just being one of

them. We're going to do everything we can. The Workforce Investment Board, under Stefani Pashman's leadership, is pushing that out. Some of the summer job program that we talked about is part of that. The Energy Innovation Center, the old Connelly Trade School, which is training people in those energy jobs, is also part of that. So I think there is a great collaboration including our friends in Beaver County, by the way. Don't forget them. It's in their county.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No. No.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And I've been very supportive of it. Even though it was not in Allegheny County, I thought it was ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Good for the region.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: It was better to have it go to Ohio or West Virginia --- to have those jobs here. So I think it's going to be ---. And obviously, the airport drilling that we did, I mean, that wet gas that we're providing for that plant, is going to be very important to have that move forward so ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: The only suggestion I thought I would offer. Now, I'm up to two.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: You're up to two. Okay.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I got a yes on ---.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Three for a dollar. Right? Is that how we do it?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: We'll see. Perhaps you might want to think about, you know, having a central location because it seems to me that this cracker plant is going to be the largest construction project in America that will surpass any construction that maybe you or I have seen in a couple of decades.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: No question.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And the response that you gave to my question was good, but I'm wondering if we need to have a more centralized location where efforts can be directed, so inquiries coming in and what we are going to do to get our citizens completely and fully engaged. I know you have a limited number of resources in the County and people always say to politicians, what are you doing to create jobs? I'm not sure politicians create jobs, but they facilitate job growth. And so maybe if we could have, not a committee, but something centralized to coordinate all of the things that are going to be done.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let me say one thing on that issue. The building trades have been involved with this for a long time. I myself was involved with them for some of the meetings with the past governor. They're on top of this, believe me. They're been all working together. There's a lot of meetings. Believe me, they all know how many jobs are there, and they all know how many people they think is going to be needed. But they're all working to get work for everybody. They're been on top of this.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And Councilwoman, this is also on top of the building boom that's already going on here in this region. You drive around, you see cranes in the air from downtown Pittsburgh to the Strip District to out at the airport to all over. And you know, the construction trades are doing very well right now. So to add to that job growth is something again that's going to be tremendous in a lot of ways, but it's also going to be very challenging. Those folks that come into town, where are they going to be staying? Probably in a lot of our hotels, probably buying a lot of meals. I mean, the economic impact of this is going to be tremendous for many years to come. It's going to take many years to build. And then also the spin off, the manufacturing that can come out of this, from the plastics companies and manufacturers that'll be located here, is also going to be something beyond the construction --- which the construction is obviously important, but once that ends, what's left behind. And I think there's plans in place, and I'll certainly be pushing that at the state level.

The other thing I've been very happy to see. This has been very bipartisan, whether it was --- Governor Corbett was in office, now Governor Wolf, the legislature and Democrats and Republicans coming together, business and labor. It's been quite a collaborative effort to move this forward, and I think Shell is happy that they're in western Pennsylvania to see this kind of cooperation, this kind of workforce expertise that we have. And you're right. We've got to --- we've probably got to ramp it even more than we are right now.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other questions? Go ahead.

MR. KRESS: I mean, that's what we have this Shell Energy local Workforce Developmental Information Career Fair ---. That was part of our deal with Deer Lakes and Range Resources, that we're trying to develop a

workforce. And that's the reason why we were in favor of this gas lease. And I mean, I think this County has done more than any other county in this region to move our local workforce forward in regards to Marcellus gas. And I've heard really good things about CCAC and their welding program, too. I've talked to the Steamfitters and they've actually recommended, if you're interested in welding, to take courses at CCAC. So I think we've done far above and beyond what other counties have done in this area in regards to gas drilling and moving our workforce forward. But again, that's the reason why I was in favor of the gas drilling, and that's the reason we're having this fair on June 18th. And I encourage many people who are interested in getting a job or career in Marcellus gas to come to this fair on June 18th. And again, that's from 2:00 to 7:00 at the Mills Mall. So I just want to say you've done a good job, so thank you.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Looking forward to going to that, Councilman. I do plan on attending that night. That's the night of the Mayor's conference that Dr. Martoni will be ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Got to juggle those two, but we'll be there, so ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd just like to say that those portraits, the history of this building, was a great idea. I don't know whose idea it was, but whoever came up with it --- was it yours? Congratulations.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, it was a lot of folks. And we're not done with that. We certainly want to, you know --- as the new government is in place, too, the pictures of, I think, you're up to your seventh council now or sixth, whatever it is.

MR. FINNERTY: I have no idea.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: To put the County Councils up there. I think the history that we're writing now, I think, is going to be very important as people look back. But it's also important to look back upon people like Commissioner Foerster, Commissioner Kane, Commissioner McGrady, Mr. Flaherty all those folks. And I think it was interesting --- and I know again the Council members that were there --- to see those names. Oh, there was a Commissioner Rankin. You know, I just thought there was a Rankin Bridge. Why is there a Rankin

Bridge? Or Commissioner Herron --- and what did they do, what were they about? And it was great to hear some of the stories that some of their grandchildren and nieces and nephews told about the years that they served here. And that was illuminating. And I'd like to see more of that. And I know Councilman Ellenbogen had a suggestion as we renovate this courthouse, to put some sort of a kiosk in the courtyard that'll show some of the history where people can get even more in depth behind those pictures and stories about some of those Commissioners or some of the people that served. And I think that's something, again, as we --- this courthouse is going to take a number of years to renovate. So I think, you know, we have this committee and I know Council is part of that committee. I think Councilman Macey, as Public Works chair, is part of that. But any of those suggestions that you have, bring them forward and we'll pass them along to the architect and see if we can get them, you know, part of the renovation of this building.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: One second. We have to change the paper, the stenographer.

