

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. DeFazio	-	President, Council-At-Large
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Heather S. Heidelbaugh	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Jan Rea	-	District 2
Edward Kress	-	District 3
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6 (Via Telephone)
Dr. Charles J. Martoni	-	District 8
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
William Russell Robinson	-	District 10
Terri Klein	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12

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IN ATTENDANCE:

William McKain	-	Allegheny County Manager
Joseph Catanese	-	Director of Constituent Services
Jared Barker	-	Director of Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski	-	Budget Director
Andrew Szefi	-	Allegheny County Solicitor
Jack Cambest	-	Allegheny County Council Solicitor
Rich Fitzgerald	-	County Executive
Jennifer Liptak	-	Chief of Staff of County Executive

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll come to order. Will you all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remain standing for silent prayer or refection. After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Moment of Silence Prayer or Reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 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?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ten (10) members currently present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Proclamation and Certificates. 9164-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring the life, memory and legacy of The Honorable Barbara Daly Danko and extending condolences to her family, friends and colleagues. Sponsored by Council Members Klein, Baker,

DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

MS. KLEIN: I just want to introduce George Danko and Steven, Barbara's son. And it is truly my honor and privilege to present this proclamation to you. As you know, she was my political mentor, but more importantly than that --- more importantly than that she was my friend.

WHEREAS, on May 6th, 2015 The Honorable Barbara Daly Danko beloved wife, mother and respected politician passed away from a cancer-related illness in her Regent Square home surrounded by family.

AND WHEREAS, a native of Washington D. C., Ms. Daly Danko earned a Bachelor's degree in economics from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, a Master's degree from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, and an accounting certificate from Robert Morris University.

AND WHEREAS, for decades, Ms. Daly Danko taught political science at the Community College of Allegheny County and the University of Pittsburgh where she mentored and inspire countless students.

AND WHEREAS, Ms. Daly Danko was a fixture in the Democratic Party in Pittsburgh's east end serving as a committee member and chair of the 14th Ward until 2011 when she was appointed to Allegheny County Council representing the 11th District. Ms. Daly Danko's name remained on the May 19th, 2015 primary election ballot and because of her community presence, independence and integrity, she was reelected in memoriam by the members of Allegheny County District 11.

AND WHEREAS, Ms. Daly Danko served on the Allegheny County Human Relations Commissions and the local government Academy Board of Directors. Ms. Daly Danko, a member of St. Ives Parish worked tirelessly and lovingly for the good of her family, friends and community supporting those in need, providing a clear, strong voice for the disenfranchised and working to secure a better housing or all.

AND WHEREAS, Ms. Daly Danko was an avid softball player, and on November 13th, 2015 at Frick Park, the Friends of Barbara Daly Danko hosted a picnic and softball game in memory of Barbara.

I'd just like to move from the script to tell people that in Barbara's memory over \$4,000 was raised for the Carnegie Library of Homewood and Homestead.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Council does hereby honor the life, memory and legacy of The Honorable Barbara Daly Danko, and we extend our condolences to Barbara's loving and supportive husband, George, and her beautiful children, Michael, Elizabeth, Steven and Joseph. On behalf of the people in Allegheny County, thank you, Barbara. We shall greatly miss you.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: I could hardly hear anybody. Why don't they talk into the microphone?

MS. KLEIN: George, would to say a few words?

MR. DANKO: After Barb's death, we really didn't understand the impact that she had in the state, in the city and in the county, but with all of the letters of condolences coming in and all of the remembrances that were done in her name, we realized what an impact and what an influence she did have. I'd like to thank all the members of County Council and Terri for issuing this proclamation. I know that Barb would appreciate that. And again, I thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Come on up for pictures.

(Pictures taken.)

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: okay. We're skipping over 9165-15. We're going down to 9166-15.

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

Proclamation congratulating Mr. Robert W. Herbert for his election and installation as the 115th Potentate/CEO of the Syria Shriners of Pittsburgh and recognizing the Shriners work in our community. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Baker, Macey, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and Klein.

MR. FINNERTY: Come up and join us Robert, Paige. The Shriners do a tremendous job of helping children that have burns and just different physical problems. And I'll let Robert explain everything to you. I'm just going to read the proclamation and I think maybe Tom wants to say a few words, also.

WHEREAS, Robert F. (sic) Herbert has been elected and installed as the 115th Potentate/CEO of Syria Shriners of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, an all voluntary fraternal organization of Master Masons.

AND WHEREAS, Shriners believe in God and that he created man to serve his purpose among which is to serve service to others, especially care for children who suffer from burns and crippling diseases. The 22 Shriner Hospitals for Children are world renowned for providing the highest quality care for children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special healthcare needs with a compassionate, family-centered and collaborative care environment. The Syria Shriners of Pittsburgh are financially responsible for the transportation of patients throughout an 11 county area to the specialty Shriner Hospitals in Erie, Philadelphia and Cincinnati, Ohio.

AND WHEREAS, Robert F. Herbert, has utilized his planning, organizational, managerial, financial and developmental skills and talents to lead the Syria Shriners into the future with innovative programs and policies to fulfill its mission,

AND WHEREAS, Robert F. Herbert has demonstrated his dedication to the belief that no man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child, by his long-time efforts toward fundraising and raising awareness of the needs of children.

AND WHEREAS, providing the highest quality of specialty, medical care for children in Allegheny County regardless of the family's ability to pay is greatly appreciated. And we thank Robert W. Herbert and the Syria Shriners for their contribution to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Allegheny County Council does hereby commend Robert F. (sic) Herbert of the Syria Shriners for his dedication to the children of Allegheny County and wish the organization many more successful years. And it's sponsored by myself and other members of Council on this, the 29th day of September, 2015.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Yeah. Before Mr. Herbert comes up and says a few words, I just want to congratulate you. I'm very proud that you live in Aleppo in District 1, and I've been very proud to be a member, a mason since '08 and a member --- a Shriner as well. So I'm just really proud

of you. Congratulations for all your amazing work and all the amazing work that you and all of our friends do to raise money and to help children, and to really help people throughout our county and throughout the region.

So thank you for all your service. I know it takes a lot of time and a lot of extra hours, tons and tons of hours, so thank you for all your service and all the amazing work that you do here in our community. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. HERBERT: Thank you. Good evening, everyone. First, let me thank the County Council for this recognition that they have bestowed upon me and our fabulous organization, Syria Shriners, here in Pittsburgh.

I brought with me my wife, Paige. She's the First Lady of Syria, and I'm their Potentate for 2015. And this is what we wear that designates us as Shriners. This is a fez, and a fez is a good thing. If you see this on a man, you know you can trust him because he's a Shriner.

What I'd like to say about our organization is we were founded in 1872, a membership organization consisting of master masons. The master masons in New York City decided that they needed to have more fun in their organization so they formed this organization known today as Shriners. And in Pittsburgh, we became the eighth temple to be formed in 1877, and we became known as the Syria Shriners. We have nothing to do with the Middle East. We just have a Middle Eastern theme in our fraternity, and mostly all of the fraternity temples have a name of a city or a country associated with the Middle East.