MR. FINNERTY: Already?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, short paper. Does anyone else have a question? Okay. When she's ready, Representative Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. I can assure you we won't run out of paper here with my remarks. I want to commend you, Mr. Fitzgerald, for your efforts and Mr. Hurley and all his crew for working on that busing. I know Mr. Hurley and I have been on the phone so many times, I know he's sick of hearing me, but the point being, I want to take --- you for going to Harrisburg and getting that funding to begin with, because that was so important that to even --- able to enable us to expand anything. And I also want to encourage the people in Baldwin and all these districts that are going to be served more so, please, ride those busses so that we have reason to expand even further in the future. Thank you.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: And again, the reason we're able to do this is financial, the funding both from the state level and Act 89 that was so important. And but also that the ridership is up. The revenues are up. Advertising revenue is up. So we're able to find a little more money that we're able to add some additional service on existing bus routes. And as

the Port Authority continues to, you know, move forward, we hope to be able to add more service. But I just don't want to give anybody false hope that we're going to get back to where we were before we had that major cutback in 2011.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress, go ahead.

MR. KRESS: I just wanted to say --- thank your Administration for the roads. They're actually looking a lot better and I'm getting a lot less phone calls. So thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You have another one?

MR. FINNERTY: Just one thing. I'd like to thank all the directors for doing a great job. We really appreciate it. It makes our life a lot easier. So thank you.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: They deserve a lot of credit.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let me say something here. I agree with John Palmiere and whoever else said about the busing. I'm glad to see some improvement in that area. I also want to thank you for the jail situation. Let me explain something first. I've received, I don't know, I never counted them all, but I received, I don't know, a --- 150, 200 letters basically all the same, asking me would you please get rid of Corizon and set up a public hearing. I told them, a couple of people that I talked to personally, I said, I can't --- that isn't our --- we can't change the Corizon thing, but the administration can. We can and will hold a public hearing. I talked to you and I want to thank you. You did now agree to get rid of Corizon, and we do have a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, the 23rd. So that's what they asked me on the letter and we're going to comply with it. Thank you.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President. Have a good night. Thank you, guys.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have now agenda speakers. Is Christopher Durkin here? Okay. You're up.

MR. DURKIN: Good afternoon. I am Christopher Durkin of 3163 Maplene Avenue, in Castle Shannon Borough. I support the proposed resolution for deer management page on the County's website. White-tail deer have become

numerous in South Hills suburban communities and some residential areas of this city that they present serious problems for vehicular safety, public health and the use and enjoyment of our properties.

The Tribune Review reports that over the period of January through April 2015 PennDOT District 11 covering Allegheny County cleaned up 485 deer carcasses from state roads compared with 450 for the same period of 2014. These figures do not include deer strikes on municipal or county roads. The potential for deer strikes and the attendant damages and bodily injuries increase with increasing deer population. Deer are a vector for several diseases afflicting humans including Lyme disease for which the County's Health Department has issued warnings earlier this month. This debilitating bacterial infection is transmitted by ticks hosted by white-tail deer during the tick's reproductive stage. Deer are the widest ranging animal host for ticks. And Lyme disease can render its victims chronically ill for the remainder of their lives.

From an article in the Journal of Medical Etymology, July 2014, I quote, the number of resident reported cases of Lyme disease was strongly correlated to deer density in the community. Reducing deer density to 5.1 deer per square kilometer resulted in a 76 percent reduction of tick abundance, 70 percent reduction in the entomological risk index and 80 percent reduction in resident reported cases of Lyme disease in the community, unquote. Surveys conducted in at least one South Hills township indicate deer population densities at least four fold greater than this figure.

Deer are primarily leaf eaters. Every day a white-tail consumes between five and six pounds of green plant material per 100 pounds of body weight. Each animal eats about a ton a year. While deer can subsist on practically any plant material in hard times of winter, they are most discriminating and voracious when their habitat is verdant. Our communities with abundant rain fall, lush growth, especially of cultivated plantings, and the absence of predators, whether animal or human, make for an idyllic haven for these beasts.

And it's become virtually impossible to grow vegetables in a garden or nursery plants or trees in much of Allegheny County without heroic measures to defend one's efforts against these predators. And even barrier

fences or steel mesh are insufficient when the deer want what's on the other side.

Most municipalities are seemingly unwilling to curtail the species. Therefore, the propose webpage will be useful in empowering citizens with information on available options and measures they can take as a group to address this problem, either in concert with or independent from their municipalities. I've provided a copy of my statement to the Council including online reference links for the citations I've made. And I thank you for your consideration.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Gerald Schiller.

MR. SCHILLER: Gerald Schiller. I'm at Fayben Court in Penn Hills. Based on the ignorance and misinformation displayed at the recent Mount Lebanon deer culling efforts, I support the creation of the County website devoted to white-tail deer information.

I'm a lifelong resident of Penn Hills, which is Allegheny County's first and largest suburban community. And since that --- I believe I have an unique perspective on suburban deer. When I was born in 1938, actually in the same 1846 house I live in today, Penn Hills was mostly small farms and woods which one would think would be ideal habitat for deer. But it was extremely rare to see a deer in those days. It has only been within the last 35 to 40 years the deer have proliferated out of control in Penn Hills and all suburban communities.

Now, when I look out of my window at my half acre lot, it is not unusual to see six deer eating my vegetables in my garden, destroying my shrubs and fruit trees or grazing on my wife's Post Gazette prize-winning garden. Two years ago I had a deer crash into the side of my truck. Eleven (11) months ago I contracted Lyme disease. And more worrisome, two months ago my nine-year old grandson was diagnosed with Lyme disease. I support the resolution, but it does not go nearly far enough to address the exploding suburban deer problem. Left unchecked, deer population doubles --- doubles every two or three years because the deer can reproduce at one year of age and they have twins and triplets.

The resolution should propose a substantial fine on clueless people who feed deer or have salt licks to attract them to their neighborhoods. The resolution addresses the large deer/vehicle collisions, but inexplicably does not address the epidemic of Lyme disease

which was just published a week ago, or the fact that white-tail deer are the primary mode of transportation of deer (sic) of which 30 --- over 30 percent are infected with the Lyme disease bacteria.

I'm skeptical about giving --- about getting unbiased information from the Pennsylvania Deer Commission. White-tail deer are their primary economic reasons for the Game Commission's existence. I've read their website and they downplay the role white-tail deer play in Lyme disease.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Try to wrap it up real quick.

MR. SCHILLER: Excuse me?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The lights going on. Try to wrap it up real quick. No, you can't. You're supposed to be finished. Wrap it up.

MR. SCHILLER: I didn't hear you. Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. Go ahead. You have a couple of more seconds, if you want. Can you wrap it up real quick?

MR. SCHILLER: Well, the resolution is correct that it states the Game Commission is the ultimate control of wildlife in Pennsylvania. What I do not understand is why then do they not have the ultimate responsibility for the property and health damage that these deer they're supposed to control are responsible for? Why are local communities responsible for picking up the road kill or the tens of thousands of dollars it costs for local culling programs?

I think the Game Commission should bear that expense.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. SCHILLER: We need a, what, stand your ground law or castle doctrine regarding suburban deer. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Presentation of Appointments. 8990-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Mary Amoroso to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization, South Park, for a term to expire on June 16th, 2017. Sponsored by Council Member Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Move for approval.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there a second?

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. 9002-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Mona Generett to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board, CCAC Board, for a term to expire on April 23rd, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Committee on Appointment Review. 9003-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Chester Babst 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: That'll go the Appointment Review Committee. 9004-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Keith Kaufold to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31st, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go the Committee of Appointment Review. 9005-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Deborah Lange to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Conservation District Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go the Committee on Reappointment Review. 9006-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Thomas Sray to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Conservation District Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Committee on Appointment Review. 9007-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Janet Craig to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go the Committee on Appointment Review. 9008-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Anthony Saveikis to serve as a member of the Agricultural

Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Unfinished Business.

MR. CATANESE: Do you want to put that in Committee?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Appointment Review. We'll go to 8732-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an extension of an agreement with the North Hills Eagle Squadron for the operation and management of the Model Aircraft Field located in North Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules or ---?

MR. FINNETY: It's Futules.

MR. FUTULES: That would be me. Thanks. The Committee meeting --- the Committee met last weekend. It left with a full recommendation for the Council. I make a motion to approve.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

MR. FINNETY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. Under remarks? Go ahead, Mr. Finnerty.

MR. FINNETY: The amount was missing on this. I believe everyone should have got an e-mail in regard to this, that they're paying \$200 a year and it's two years.

MR. FUTULES: A two-year contract.

MR. FINNETY: Okay. A two-year contract. So I just want to make sure that everybody knows that. Okay?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. FINNETY: That's all.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Under remarks? Go ahead, Sue.

MS. MEANS: I did appreciate the e-mail that we got from Director Baechle stating in his e-mail that it was two years and \$200. We're trying to put the amount and the time for the lease in our ordinances, so I would like to request that it would be possible for Mr. Baechle to come to the microphone and to restate those facts for the record. It would improve my comfort level.

MR. FINNETY: That's fine with me. I guess you don't believe me.

MS. MEANS: Well, it isn't that I don't believe Mr. Finnerty. It's that, Mr. Finnerty, I don't believe,

has read the agreement, but Mr. Baechle has. So that is why I would like that to happen for the record.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: He's here. Come on up

MR. BAECHLE: The proposed agreement extension is for two years beginning November 1st, 2014 and expires on October 31st, 2016. North Hill Eagle Squadron will pay \$200 per year.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We'll have a roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: 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: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8947-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the continued use of (sic) Harrison Township of a parcel of Allegheny County-owned land in Harrison Hills Park as a leaf composting area. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. FUTULES: This ordinance was also discussed in the meeting, and it also has affirmative recommendation by the Committee and I make a motion to approve.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll take the roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: 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: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8948-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the continued use of the McConnell farmhouse located on (sic) White Oak Park, collectively known as Angora Gardens, by Mon-Yough Community Services, Inc., and used for training of clients and for providing interpretive education programs for visitors. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Nick?