However, I would like to mention that in 1921, this organization of men looking to have fun as master masons determined that they would start what they now know as the world's greatest philanthropy, which is Shriners Hospitals for Children. We treat children with the types of conditions that were presented in this proclamation; children that are burned, children that are born with physical defects, children that have spinal injuries, cleft lip and palate restorations. And we do this at our 22 hospitals, 20 of which are in the United States --- one is in Mexico City and one is in Canada --- without requiring any payment from the families.

Our, what we call our roadrunner group, is our hospital transportation group that picks these children up from their residence with their parents or parent and transports them to three hospitals that we take our patients to. That is in Cincinnati for burns, that is in Erie, Pennsylvania for orthopedic conditions, and that is in Philadelphia for orthopedic, cleft lip and palate and spinal injury services. We do this without any care to any money.

We have treated not just from Syria in Pittsburgh, but within our entire organization, which is located in Tampa, Florida. Over a million children have been helped to improve the quality of their life through Shriners Hospitals for Children. And we thank everyone that helps support our endeavor by making contributions to our hospitals and to keep it strong and healthy because we do have the best service for these children that they can get. It is not because it's free. It is because it is the best service that they can receive because it is done right without the fear of insurance dictating how the services are performed.

So again, I thank you for the time, I thank you for the recognition, and it is with great pleasure that I stopped here tonight to receive this proclamation and honor.

(Applause.)

MR. HERBERT: Oh, my wife said I should tell you to operate our 22 hospitals system, we spend approximately \$2 million per day.

MR. BAKER: Thank you.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9167-16 and the rest of the Proclamations will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: Yeah. Let the record show that Councilman Martoni is present.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation honoring in memoriam Areta Kalogeras, dedicated, inspirational director of the North Hills High School Marching Band. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9168-15. Certificate of Recognition awarded to the 2015 North Hills Sports Hall of Fame inductees on September 10th, 2015. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9169-15. Proclamation recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the UPMC Urgent Care Montour Trail Half Marathon and 5K Run, and declaring Saturday, September

12th, 2015 to be Montour Trail Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9170-15. Proclamation honoring Father Donald C. Fisher, co-founder of the Focus On Renewal, for his 46 years of dedication to serving the Sto-Rox community. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

9171-15. Proclamation thanking the Allegheny County Association of School Retirees, along with the Pittsburgh Association of School Retirees, for hosting the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees 52nd Annual Convention at the Sheraton Pittsburgh at Station Square Hotel, October 4th through the 7th, 2015. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

9172-15. Certificate of Recognition presented to Ms. Alice Cleric upon the occasion of her 102nd birthday. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

9173-15. Proclamation congratulating the Churchill Volunteer Fire Company upon the occasion of its 75th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

9174-15. Proclamation congratulating the Jewish Healthcare Foundation upon the occasion of its 25th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Members Klein and Green Hawkins.

9175-15. Proclamation declaring Saturday, September 19th, 2015 to be Beat Cleveland at ALCOSAN's Open House Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9176-15. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph and Mathilda Benson upon the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9177-15. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. John and Marian Holleran upon the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9178-15. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Rosemary Blaha upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9179-15. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Arlene Funk upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9180-15. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Mary Shumber upon the occasion of

their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9181-15. Proclamation congratulating the Walsh Family and Bethel Bakery upon the occasion of its 60th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

9182-15. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ms. Jo Ann Lugar for earning the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteerism on August 16th, 2015 for her more than 4,000 hours of volunteer work for Animal Friends. Sponsored by Council member Means.

9183-15. Proclamation congratulating Pastor Dr. Jack C. Stepp upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of dedicated service to the South Hills Assembly of God. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

9184-15. Proclamation congratulating the 2015 American Red Cross of Southwestern Pennsylvania Heroes at the 7th Annual Heroes Breakfast on September 24th, 2015 at PNC Park. Sponsored by Council Members Means, Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. At this time, the Chief Executive will give his quarterly address.

MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. It's good to be here for my quarterly address and discussion with Council. I'll also be with you again next week when we do the budget address to bring --- present the comprehensive fiscal plan that we do every year at the first meeting in October.

Let me start with the economy which is what I normally do when we get here. Our unemployment rate in the region remains lower than the national average, lower than the state. We're at 5.2 percent through the latest figures. The national is 5.3 and the state is 5.4. And I think that's indicative also of a strong economy because two of our leading industries are certainly having a little bit of trouble right now. And it's no secret that the price of natural gas is very low, and there's been some cutbacks in that industry as well as the steel industry, both in carbon steel and stainless steel.

So years ago, obviously, when those things happened, it had much more of a devastating effect on our economy. I think the fact that our economy is much more diversified at this point with life sciences, with IT,

with eds and meds and a whole --- financial, et cetera, I think puts us in good stead.

Our commercial real estate remains strong. There's about a million square feet of new industrial space that's going to be coming online. Our occupancy rate is almost 90 percent, which is one of the highest in the country and continues to be very strong.

Our construction industry continues, again, to be very strong. We got about \$3 billion worth of new construction this year, about \$2 billion in commercial and industrial and about \$1 billion in residential. And we expect next year, that to be very similar as we see what's on the books.

Our western Pennsylvania contractors have added over 3,000 workers to their payrolls in the trades last year, and housing stocks have been higher than they've been in the last few years. So things are going well there.

There's also over 6,500 hotel rooms that are being built or are in the pipeline right now which will bring our supply up over the 30,000 hotel room mark which puts us in good position to be able to compete for things like a Super Bowl and national conventions and the like. So that continues to be good.

In your communities, there's a spate of all these stores that are opening as --- they purchased the Bottom Dollars franchise, and what we see is that they're going into places that didn't have grocery stores before, filling some of the food deserts. I was at a --- last week in Councilman's Macey's district in McKeesport where they opened one, and I know that there was an area there that didn't have access to some of the fresh fruits that they've had. Carnegie, Baldwin, Ross, Garfield are on the pipeline as well --- Penn Hills and Homestead. So again, we see that as a sign that they view what's happening in our economy, that they're making investments. We're not putting any tax dollars into that. There's no TIFs. There's no LERTAs. They're doing that, you know, all on their own in a private market.

Our tourism industry had a good year and a good summer. The Barbershop Quartet was here. We had the VFW. We had the FOP, CCAP's annual conference and the Bridge conference were here, all big conferences that brought a lot of folks here this summer. And it was very positive.

Our film office continues to do well. We've got a number of films that are being filmed here --- The Outsiders, Love the Coopers, Concussion, and a number of others. And some also that are looking here, and we're in the running for, so I think that'll continue to be --- continue to do well.

Calgon Carbon recently opened their new world headquarters out in Moon Township which was very positive. And you probably saw that just last week Kennametal made a decision that they would be moving their world headquarters to Pittsburgh. Kennametal is a regional company, and it was with mixed emotions that we talk about that because Latrobe --- they've been in Latrobe for, I think, almost 80 years. They made a decision, if you read their press release, that they wanted a place where their employees wanted to live, and the city seems to be where young people want to be right now. They wanted to be near the universities and they wanted to have more access to the airport.

Again, it's kind of a wave of things to come. We're hearing this from a lot of companies that want to locate near our universities, near the urban core, and that's, you know, something that's positive for the region and things we'll continue to work on moving forward.