MR. FUTULES: Yes. This was also discussed in the Committee and it left with affirmative recommendation. I make a motion to approve.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll take the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: 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: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8958-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the continued use of the County's South Park BMX Track facilities owned by the County and to be operated and maintained by the South Park BMX, Inc. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. FUTULES: This was also discussed in the Committee and we also voted for an affirmative recommendation. I make a motion to approve.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll take the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: 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: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. 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?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison reports. Go ahead, Mr. Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to commend the City Parks folks for their wonderful race that they have every year out at Schenley Park, the Greenfield Glide. I think I ran my 30th one. It was the 33rd edition. I ran my 30th one. I started when I was nine, though. But I just wanted to --- it's a wonderful morning up there. And a great course. And people every year just do a wonderful job of making the runners comfortable and Schenley Park is just one beautiful park. It really is. And even down at the bottom of the hill where we have to run all the way down under the bridge, it's even pretty down there, too. So I just wanted to thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to make sure I remember that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anyone else? Go ahead.

MR. KRESS: Yeah, just to get a real quick in --- they're having this job fair. It's a Shale Energy Local Workforce Development Information Career Fair. This will be held again on Thursday, June 18th, at the Galleria at the Pittsburgh Mills. And that's from 2:00 to 7:00. And the companies are going to be up there. We're going to have like building trades, IBW Operating Engineers, the Carpenters, Huntley and Huntley, you know, Gateway Engineers. So it's white-collar, blue-collar. I just think it's a great thing. And again, this is what I fought for, local jobs for the local people here. And I really exhort people to come here. I mean, I really think this is a great thing. Encourage people to go to this fair, if you can. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We'll go on to New Business Ordinances and Resolutions. 9009-15.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Section 1007.11 of the County Administrative Code, codified in Chapter 5 of the County Code of Ordinances as Article 1007.11, to provide for an exclusion from the residency requirement for County employment for healthcare personnel at the Allegheny County Jail. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm going to put that with the Health and Human Services Committee. 9010-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny County amending the 2015 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'll go with the Committee on Budget Finance. 9011-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2015 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go Budget/Finance Committee. 9012-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution ratifying certain year-end transfers pursuant to Section 805.03 of the Administrative Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Budget and Finance Committee. New Business and Motions. 9013-15.

MR. CATANESE: Authorizing the Council of Allegheny to conduct a public hearing regarding the County Jail pursuant to Article II.G of the Rules of Allegheny County Council on June 24th, 2015, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Allegheny County Courthouse Gold Room, located at 436 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, PA. Sponsored by Council member Heidelbaugh.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let me say one thing first. I think most people know this, but under the Rules of Council, the power of the Council President --- one of his functions is to schedule all public hearings of Council and to preside at such meetings. It also states on page nine of the Rules of Council, the President shall preside over the hearing or appoint a presiding officer. I've already scheduled a meeting on the day before this and we're going to try to do this here. I'm going to leave it up to the people. But that would mean we'd have to get another stenographer paid. That would mean we'd have to pay for another --- articles that go into the paper and other things that we're doing the day before. We've never, ever done anything like this. But Heather, if you want to speak up, go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. As you said earlier to the County Executive, you received hundreds of requests to hold a public hearing. Those requests went unanswered. The members of the community wanting this public hearing are coming to County Council and asking someone here to please hold a public hearing. So I agreed to do that. I've prepared the legislation. A member of the staff called the administration and asked to reserve

the Gold Room. And after that occurred, you then agreed to hold a public hearing a day before. So it's not about me. It's not about me running the public hearing. The people got what they wanted. And I was just glad to be a part of the prodding to get you to do what you did. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, first of all, Heather, you're not correct. I talked to one of the girls that started this, okay, and I told her we're going to be holding a public hearing. Naturally, I didn't answer every one of these 200 letters, but I did talk to a couple of people and told them I would. On June the 4th, I was at the Jail Oversight Board Committee which you come in a little --- a few minutes late. And I think you heard the announcement. I made a public announcement. I am holding a public hearing. And the girl that started this thanked me. So I didn't know about you until afterwards. I seen you on the news afterwards. Not before you, afterwards. So that's it. I'm not going to go any further with this thing with you. And I'm not going to debate it.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You're not going to allow me to record ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You said I was incorrect.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, you are incorrect. If you want to go ahead one more time, go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. Julia Johnson, who was here earlier, indicated to me that she had --- was so frustrated because you, you know, wouldn't hold this hearing. She was very thankful. She said it on the radio. She said it in the newspapers. She said on TV. But it's not about me, Johnny. I'm just glad that the people who are concerned about the issues at the jail are going to get the hearing, and the fact that you're doing it a day earlier than I had scheduled, so much the better. So good for you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. And look, if you want to come and speak and say what you have to say to do this, that's fine. And if you want to ask Jared and them ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm not going to come and speak. I'm going to be up here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Of course.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Everyone is welcome to come up here. I'm not going to beat it to death. I'll let it go as that. Let's go on with ---.

MR. CATANESE: Wait.

MR. FINNERTY: There was no second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: There was nothing.

MR. FINNERTY: No motion.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No. No. No. I had a second.

MR. ROBINSON: Second.

MR. FINNERTY: I didn't hear a motion.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Excuse me. This is a motion. You wanted to speak. I have a motion. I had a second.

MR. ROBINSON: Yes. Second.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. Mr. Robinson seconded it, so ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. So in other words, we'll go along with it. I don't think that happened, but we'll go along with it. So in other words, we're going to hold the meeting on the 23rd and we're going back an identical meeting on the 24th. Is that what you're saying?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: This has to go to committee; right?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: There's no committee. You know, we're going to decide on what we're doing here. We're going to decide ---. Look, first of all, let me explain something. We could even ask the solicitor. If we do hold the second meeting, it's up to me. I preside at the meeting. The President presides at the meeting and that's on page nine. It says the President shall preside over the hearing or appoint a presiding officer.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Mr. DeFazio, I'm not interested in having two hearings.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So I introduced this. There was a second. You're saying you're going to hold the meeting on the 23rd; is that right?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And you promise to the people to do that?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. Then you'll hold the meeting and the 24th won't go forward. I'm just glad you're doing that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. That's good.
All right.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'll withdraw it.

MR. CAMBEST: You need to withdraw the motion.
You need to withdraw.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: It's still on the floor.
She said she don't --- okay. There's a motion on the
floor.

MR. CAMBEST: We're going to have to vote on the
motion. The motion is improper. You're correct. You
appoint the presiding officer or designate so you'll need
a motion to amend this and strike paragraph one, two ---
three.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Amanda?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I
have a question about the procedure because this ---
different for me. My understanding has been, for the past
seven and a half years I've been on Council, is when ---
because I've done the motions myself, is when the name is
in there, that if everybody agrees for that person to be
the presiding officer, then that's the presiding officer.
And I've never seen a situation where the motion for a
public hearing has not been proper because a name has been
inserted in there.

MR. CAMBEST: The subparagraph form ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Can I ---?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I mean, I'm just talking
about a practice which I know we follow sometimes, too.

MR. CAMBEST: I don't know. I can't recall. I
mean, obviously, if they've done that and whether or not
the president has said, okay. Sometimes if you're the
head of the committee of which the public hearing is being
held, the President has designated ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I have a right to appoint.

MR. CAMBEST: --- the committee chair to be ---
preside over the meeting.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: But does that occur before
the motion because I've never done that before the motion.
Nor have I seen it done on the floor. I'm just asking.

MR. CAMBEST: Generally, it's done at the time
of the motion.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Right, at the time of the
motion that we vote on it on the floor.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Right.

MR. CAMBEST: Yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: If I could interject here?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: Just to recall your memory on this, you said --- you actually put up two motions for public hearing, if you remember. The first one, you did not state who was ---.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Is he directing his comments towards me?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You're supposed to talk to the Chair.

MR. FINNERTY: I'm talking to the Chair. All right. Amanda Green put up two motions to have a public hearing. The first one was fine, I believe. The second one I challenged because she put her name in it. And I said at that time that we shouldn't let this happen, not because I didn't want her to Chair it, because it would be brought up again and someone would have tried to say it's a precedent.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. That's not right.

MR. FINNERTY: But what you did is you said, well, we'll let it go because I'm going to make her the Chairman.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Let me say one thing as far as rules go.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: If you do something that's against the rules, okay, it's one thing. But language supersedes any practice anyhow so ---. The language states I preside at the hearings, but I appointed her, so that was proper. I appointed her.

MR. FINNERTY: Right.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Right. Okay. Now, ---.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I'm still confused a little bit.

MR. FINNERTY: What?

MR. FUTULES: Are we going to comment on this?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, which we're doing now. Go ahead.

MR. FUTULES: May I be recognized? Okay. The way I see it, we're going to vote on this motion. So I want to be very clear that I'm not against having a meeting, but I'm going to vote against this motion because we're already doing one. And so I just want to make it clear why I'm going to vote no.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. You want ---. Go ahead.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: This is a strange situation. We have two --- we're going to have two public hearings, it looks like. I don't know what transpired between Mr. --- the Council President and Councilwoman Heidelbaugh with regards to the timing of the meetings and who said what and when. But I did tell constituents who approached me about being on a motion for a public hearing that I would have no problem adding my name to it, which is why my name is here. And I'm going to have to struggle to vote no against something I told the constituents that I would do. And so there you have it. Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Let's ---. Sue?

MS. MEANS: And I also committed to help with this meeting and my name is on the ordinance as well. And I'm just really perplexed as how Heather set something up and you're kind of like, oh, I'm the ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. No. No. No.

MR. FINNERTY: He's the president.

MS. MEANS: Okay. Here's another question.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wait a minute, Sue. Let's wait a minute, Sue. The president sets the meetings for public hearings unless I appoint someone else to do it. Second of all, I didn't know about her until after I announced it at the June 4th meeting of the Jail Oversight Board. I seen her say she's going to have one whether we have one or not. That's what she said. She said, I'm going to hold the meeting whether they hold one or not. But you can vote or do what you want. I just want you to know what happened. Okay? And if you have things to say or do, you can say it Tuesday rather than Wednesday. But if you have to have a meeting on Wednesday, that's going to be two meetings of the same thing. And I would be chairing the meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday. But it's up to you.

MS. MEANS: I'd just like to ask a question. So if a person --- a member of Council wants to hold a public hearing, we have to have an ordinance; correct? But the President of Council does not need an ordinance to hold a public hearing?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let me have our Solicitor ---.

MR. FINNERTY: It's not an ordinance. It's a motion.

MS. MEANS: Well, a motion. But I mean, if I have to make a motion, the president does not have to make a motion because we only have one motion in front of us for one public hearing. That's what I'm just curious about.

MR. CAMBEST: Generally, what has always occurred and what occurs in most governing bodies, is the President with a majority of Council and usually you have a discussion and everybody agrees or disagrees.

MS. MEANS: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. CAMBEST: And we have a motion to have a public hearing and the President appoints whoever is going to chair it, either himself or somebody else. So now we have a request for a second hearing after we had a discussion and a request for a hearing on the 23rd. If you want to have a second ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Let's ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wait. Wait. Heather.