We also have some housing issues that we're dealing with, the opening up --- the Orchard Park Duquesne issue in Mr. Macey's district, we cut a ribbon on a couple of weeks ago. That was very positive. Yesterday, in Wilkinsburg we did Falconhurst. That project is beginning in Mr. Robinson's district. Again, we're trying to make sure that we have enough housing in some of our communities to provide affordable housing which is becoming a challenge in this region as property values continue to go up. Obviously, property values going up is something we're very happy with and very positive, but we've got to make sure that folks are taken care of.

Talk a little bit about our parks system this summer. As you know, the Ranger Program which you supported in last year's budget was up and running this year, and I got to tell you that the response has been extremely positive. The individuals that were doing the work from the Student Conservation Association which was helped, funded by R. K. Mellon and our foundation community was extremely helpful. They had over 5,000 contacts that happened with over 70 programs being done

this year. They've been to a lot of community events outside of our parks promoting our parks with --- if you've seen them with the pelts and the skulls, kids seem to love it. It draws folks over to their booth, and they get to talk about some of the great things that are happening in our parks.

Our summer concert series --- had over 175,000 people show up to both Hartwood Acres and South Park. It was a 13-percent increase over last year. That's particularly notable if you recall how difficult the rainy season was in June and early July, and many of those concerts were certainly impacted by that. But even with that, the summer concert series was extremely successful. So I want to thank Mr. Beckley and Mr. Deese (phonetic) and the good work that they did in putting that on. So it was some good things that happened.

We had over 17 events this summer and over 400 attendees coming through, and it was good. We had a good year with golf courses and pools, and we did numerous improvements throughout the summer, the two biggest ones being the South Park fairgrounds --- I know Councilman (sic) Means was out there when we cut the ribbon on that one this summer. And then the North Park Trail --- I know Councilman Kress was out there and Councilwoman Rea when we did that, the North Park Lake Trail, very popular for folks in that part of the county.

The Live Well continues to do well. I see Director Hacker is here tonight. We continue to add more and more communities who are joining the Live Well program which is, you know, really a common sense thing with diet and exercise and kind of learning about, you know, things that can help you be more healthy, your children, your families, et cetera. And you know, we continue to expand that, and I know some of the members --- I remember Councilman Baker was at one of our ones. I think it was at North Fayette last year.

MR. BAKER: Sure.

MR. FITZGERALD: We walked the trail together. I think it was a good thing, and we continue to do that.

Public Works, we did about \$26 million worth of bridges, \$16 million worth of roads this summer. I know we heard from an awful lot of you, and I'm going to talk about the \$5 fee that we're bringing to you tonight. And we'll talk about that in a little more detail. But you know the Act 89 money that we got from the state --- of

which the \$5 fee is actually part of that --- you know, was very helpful. And I know probably a lot of folks if they drive around and get stuck in the detours get frustrated. We all do, but that's the projects that are moving forward, and we're trying to do as many of them as we can. And catching up on some deferred maintenance that has occurred.

We also had the purchase this year of the milling machine, the Public Works did. We had been renting that machine for a number of years from another vendor. We thought buying and owning it ourselves would be not only cost effective, but give us a little more control and a little more ability to do more work, and it proved to be the case. We did about 50-percent more milling this year than we really anticipated. So that really helped us, and I want to praise Director Shanley and the County Manager for their work in making sure that that happened. But we got work in Ross, in Hampton, Greentree, West Mifflin, Mount Oliver, Munhall, Sewickley, Collier, Elizabeth, West Deer, Frazier, Indiana, East Deer, Findlay, Fox Chapel, Monroeville, the City of Pittsburgh, Bethel Park, White Oak, Edgeworth, Kennedy, Pleasant Hills, Sewickley, Rankin, Whitehall, Brentwood, Jefferson Hills, Wilkinsburg and Neville. So they've been all over and really did a terrific job.

Let me talk about the \$5 fee because I know we brought that to you tonight, and I know I've had some of this discussion with some of you. If you recall, I guess it goes back to about four years ago when the State started debating and talking about how to fund transportation which ultimately became Act 89. We were certainly concerned, at the time probably more so on the transit side --- we were looking at some transit cuts --- but the state also was realizing that they were well behind on roads and bridges. And the question was how were they going to pay for it. And they went through a whole lot of plans and a lot of proposals to do that. One of the plans that the State came up with was to increase the registration fee. The registration fee for a vehicle is \$36. It's been \$36 since 1997. The plan for the State was to raise that to \$52, to go from \$36 to \$52. Ultimately, what they decided to do was allow counties to control their own destiny, and enact a \$5 fee. So my proposal tonight, not tonight, but putting it on the

agenda tonight for you to consider is to go from \$36 to \$41.

And again, let me put this a little bit in perspective. \$36 in 1997, if you adjusted that for inflation, next year, it would actually be \$57. And again, we're going with the \$41. So it's much less than inflation. Delaware recently went to \$40. Maryland recently went to \$75. New York went from \$26 up to \$70, and New Jersey went from \$36 to \$84, among others, that have done this with the Transportation Bill moving forward.

The other reason I think it's important for us to do this, not just withstanding the budget, but right now when we pay for roads and bridges that have to be paid for by property taxes. And I've been proud of the fact that all of us working together have only raised property tax one time in the last 14 years. I'd like to bring a budget next week, and we're working on it. And I can't say where we're at yet, but we'd like to do it 14 out of 15 years. I think it's been very beneficial for investment in this county. I think we've seen property values continue to go up. These are the other --- more than other places in the country, and I think holding the line on property taxes allows us to do that.

But also we need to understand that we, as a county, we own over 400 miles of county roads that we're responsible for taking care of. And that's about 800 lane miles that the Public Works Department has to take care of. Good engineering practices tell you that you should be doing them about every ten years. So that would be about 40 miles of road a year. We have been woefully under that for the last 15 to 20 years. We sometimes do 15 miles, sometimes we do 20 miles, but for the most part we're way under where we have been and where we need to be. So we got to play a little catch-up, a lot of catch-up, to make sure that we invest in safety and in our roads and in our infrastructure. And this \$5 fee, first of all, has to be dedicated to roads and bridges. It can't be used for any other items or in the general fund. So it is dedicated to that.

It also allows us to do our bridge programs which is a kind of a leverage that we get to use. And let me explain that. When we do a bridge, like we're going to do the Clemente Bridge or the Warhol Bridge or the Rachael Carson Bridge over the next few years, those bridges are

going to cost about \$20 million each. Our local match is only \$1 million to do that. We own a five percent match that we have to put in. So when we put the money from the \$5 fee into that program, we get a lot of leverage in state and federal dollars that not only fixes up our bridges, but obviously puts a lot of folks to work in repairing those bridges and making sure that they're in good condition and safe. So we can certainly have that discussion. I'll be glad to take questions on that as we move forward. And I know the Manager, as you go through the budget in the committee process, can get into more detail. But I wanted to at least put a highlight on why we're doing it, and why I think it's important that we do that.

The airport, we made an announcement last week that we added Toronto as a destination, to the Billy Bishop Airport, Porter Airlines, a new airport, a new airline coming in in place. Sun Air Express is adding another flight that they announced. It's going to be Hagerstown, Maryland. Allegiant is going to add a fourth destination in Orlando. Vacation Express also, in the Freeport, Grand Bahama Island. So we continue to see, adding ones and twos, airports. I know Councilwoman Rea has been really working hard with the new director, Christina Cassotis, and I think we're going to hopefully have some more announcements in the coming months as they continue to work and do that.

But we're now up to 52 destinations. Just a couple of years ago we were only at 36. So we're, you know, continuing to add destinations. It is a challenge in the environment in which the airports and airlines operate now, but we continue to do that.

A little bit about the Port Authority. We added four new --- not new service, but extensions to four existing routes during the September pick. That is O'Hara Township and RIDC Park, Penn State/McKeesport in McKeesport --- Penn State/Allegheny, excuse me. Baldwin added a little bit of added dimension to where they're going. And out in Robinson Township we were able to add more service onto the existing route that's out there.

And the Board continues to work on a fair policy dealing with our smart card and how to --- you know, how to use that in a more efficient way and allow us to reduce costs and make it more customer friendly. And they're continuing to do that.

The Mon Incline closed after Labor Day for reconstruction. It needed some maintenance work. And we're hoping to have it up, hopefully, by Light Up Night or at least right around that time.

So that pretty much --- oh, let me must touch real quickly on the jail. I know that's been a concern for many of us, and earlier this month the County took over the jail medical from Corizon. It was obviously well publicized in the decision we made back in May, that we weren't going to renew the contract once the end of August occurred. And I really want to praise --- the manager and the warden have really worked hard, not just in this month, but in leading up to this to get this in place. It is not an easy thing. It is a lot of work involved and a lot of challenges in putting employees and a population that has some health issues together. I want to thank Allegheny Health Network for also partnering with us. They've been very good to work with on this. And I think that's about it. So for that, I'll open it up for any questions you might have.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anyone? Sue, do you have --- Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: Hello, Mr. Fitzgerald. It's always nice to see you.

MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you, Councilwoman.

MS. MEANS: I was just wondering, I know you brought up the \$5 fee. And I know that's a part of the Act 89. And I was just --- I perceive that this money from --- that we get from Act 89 will --- it goes on and on; correct? And do you know exactly how much money we've already received from Act 89? For instance, I know that moving violations went from \$25 to \$150, so I was just wondering, you know, out of that pocket of money that's already been created, how much money has the County already received? Do you know?

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, I think where we've already received the money really is in the Port Authority. That was really the money. The Act 89 wasn't so much to give counties money for their roads, but to do state roads. Like I think some of the work you see on the Parkway and other PennDOT roads and other PennDOT initiatives, they have been able to fund. So this is allowing the local --- the \$5 fees allows for the locals to have some ability to fund things, fund road projects that are county road projects without using property tax.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. Rich, just about how much money do you think that the \$5 fee will bring in to help us with our roads and bridges?

MR. FITZGERALD: It should --- we have a --- I think there's about a little over 900,00 cars that are registered in Allegheny County so about \$4.5, \$4.6 --- between \$5.5 and \$5 million it should bring in.

MR. MACEY: You also mentioned about the growth in flights out of the International Airport. And there's always a few that bandy about the Arnold Palmer Airport and low fees and things of that nature. How we do compare, and what's the difference with the Arnold Palmer Airport in relationship to ours?

MR. FITZGERALD: It's a different kind of airport. It's more akin to maybe our county airport, even though they do have some commercial flights. But they only go to a few destinations. They don't have the --- it's not an international airport. It's not the type of airport that major cities have. So you don't have the level of security --- like TSA has a big operation at our airport they don't necessarily do at Arnold Palmer. So it's just --- it's tough to compare. You certainly don't get the level of service that --- or access that you would have at a large airport. Even though our large airport doesn't do what it did when we had a hub, you know, 10 or 12 years ago.

MR. MACEY: The Latrobe Airport, how is it underwritten or funded as compared to ours?

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, I think --- I think a lot of there --- are the fees that they do, but it is my understanding that they do use some of their general fund money from the county to fund some of the operations, which is not what we do here. Ours is strictly funded by fees, landing fees, gate fees, those types of things, parking concessions, concessions from the vendors, food vendors, food court, you know, retailers, that type of thing.

MR. MACEY: Okay. Thank you.

MR. FITZGERALD: Okay Go ahead, you were ---.

MS. KLEIN: Thank you. Have any other counties in the Commonwealth enacted the \$5 fee?

MR. FITZGERALD: Yeah, there's been a couple; Blair County, Fulton County and Cumberland County, I do

know of. I'm not sure which other ones, and I'm not sure which are considering doing it this year or next year. But in talking to the County Commissioners throughout the state, I think most of them are going to do it. So it gives you a local option to be able to do it.

And let me just say this. It's one of the things that I think --- when we went to Home Rule back in '98, '99, I think we asked --- at least I do --- I think we want to be able to control our own --- how we generate revenues and how we expend money. Right now, really all we have is property tax, as do other counties. So I think it would be good for us, all of you in the executive branch, to decide how best to raise money. But we don't really have the option. It's really relying on property taxes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: First, it was Representative Futules, then Representative Heidelbaugh. Go ahead, Nick. You were first.

MR. FUTULES: Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you, Mr. Fitzgerald. I want to commend your staff on an issue first before I ask you questions. I was caught in the detour for the Fort Pitt Tunnel five days in a row. And as I was sitting in traffic, I was violating the law and I was e-mailing Jennifer Liptak, the Chief of Staff, and I was asking her if she could get involved and help the citizens who all, you know, stuck in this traffic. And at 8:30 in the morning on a Saturday, she returned my call, which I thought was enormously impressive and I very much appreciated it. She informed me that this was not our project, obviously, and she and I had a nice conversation. And I asked her if she would contact, which she did, the County Manager and try to work with the people on directing traffic. And I just want to commend her for that effort. It was above and beyond.

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, that's nice to hear. And we've heard those, I guess, concerns or complaints from a lot of projects, where they would like to see, whether traffic cops directing traffic, light signalization helping. And I have to say --- I mean, PennDOT certainly, I'm sure, is taking a lot of frustration that people feel when they get stuck in traffic, late for a meeting or late for an event. But I got to tell you, Mr. Cessna and the PennDOT folks here have been really cooperative and good

to work with in communicating things like that, so that is good to hear. Thank you.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I guess my next question, obviously, goes to the proposal to raise the fee by \$5.

MR. FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (yes).

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: You know, looking at this as a representative of all the citizens as the at-large member here, these are the kind of proposals that make individuals very upset. Of all the issues I've faced in four years, this is one of those I predict to be a hot button item. And so you say to yourself, what's \$5? It's \$5. What does \$5 mean to anybody today? Not even a Starbucks cup of coffee. But it bothers people, and so we have to --- as stewards of the people's money we have to analyze this. And so I commented from that perspective, which I'm sure you appreciate because you hear from people all day long as well. And so you know, one of the things that you said in your opening remarks really resonated with me, because you know, I have been in opposition to many of the proposals to reduce taxes in the future through the TIFs and the LERTAs. And I think what you said was that all these stores are coming in. They didn't ask for it and they're not going to receive any TIFs and LERTAs.