MR. CAMBEST: If you want to have a second hearing, that's fine. All I'm saying is a portion of this motion is out of order. You should amend it. You should take out the third paragraph, and if you vote, a majority of the seated members vote to have another hearing on the 24th, then the President gets to vote whether he's going to preside or appoint a designation, not Ms. Heidelbaugh. That's all I'm saying. The member of Council who wants to have the public hearing does not have the authority to appoint themselves or anybody else to preside over the meeting. That's all.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Look, Heather, I know you want to debate this, but technically, after I give me --- decision, then you have the solicitor give it, we can't keep debating this. It's a dead issue at this point. Okay. We either have to take the vote ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Let's just vote.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. Right. I thought you wanted to talk. Let's vote.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You interrupted Sue.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Point of order.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Who got the point?

MR. CAMBEST: Mr. Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: And forgive me because, you know, some people on the phone their mics are going in and out. I just want to know exactly what I'm voting for here

because I hear bits and pieces of it, but I couldn't get it all.

MR. CAMBEST: Mr. Ellenbogen, the motion is to hold a public hearing on the jail situation on June 24, 2015. There's a procedure. They're going to have it at 5:00 o'clock at --- the council meeting. There's nothing wrong with the procedure and the motion. There is a section of the motion that indicates upon passage of the motion, Council Member Heather Heidelbaugh, as sponsor of the motion is hereby designated to preside over the hearing. Passage of the motion authorizes the appropriate steps to be taken to provide for security for the public hearing and provide for transcription of testimony by Sargent's Court Reporting. There's nothing wrong with the second part.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: This would be in addition to the hearing the day before?

MR. CAMBEST: No. There is a hearing already scheduled for June 23rd.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: That's what I'm saying. So in other words, this would be an additional hearing on the same subject matter to the same hearing on the 23rd?

MR. CAMBEST: That's correct.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay. I got it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rae?

MS. RAE: I just wanted to say, as President of Council, you're also on the Jail Oversight Board; correct? So you have a lot of knowledge about what goes on and you want to chair a meeting on the 23rd. And we're debating is it you or me or who's important, who isn't important, I think we need to all take that into consideration, the position you hold on the Jail Oversight Board. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's ---. Go ahead.

MS. KLEIN: I would like to thank President DeFazio and Councilwoman Heidelbaugh for bringing this issue forward, and it's very important that we're holding this hearing so I'm very appreciative that it's happening. But I don't feel like we need two meetings. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's take the vote. We're voting on Heather's 24th meeting.

MR. CAMBEST: Do we have a motion to take out the third paragraph? It's an improper motion.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Can I make a comment before we vote?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: The only thing I want to say is, first of all, I think if you weren't holding this yourself, I would think you would put it in Public Safety. Being that you want to hold it yourself, you know, you're the President. You know, I yield to that. But the only reason I can't vote for this is I can't vote for something that's going to cause us to spend more funds for the same thing. I just don't think it's prudent. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Let's take the vote.

MR. CAMBEST: We need a motion. Do we have a motion to amend the motion?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, there's --- she just has a regular motion.

MR. CAMBEST: Well, what I'm saying is ---.

MR. FINNERTY: You can't vote.

MR. CAMBEST: You have to have a proper motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I understand that. You don't have to tell me. I understand exactly what you're saying.

MR. CAMBEST: All right.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's going to be null and void.

MR. CAMBEST: If you vote it down, it's null and void. There's no question about that.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Send it to committee.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: No.

MR. CATANESE: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: No.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?
MS. RAE: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.
MR. CATANESE: Yeses, 4; nos, 11. It fails.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9014-15.

MR. CATANESE: Authorizing the posting of a dedicated webpage within the County Council's website to give general information regarding the white-tailed deer and potential solutions to problems associated with the over-population of white-tailed deer in local communities. Sponsored by Council member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go the Committee on Parks.

MS. MEANS: On Parks?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. MEANS: May I say a few words?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, what do you have to say?

MS. MEANS: Is my legislation --- often you allow the key sponsor of the legislation to speak about it so ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, it's going into ---? Do you have something brief to say before we put it in Parks? Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: Yes. I just wanted to point out that in your packet of new business, I do have a sample of the information that would be going on a dedicated website, the web page, if you'd like to read it over. I just --- and there's some general statements that there's over population and perceived problems associated with concentrations of white-tail deer in our communities. And it's a topic of concern for many citizens in Allegheny County. And I made an effort to reach out to the Game Commission and gather a lot of information. We're not telling anyone what to do. We're just making it easier for them to find information and make informed decisions. And we have 130 different municipalities and every municipality is different and unique. And many people

find the Game Commission website to be overwhelming and this is just to help people. And I appreciate it. Thank you very much.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Can I ask, where did you send this bill?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I can't hear.

MS. MEANS: Parks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Parks.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: You know, I would ask you, you know, ticks are a public safety issue. And people wrecking into deer are a public safety issue. I would ask if you would reassign that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Look, Nick, you don't have a ---.

MR. FUTULES: I have no problem with it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We'll assign it to Public Safety.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you. I wouldn't mind co-chairing it with Nick. I don't have a problem with that, but I do think there are some serious public safety issues involved here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's fine. Okay. 9015-15.