And I think that, you know, philosophically, as we move forward without me in the next four years, we really need to give a hard look at the amount of money that we're giving away in future tax obligations. Because these sorts of \$5, you know, precinct things that people have to give, they just anger the populous and it reduces the respect for government.

Now, in regard to the particular proposal, I've reviewed the law and I have a couple of questions. And these may be technical and you may want assistance from your staff and so forth. That's fine as well. But in reading the law, it appears that a percent, maybe 50 percent of the money that you would garner, the \$4.5 million, would have to be subject to a return to particular political subdivisions in some sort of complex revenue sharings alternative. Is that correct or not correct? Maybe Mr. Szefi?

MR. FITZGERALD: I'm not ---.

MR. MCKAIN: The \$5 fee ---.

MR. FITZGERALD: I'll let the County Manager ---.

MR. MCKAIN: Is the \$5 fee specific to that particular section is --- as the Chief Executive said, would come to us, our county, that we're going to introduce in the budget that he releases next week. There might be other provisions with Act 89, but the \$5 is coming here.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So as I read this, I thought it said that you could take all if you wanted it or you could allocate it to the political subdivisions.

MR. MCKAIN: Meaning one of our municipalities?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yeah.

MR. MCKAIN: I'm sure that we could. I'm sure that we could take a portion of that money and we could probably do it now if we wanted to --- if this Council deemed it appropriate to appropriate funds to do a road in one of our municipalities. I think that would be an option, and I'm assuming that that's the option that the Act 89 legislation left in there.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So what I'd like ---.

MR. PALMIERE: Hello?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Hi.

MR. PALMIERE: I'm sorry. I can't hear a damn thing.

MR. FINNERTY: Who the heck is that?

MR. CATANESE: John Palmiere.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Mr. Palmiere, ---.

MR. PALMIERE: Hello?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: It's Heather Heidelbaugh. I'm asking the County Executive some questions. Can you hear me?

MR. FUTULES: Apparently not.

MR. PALMIERE: Hello? Is anyone there?

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere, can you hear us now?

MR. PALMIERE: This is John Palmiere. I don't know. Am I on that line? I'm not sure. I'm having a heck of a time trying to hear anything.

MR. CATANESE: You're on the line and we can hear you real well.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay. Thank you. I wish everyone would speak up because I can't hear. I'm having a real difficult time. Thank you.

MR. CATANESE: We'll try to go --- we'll try to speak louder.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I think there's a Saturday Night Live routine about this or something. But so as I read the legislation and perhaps your staff could clarify this as we're moving through the budget --- I mean, through the committee process. So I would be interested in knowing if there's a current plan to take a portion of that money and give it back to the subdivisions, political subdivisions as outlined in the law, or whether we're going to try and capture the whole \$4.5 million?

MR. FITZGERALD: I can tell you, my sense is that we're going to need all of that money to catch up those 400 miles of road that we --- that we are working on now. Now there are times when our road ends and the municipal road begins. We do agility agreements where we may do some work for them and share work with them. We do it on salting and paving sometimes. So that might be something that we do, but I don't think there's any plan to take a portion of that money and distribute it to our partners.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. And the second question is, you know, the law as written I think says Commissioners. And so we have a Home Rule body. So is it --- is it your contemplation, County Executive, that the \$4.5 million would come to the county, and then that would go into an area in which you would just put it into transportation? So we would not be allocating, you know, which road or --- you're shaking your head.

MR. FITZGERALD: No. It'll go through the normal budget process like we do any on any revenues. It'll go --- it'll be collected, put into revenues and then appropriated through the budgetary process that Council will pass, hopefully, in December.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. So it'll be the same type of dollars?

MR. FITZGERALD: Absolutely. Absolutely.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: All right. Now, I also thought I heard that that \$5 is not stationary, that it can --- pursuant to the legislation in and of itself, it can be indexed to inflation so that it can rise over the years?

MR. FITZGERALD: Not my understanding. I think it ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I think it might be able to rise, so I'd --- your view on that, either through the Legal Department or the County Manager, okay, because I

think the citizens ought to know that, whether it's going to be \$5 for the next, you know, 20 years or it's going float at an inflation level.

MR. FITZGERALD: Real quick. My sense would be that there would need to be legislation out of Harrisburg to adjust that similar to the 9-1-1 fee that was put in. Is it a dollar or a dollar and a quarter? They've just raised it to \$1.65, but that was after many years, so I don't think we have the ability here to do it, but we'll research that and make sure.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Right. I think it's already in there.

MR. FITZGERALD: Okay.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So you'll let me know?

MR. FITZGERALD: Okay.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: For instance, like let's say that there is a company that has a fleet of vehicles, you know, EQT, let's use them as an example, let's say of 1,000 vehicles.

MR. FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (yes).

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Will this \$5 apply to them?

MR. FITZGERALD: The way it would be held would be the exact same way that the State does it. So right now if a fleet is paying on each --- \$36 on each one of their vehicles, they would just be --- the \$5 would just add on to whatever they're doing now. So we're not collecting the money, Councilwoman, ---

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Right.

MR. FITZGERALD: --- just so you understand. The State, it still goes to the State, and then the State will reimburse the County for that \$5 less probably some handling charge or some administrative fee.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So you'll get a --- I'll get registration stating --- I own three vehicles, two kids and me. And so I will get a bill, three different bills for three different cars ---

MR. FITZGERALD: For \$41; correct.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: --- for \$41?

MR. FITZGERALD: Yes.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And that money will come into the County. Now, will there --- what will --- who will audit that money?

MR. FITZGERALD: I assume the Controller like any other ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay.

MR. FITZGERALD: Like any other funds, the property tax or anything else that's ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: The Controller's office will be the auditing arm of that. Okay.

MR. MCKAIN: If I may, it's by the State Auditor General then. We have an external cap we've done every year. So it'll be audited at different ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So potentially DePas, the State Auditor, might generate ---?

MR. MCKAIN: He doesn't --- so he could do that. And we also have an external auditing, a comprehensive legal financial for an external audit.

MR. FITZGERALD: But I don't think any money that is expended that we contract with, like a paving company or somebody to do bridge work or whatever, that would be through --- again, through the normal process that is done now, which I'm assuming is done by the Controller.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. And then my last question is when we see the budget, if this passes, will we be seeing basically the dollars that we spent last year for roads and bridges plus \$4.5 million? We will not be seeing that number minus \$4.5 million, and the money we would have spent in transportation being used somewhere else in the budget?

MR. FITZGERALD: You will see an increase, and I don't know exactly what that number is. They're working on it right now, but there will be an increase, probably close to \$4.5 million in roads and bridges.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So we're not getting this new income, taking out \$4.5 million from where --- transportation and putting it in somewhere else?

MR. FITZGERALD: Not --- that's not the plan, no.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Next was Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: I almost forgot what I was going to say. The --- we're talking about roads and bridges quite a bit here, but just to inform everybody that a historic event will happen in Oakmont, in Harmarville, come October 20th. The Hulton Bridge will open, a \$67 million project from the State. They've been talking about it since I was 17-years old, and this is going to certainly be connecting the AK Valley and really make a big difference in the impact to the businesses in that

community. I just wanted to mention that. And with this \$5 fee, it's going to cost me a heck of a lot more than five bucks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: He's got a whole fleet of cars.

MR. FUTULES: You mentioned 900,000 cars. I think I'm one percent of the cars in this county, but ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: More than one percent.

MR. FUTULES: Something like that, but ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Something like that.

MR. FUTULES: But I'm not asking you a question at this time because I know you can't answer it, and it's not your --- what you did, but if we recall the smoking ban that Allegheny County put into place, the State stepped in and said, no, that's us. You don't do that. Remember when we did that, the smoking ban?

MR. FITZGERALD: Yes.

MR. FUTULES: But here's my point.

MR. FITZGERALD: Okay.

MR. FUTULES: The \$5 fee, the State issues the license plates. They seem to be selective on what they want to vote on. Isn't it their vote?

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, I think, again, they made a decision. They could have done it one of two ways. They could have enacted it themselves like they did on some other fees and gas charges, et cetera. They decided to allow this one to go back to the counties if they needed it locally, if they felt that was an option that they wanted. And again --- and I've said this when I was on Council and I continue to say it.

MR. FUTULES: Sure.

MR. FITZGERALD: I wish they'd give a whole list of options and we could decide.

MR. FUTULES: Well, I just assume every county would opt in because why would you leave yourself out? Because every county has roads and bridges that need repaired across this whole state.

MR. FITZGERALD: Some not as many as us, though. We're pretty high up.

MR. FUTULES: That's true.

MR. FITZGERALD: And also, some of them receive a significant amount of liquid fuels, just the formula is not fair to Allegheny County, and I won't get into that. I know we've talked about that over the years with the budget process, but let me say this about the \$5 fee. And

this is really a philosophical issue. Allegheny County sends a lot more money to Harrisburg than we get back in sales tax, in income tax, and in gas tax. If they allowed us and the County to collect our own fees, our own taxes, we'd be much better off. There are a lot of counties that don't send nearly as much to the general fund in Harrisburg, but get a lot more back. So this is a way in which we're not sending it to Harrisburg, and it's not being distributed to the other 66 counties. It stays here. It's our money that we're generating, and our money that we get to keep.

And again, if we had the gas tax money that we generate here in Allegheny County, we would be much better off than what we get when we send it to Harrisburg and then try to get an appropriation through the Legislature.

MR. FUTULES: It seems that, you know, a lot of the rural areas in our state wouldn't benefit much by raising their \$5 fee because if there's not many cars in their county, then it certainly wouldn't make a significant impact on them, but the fact that Allegheny County, the second largest, will ---.

MR. FITZGERALD: Yeah.

MR. FUTULES: But thank you for letting me vent the fact that I thought this was a state issue, not a county.

MR. FITZGERALD: It's both. They sometimes ---

MR. FUTULES: Thank you.

MR. FITZGERALD: --- run together.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative ---

MR. FUTULES: Not that I'm against it, by the way. I want to let you know that I'm okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: --- Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Nick, it's always difficult to follow you.

Anyway, thank you for being here tonight, Chief. I have a couple of things I'd like to talk to you about. When you mentioned the \$5 fee, I find it very interesting that the State is going to collect the money and give it back to us?

MR. FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. ELLENBOGEN: So again, I admire your courage because --- and the state's legislators' courage that they don't want to face the voters, that they would prefer to say, you know, we need these bridges and these roads and they are falling apart. You take the heat for it,

although they're still going to collect the money. So again, I applaud you for taking the bullet as you always do.

I just have a couple of things I'd like to discuss briefly. If you remember last year or this year, we had the 9-1-1 situation with the bedbug, for the lack of a better word. I understand that we had had to open up another area, I believe, in the Strip District for that. Maybe that brought together an issue that, God forbid, something else happens, that maybe that's a good idea to keep that going? Has that been ---.

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, we do keep a backup system going.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay. I mean, is that ---?

MR. FITZGERALD: And that will continue to happen. We're working with the City, and the County Manager is looking at locations, whether we stay at Lexington. That's a building that has a lot of challenges, to say the least, the old Rockwell factory. It needs a lot of upgrade, whether it's worth it to do that. I know the City is thinking of developing that area because that area is now hot for development along the bus way. So you know, we're looking at all of our options and where we ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: So you guys are on top of it?

MR. FITZGERALD: Oh, yeah. The managers and Alvin Henderson and those folks have been working on that, yes.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: We had talked about areas of raising money. I know this, that I know I talked to some of my colleagues, and we discussed areas in the court records department that, you know, we'll probably bring that to you in terms of trying to raise some more money.

MR. FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to ---. Public Works --- and we had discussed this in the past in terms of --- and you know, I have a little bit of experience in this area. It's one thing when you spend all this money to build a road, and then when your utility companies come in, and they don't do their diligence in trying to preserve the road ---. Personally, I think that the Public Works Department needs a boost in their inspection department. There's a lot of things that I see the average person don't see, because you know, I was the Chief of Operations at one time, that probably, --- you

could probably save a lot of money in terms of roads, that utilities companies are kind of cutting up roads and not putting them back the way they should. So it's just an issue I wanted to bring up.

And my last thing I want to talk about --- and I'm bringing it up here because I don't want to do this again --- is snow agreements, as you well know how I feel about this. Could you just give me an idea just of how the City snow agreements are going to work this year or if they are going to work at all? Because they don't work in my area. They didn't work when I was Chief of Operations, and like I said, I have calls and aggravation every year.

MR. MCKAIN: We've talked about this. We have contracts with all the municipalities. The one that you talked about ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: The City is the one ---.

MR. MCKAIN: Uh-huh (yes). And I think the communications and relationship is much better. We meet on a lot of different projects. We're gearing up, as you remember when you ran Operations this time of the year. So we also have a component of talking to them this year. Make sure we're on the same page. We did a lot of roadway work in your area, and we want to make sure that we maintain that, and that each of us take care of our responsibilities.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: McMonagle ---.

MR. MACKAIN: We've talked to them.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: McMonagle Avenue is a great example.

MR. MCKAIN: Uh-huh (yes)

MR. ELLENBOGEN: And kudos to the Public Works Department. They did a great job on that. But it's a great example of what I'm talking about. The City of Pittsburgh merges with five other boroughs on that road, and it's very embarrassing and aggravating to me personally --- and I'm sure Councilman Finnerty --- when all the side roads leading into McMonagle are wet and running, and there's three inches of snow on it, so I don't want to belabor the point ---.

MR. MCKAIN: It'll be improved this year. You brought it to our attention. We have better lines of communication, and I think it'll be much better.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I appreciate that. Thank you for standing for interrogation.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Heidelbaugh.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: On the Park Ranger program which you mentioned --- and maybe my recollection is faulty, so you can clear this up for me. But it was my recollection that when we started the Park Ranger Program that there was going to be a direct reduction of the County police workforce in the parks, and so there would be more County police available to fight crime, especially in what I think is, you know, the East End here, really in trouble. And it looks to me like what we've done is we've added employees to be park rangers. So the question is have County police been taken out of the parks and moved into crime fighting?