MR. CATANESE: Motion expressing the Sense of the Council of Allegheny County strongly urging the Allegheny County Parks Department, the North Park Friends of the Park, and the Allegheny County Parks Foundation to work cooperatively with the Pittsburgh Zoo, the PPG Aquarium and the National Aviary in order to expand programming at the Latodami Nature Center in North Park, and to create a long range plan for the future development and expansion of the Latodami Nature Center. Sponsored by Council members Kress and Rae.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Parks Committee unless someone else changes it.

MR. KRESS: Mr. President, may I address this?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's go to 90 ---.

MR. KRESS: Mr. President, I just wanted to say a couple of words.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. KRESS: Yeah. I just want --- like real quick. This legislation really is just going to address like our nature center in having a vision. I've been up

to the nature center. I think it's Latodami. I'm not sure.

MR. CATANESE: Latodami.

MR. KRESS: I'm sorry about the name.

MR. CATANESE: That's okay. It's Latodami.

MR. KRESS: But you know, what can we do create a vision, a plan, and also how can we expand programming? So I'm looking forward to conversation on this. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 9016-15.

MR. CATANESE: Motion expressing the Sense of Council of Allegheny County strongly urging the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, UPMC, not to pursue an appeal of the recent ruling of Commonwealth Court President Judge Pellegrini due to the potential deleterious effects that such an appeal could inflict upon more than 182,000 senior citizens who reside in and around Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council members Kress and DeFazio.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to say something?

MR. KRESS: Sure. I also --- first of all, I'd like to say this stems from a Consent Decree that Highmark and UPMC both submitted on July 1st of 2014. This was worked out with the Commonwealth and the Attorney General. Under the Consent Decree, UPMC basically stated they would leave out vulnerable citizens alone, that is, the senior citizens of this county and of this area. Unfortunately, UPMC took it upon themselves to threaten, to deny access to 182,000 senior citizens who had Highmark, Medicare Advantage Programs. And so the Attorney General and the Governor, they took action. They filed something in court over in Federal --- actually in Court, Commonwealth Court with Judge Pellegrini. And Commonwealth Court President Judge Daniel Pellegrini ruled on May 27th that they were --- had to abide by the Consent Decree and that UPMC could not deny 182,000 Medicare senior citizens at Highmark Insurance access to their facilities and to their physicians.

But however, UPMC has stated that they want to appeal this. And I'm asking UPMC to provide clarity to our seniors and quite the threatening them and say, look, you're going to have access because the Medicare enrollment period is going to occur as October 15th. And I want to make sure our seniors in this area are clear as

to their choices in regards to health care. And that UPMC should quit threatening and holding this over them like the Sword of Damocles their access to UPMC facilities.

So I'm asking this Council body to ask UPMC to drop their appeal. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to make a motion?

MR. KRESS: Yes. I'd like to make a motion asking UPMC to drop their appeal in regards to access to 182,000 senior citizens that have Highmark Medicare Insurance.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Go ahead, Sue.

MR. FINNERTY: We sent that to Committee; didn't we?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, he put it as a motion. Someone seconded it. I think Sue was first. Hold it. Go ahead, Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: So do we --- just for point of clarity, do we have to vote to waive the second --- with a motion we can vote on it this evening; is that correct? We can vote this evening?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Technically. You can vote on it if you want.

MS. MEANS: Okay. I was under the impression that they already filed the appeal so we're --- so I'm not sure where we go with that. If they've already filed the appeal and we're asking them not to file an appeal and they've already done that ---. But I would like to say that I am --- I mean, it's terrible. The UPMC and Highmark, the war, the poor citizens are caught in the crossfire. It's a terrible situation, and people --- if you don't have access to healthcare, and --- I think it's a detriment to your freedom. I really, truly do. And if we want to be free, we have to be brave. And so what I would like to see as a brave move of Council is this huge mega-hospital --- I mean, UPMC is an international corporation. They have a --- they're building a hospital in China and France and Italy. And what would get their attention is if we would use the Administrative Code Five, Article 210, and we would actually have a partial review of each one of their properties in the County and say, hey, this is not a nonprofit. This is and this isn't and --- because this is the only County in the state that

they're waging this war. It's our citizens. Our citizens are being held hostage because of this war. So I say, let's have a partial review --- parcel review and see if they're really qualified for all their buildings and establishments to be nonprofit. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Is there any other comment? She was next. Representative Heidelbaugh.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: The motion, 9016-15, says expressing the Sense of Council not to pursue an appeal. Mr. Kress said today to drop an appeal. So the motion I have in front of me is not to pursue an appeal. When this was filed the Notice of Appeal had already been filed in the Supreme Court on June 1st and was docketed on June 2nd. I've checked the docket myself. Any lawyer with the capability to look on a docket would certainly have known that the appeal had already been filed, so this is actually moot.

MR. KRESS: I'll have to ---. Can I say something? Pursuing and withdraw, it doesn't matter. We're actually not to pursue it. And Mr. Cambest, if you can add in on this, but basically, we're asking them to basically not to pursue. Whatever, you know, how you want to define pursue and it can mean, hey, just withdraw it. Withdraw the appeal at any time. I don't know what your interpretation of this motion, but I'd like to hear what you have to say. Thank you.

MR. CAMBEST: Acceptable interpretation.

MR. KRESS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I do agree with you, Councilwoman Means, in regard that really, it should be a right of every U.S. citizen to have health insurance. Without a doubt, that should be. There's only one way that's going to happen, and that's for our Congress and our Senate to pass Single Payer so that is like Medicare. That's what needs to be --- happen here. We wouldn't have these fights at all if that was the way it was. I mean, we've seen that if we look at Medicare and it works. And we have other countries that have Single Payer and it works. I think there's only one thing holding us up from Single Payer, and it is a bunch of money that's being thrown around and preventing that from --- vote from happening.