MR. FITZGERALD: Yeah. There have been many County police officers who have been redeployed into task forces, drug task forces, gang task forces, sexual assault task forces. I don't think I ever indicated that we were going to take the County police totally out of the parks.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No, no.

MR. FITZGERALD: We said we were going to keep them there, and they do for big events, big --- Hartwood Acres has 5,000, 10,000 people show up, we certainly have them there for crowd control or a big event in South Park so ---. But any of them --- and I can't give you the exact numbers, but many of them have been deployed and they're on task forces with the U.S. Attorney, the D.A., local police including the City and that'll probably continue as we continue moving forward.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: What I'd like to know for the budget process, when they come forward, if they could provide us with some sort of quantification. Since the Ranger program has started, where have these county police officers gone, either in numbers or hours or something like that?

MR. FITZGERALD: Okay.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: In regard to revenue production, can you give us some sort of idea of the revenue we have received from the Deer Lakes lease?

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, nothing from the ongoing royalties, but --- I can't remember the number, but whenever we got for --- yeah, 4.7 and then the \$500,000 per year or \$600,000 per year over five years. How many payments have ---? Have they made one payment?

MS. LIPTAK: We've gotten two payments of the park assistance ---.

MR. FITZGERALD: The Park Improvement fee?

MS. LIPTAK: Park Improvement fee.

MR. FITZGERALD: And we got, what, \$4.7 in the upfront bonus payment?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: What year was that received?

MR. FITZGERALD: It would've been received last year, I believe, in '14?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: '14? And we received a \$1 million to date?

MR. FITZGERALD: I don't know if we ---?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: \$500,000.

MR. FITZGERALD: We get \$500,000 a year for --- is it five years?

MS. LIPTAK: \$600,000.

MR. FITZGERALD: Or \$600,000 for five years, \$3 million.

MS. LIPTAK: Council appropriated two portions of that last year ---.

MR. FITZGERALD: And I understand that they are drilling now. I think they are doing the drilling on the Gulick property at this point, but I don't know if they've --- I don't think there's any gas that has been coming out of the ground just yet.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And are we in communication with Range to understand what the projection of the royalties are?

MR. FITZGERALD: We --- I mean, occasionally we talk to them, but I don't know that there's any --- they told us when they were beginning, and they told us some of the plans moving forward, but I don't know if they have a projection as to when they would start generating royalties.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So we have no idea what the royalties might be?

MR. SZEFI: The revenue would be coming in terms of gas.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. SZEFI: So obviously, we're waiting for that. So we know when they'll start, so when it starts producing, the volume and the time, ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So they are going to produce with the gas prices this low?

MR. FITZGERALD: That's their option. I mean, we don't control this, obviously. We have some limitations that we put on for --- into the lease, but they're going to decide, you know, based on the price of

the gas and what the market can do, where they're going to generate their gas. But my understanding is that they're moving forward on this project.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Yes. I'm sorry. I forgot. I wanted to thank Willie and the Public Works. I've been a Councilman almost eight years now, and this winter, spring, I've never heard so many complaints about Crawford Run Road, e-mails, phone calls, petitions brought into my office. And they took care of it. They expedited it and they got it done. And I want to thank them for being proactive and taking care of a problem in that area. Thank you.

MR. FITZGERALD: Yeah, I heard a lot about Crawford Run Road, too, and I rode on it, too, a few weeks ago, and it's much, much improved. And it's wonderful. But a lot of the improvements, old Clairton Road, Duncan, Middle, Brightwood Road, throughout the County, Public Works has really done a good job, and that's why we want to continue to add to that and do more roads.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Maybe I'm not --- oh, I'm on. Well, I'd just like to just thank you all, your directors and the people you have working for them do a heck of a job and we appreciate that. That makes our life a lot easier. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Heidelbaugh.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I notice that we have --- on non-agenda topics we have a guest speaking, Carolyn Speranza, and she's sitting right to your right there. There was passed while you were Council President an ordinance allocating a particular percent for all buildings that we would be involved in for public art. And that law, as I understand it --- and I, you know, introduced legislation to force the County Council and the County government to comply with the law. It has not been complied with. Why is that?

MR. FITZGERALD: I'm not so sure I would agree with that. I think a lot of projects that are done, there's a lot of art that's involved, not necessarily buying a piece of --- a painting, but there's an awful lot of art that goes into projects through architecture, through various projects --- various ways of doing it. So when we work with the developers, we are very insistent that artistic is part of it.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, but I think this bill was actually your bill and you signed it. What was the purpose to the bill?

MR. FITZGERALD: The purpose of the bill was when we're doing projects to not just have them be stark utilitarian projects, that they would have artistic renderings or artistic parts, whether it be a park project, whether it be a building. And I think one of the things we can be proud of in this region is we do have beautiful, beautiful buildings, the old buildings and the new buildings that are built, whether at the airport or downtown or in a lot of our areas.

So that's one of the things that I hear again, and again, when other delegations come to Pittsburgh. Other delegations and other cities actually have to put money into building sculptures and art in their downtown squares where we kind of have it as part of what we do, whether it's at Mellon Square, Market Square, Point State Park, different parks that we have. I think art is a big part of what we are as a community and will continue to be on the developments that I'm involved with.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So I would just comment that I think that the law isn't being followed because it's pretty clear what you have to do. And I think that even though we --- you know, we have tight budgets all the time, that part of the reasons why people will come to communities is because, you know, they're beautiful. And this is a law that you, I think, you know, were a sponsor of and passed. And I think until we revoke the law, we ought to follow it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress.

MR. KRESS: Mr. Chief Executive, thank you for coming. We had passed a fee increase for the county parks, so I'm just wondering --- have we enhanced our revenues through that fee increase and what has the enhancement been? I'd just like to know.

MR. FITZGERALD: I don't have those numbers in front of me. I could probably get them to you.

MR. KRESS: Okay.

MR. FITZGERALD: On which item?

MR. KRESS: I'm just saying we passed a fee increase for a number of items in the county parks, whether it was like skiing, tea parties, different things like that. And I know --- I was wondering if we've seen an increase in revenue since we passed those fee

increases.

MR. FITZGERALD: I'm sure we --- I know we did on the ski operation last year because we --- our deficit on the ski operation was much less as we increased that fee. I'd have to have Mr. Beckley get those figures for you and let you know, but I don't have them off the top of my head.

MR. KRESS: And I was just wondering, too, do you have any other --- I guess, like you're trying, always looking at different ideas when it comes to revenues, like enhancing revenues from like private sources. Are you working on anything else at this time?

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, our Parks Foundation does a --- they're continuing to trying to fund projects that they do in our parks. They do a good job. I mentioned about the oval inside South Park, the fairgrounds in South Park and the lake trail in North Park. And we're always looking for ways to, you know, partner with the private sector, raise money, whether it's through the corporate community, whether it's through our foundation community, and we'll continue to do that. And if you've got any ideas, we'll work along with you.

MR. KRESS: I always have ideas.