To me, as an American citizen, every time I think about it, it drives me right up the wall because we don't have that. We have some affordable Health Care Act that has been formed --- and I'm glad we have it. But it has been formed and influenced by the companies that make it very difficult for people. And I think the answer to that is Single Payer. And the answer to that is we all should have healthcare insurance so that we don't have to worry about moving from one job to another. We don't have to worry about can I go the hospital? I mean, these are things that are very important to everyone. And I think that we should think about that. I mean, it's something that I hope before my lifetime is over, that the people in the United States finally have something like that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Are there any other comments? I guess we still have the motion on the floor.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We got a second. Do we want to try a voice vote or do you want to go ---? First of all, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? Okay. Well, then the ayes --- the ayes have it.

MR. FINNERTY: I have one other question.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: Exactly where are you sending this to?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We ain't sending it anywhere. It's passed.

MR. FINNERTY: That's it?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, no. Do you mean where are you ---?

MR. FINNERTY: Since it's at Council --- we're not going to submit that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. No. I thought you meant committee.

MR. FINNERTY: No. I mean, are we sending it to the Judge or are we sending it to ---?

MR. KRESS: We're sending it to UPMC. That's who it's directed to.

MR. FINNERTY: UPMC and ---. Okay.

MR. KRESS: Yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: I'm just asking.

MR. KRESS: No, that's fine.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. I haven't read the whole thing.

MR. KRESS: Well, okay, do we have a co-sponsorship then?

MR. PALMIERE: I'm for it, yes.

MR. KRESS: Okay. Since, I mean, since we didn't do a roll call. They're asking for --- John, Councilman Palmiere wanted to be a co-sponsor. I didn't know if I could add his name to this or not, so ---.

MR. FINNERTY: You can put my name, too.

MR. PALMIERE: Put my name, too, Joe.

MR. FUTULES: Me, too.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 9017-15.

MR. CATANESE: Summary of approved Executive Actions for all departments from 5-1-15 through 5-31-15 to be received and filed.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to make a motion?

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make that motion.

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. Public Comment ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Could I have about a moment to remind people that tomorrow we have a Budget and Finance meeting? And at the Budget and Finance Meeting, Judge Williams will be there. And he is the Chairman of the Jail Board, so we will be talking about that. So I just wanted to make sure everybody realizes that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. You got properly seconded. Under remarks, I don't see any, so all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Public Comment. I missed that. Is it Stormie Miramontez?

MR. FUTULES: Not here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is Stormie here?

MR. FUTULES: No.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: How about Lester Ludwig? He's here.

MR. LUDWIG: My name is Lester Ludwig. I live at 6589 Rosemoor Street, Squirrel Hill. I come before you this evening of what I consider to be something, that

although it's been voted by this Council as approved in terms of fracking, that there is still a very serious matter that results from --- Margaret Mead so long ago. Historically getting up at the U. N. and saying we have only one water. We don't have a U. S. water, a French water, et cetera. We have one water. And when we endanger it, we endanger ourselves and we endanger, as this article in the Post Gazette says, from Friday, June 12th, AMA blasts secret Shell records. We don't know what they're pumping into the ground that is then leaking into the water supply. And we're going forward as though we're immune. Well, we're not immune. There are statistics coming out that children are being born at a lower weight that endangers them in their lifetime because their parents are living too close to where fracking is occurring.

Now, we passed fracking. We worshiped the almighty dollar. We passed it here in this room. We passed it with the opposition of almost every single speaker who came to this pulpit, including myself. And I came as a professional in food as a food technologist. That wasn't good enough. Well, now, we've got the American Medical Association standing tall in the Post Gazette and I'm calling, frankly, myself --- my purpose in coming tonight is to call on every person who came before this body and saying to them it's time to get back down here and insist that we want to know what's in the fracking water. It's called no excuse, sir, stand and be counted.

Now, in another area of stand and be counted, Mr. Kress and I have been trying for many, many moons to find a way for Les Ludwig to participate in bringing in the bread. What are we talking about? We're talking about Chuck Dunham from the City, the Chairman saying that there's an eye. Saying that there's an \$250 million sitting out there, and Mr. Fitzgerald or the politics of the situation is saying no, we're not going to go forward with it. I offered a motion ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Ludwig.

MR. LUDWIG: --- a request for a contract.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Ludwig, try and wrap it up.

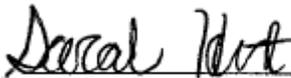
MR. LUDWIG: And it has yet to come to recognition at the Finance Committee or anywhere else. Go on, play your games.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Ludwig.
MR. LUDWIG: What you're doing is you're holding ---
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Ludwig, ---.
MR. LUDWIG: --- back progress ---.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Ludwig, your time is up. I said wrap it up. I give you a little extra time, but you're going on and on now.
MR. LUDWIG: That's fine. Thank you, Mr. President. I've wrapped it.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.
MR. LUDWIG: If you understand anything that I said, sir.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, I don't understand.
MR. LUDWIG: Good bye, now.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thank you.
MR. FUTULES: Make a motion to adjourn.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second?
(Chorus of seconds.)
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All those in favor signify by saying aye.
(Ayes Respond.)
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
Thank you very much.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

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