MR. FITZGERALD: We're glad to entertain them. And that's --- that could be part of the budget process. But I would say, you know, when we do go through the budget process, you know, it's important that the revenues that we put in there are real. And that's something I'm very proud, that the last three budgets and I'm going to present a budget next week --- that has not used one-time revenue sources, has not used fictitious revenues. We've used real revenues that have --- and expenditures as well. And I think that's something that the bond rating agencies have rewarded us for with three upgrades in the last three years. And we'll continue to do that, so I think it's good to look for new revenues and put them in where we can, but we want to make sure that they're real.

MR. KRESS: Okay. And back to the roads again. Like thank you, though, because I mean I know Councilman Futules talked about Crawford Run. And my concern with roads, I mean, they're an economic necessary, but also they're a public safety necessity, too, because Crawford Run was at the point --- I don't even --- the fire trucks were having trouble getting down that road. So when we talk about roads, I mean, they're intertwined with

economics and also public safety. So I mean, that's something I'm concerned about, is making sure our roads are fixed.

But the question we have that --- we're talking about the roads, though --- are we looking at doing maybe hot patching in the winter? Is that something that we're looking at right now?

MR. FITZGERALD: I would --- I think we are, and I'm going to defer to the Director of Public Works on that to know the specifics of how they do that and when they do that. And that might be a question that he could answer.

MR. KRESS: I'm just saying but it seems like what the problem is like the roads seem like they fall apart all at one time, like, you know, it seems like, you know, like in the early spring. That's when --- where it seemed like we were like --- there was like a rush to get everything repaired. So we can actually kind of do some of that repair work during the winter, kind of space it out. I think we'll be better off.

MR. FITZGERALD: I'll pass that along to Mr. Shanley.

MR. KRESS: Okay. But thank you very much.

MR. FITZGERALD: All right.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thanks. Just a general question, Chief Executive. In the last ten years, have we built a building? Have you --- think about it. Has the County built a building? I don't want an answer. I was just thinking.

MR. FITZGERALD: I don't recall. We've taken a couple down. I know that.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah.

MR. FITZGERALD: That we haven't been able to upkeep. But I can't think of any buildings that we've --- we renovated the morgue.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, but we didn't build a building.

MR. FITZGERALD: I don't think we built anything.

MR. FINNERTY: I don't think so.

MR. FITZGERALD: How about in our parks? Is there anything in the parks? Have we built anything?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Maybe a shelter, but ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Shelter.

MR. FITZGERALD: Yeah, but ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: A 20-story shelter.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Well, thanks. I just was curious if we have built any buildings.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thank you very much.

MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you. We'll see you next week.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: We've built everything we're going to build.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll give him a half a minute to get out and we'll ---.

MR. CATANESE: I just wanted to let you know that --- put into the record that Councilman Kress and Councilman Macey are here, and they came prior to the Chief Executive speaking.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We have one speaker, Gary English.

MR. ENGLISH: Gary English, 119 Ashley Drive, Penn Hills. I'm speaking on the County car tax. County Executive Rich Fitzgerald introduced the legislation to impose a \$5 annual fee for motor vehicle registrations. I thought it was County Council that was the legislative body that introduced tax bills, not the County Executive.

Pennsylvania's transportation funding bill of 2013 already increases our gasoline taxes and registration fees for the next five years. This is just another tax grab of \$4.5 million for transportation improvements including mass transit. We also have an alcohol drink tax to bail out the Port Authority, but the County kept some of this tax revenue.

In 1994, the County imposed a sales tax to supplement regional assets. The following year, county parks received \$11.5 million in RAD funding, but the Parks budget only increased by \$500,000, an \$11 million windfall.

This is just another bait and switch violation of the RAD law that went into the County coffers. What followed was cutting grass and county park repairs were not getting done. With the Port Authority being shortchanged from the drink tax, the Port Authority received a regional asset designation siphoning off RAD monies while the County stays fat and happy.

County propagandist Amy Downs asserts, quote, this give us an opportunity to raise funds without raising

property taxes. This is still a tax increase just like property reassessments, the county sales tax, the drink tax, the auto emissions tax, and now the new proposed vehicle registration tax.

County Executive Fitzgerald claims, quote, it will be used to defray the cost of vitality needed in capital and maintenance transportation projects, unquote. This is just more slight of hand politics of misdirecting funding. We built three new sport venues, but we let our infrastructure deteriorate. Now, the County, Allegheny Conference and County Executive Fitzgerald are creating a ten county transportation alliance to secure more state and federal funding. So this registration fee is duplicitous and unneeded. I would suggest a tax on take home county cars beginning with County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. For those that have forgotten the abuse of our County vehicles, here's a picture. Anyone that would like a copy, I have that. Thank you so much for your time.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. 9186 --- oh, I'm ---.

MR. CATANESE: Do you want me to take both of them together?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You could.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on August 18th and August 25th, 2015.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Moving down to 9121-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of 911 subscribers and consumer fees from the newly created 9-1-1 fund for the provisions of 9-1-1 service in the County as provided by the Act of June 29th, 2015. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. This was released from the committee with an affirmative recommendation. And I'll make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: 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?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14; nos, 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8771-15.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to amend and supplement Article 1013 of Division 1 of the Code of Allegheny County entitled Administrative Code, Section 1013.09.N., entitled misuse of county resources in order to clarify the rules relating to the use of County owned vehicles to travel to and from partisan political events. Sponsored by Council Member Heidelbaugh.

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

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes. We approved this in committee and I think --- I apologize. We approved this in committee. Chairman DeFazio was notified of a technical amendment that he needed to make. I reviewed it this afternoon. I believe Mr. Barker has the changes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, I give it to him.

MR. BARKER: The amendment to the existing bill technically procedurally ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Can't do it.

MR. BARKER: We recommend that we withdraw 8771 and then introduce this bill separately as a new standalone bill.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I agree.

MR. BARKER: Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: So ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And I think Ms. Means was going to second it.

MR. FINNERTY: So are you withdrawing it?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I withdraw.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. She withdraws it.

MR. BARKER: And then you'd like to add this?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I would add that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Then you --- make the motion.

MS. MEANS: I'll second it.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Add it to the agenda.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Add it to the agenda, yeah.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And waive the second reading.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Heather wants to make a motion to add it to the agenda.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'd like to make a motion to add it to the agenda.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Now we come down to ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I think we make a motion to waive the second reading.

MR. FINNERTY: Well, could I ---?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Make a motion to waive the second reading.

MR. FINNERTY: Could I have a question first?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: Thanks. I just wanted to you to explain what's different between this and this (indicating)?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm going to yield my time to Mr. DeFazio ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: --- because it was his suggestion.

MR. FINNERTY: Oh, I don't know.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. The difference is ---.

MR. FINNERTY: I'm too lazy to figure it out myself. Go ahead.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The difference is, and I think we all agree --- she agrees, we agree, that we missed a part where we have people that work on election day moving things around, and they get paid a mileage for doing that. We meant this to be for political, pushing for a candidate and different things of that nature. So if we would do it without changing, they wouldn't get paid. So I think everybody is in favor. These people work that day, you know, and we feel that they should get their mileage. That's not --- they're out there not pushing for a candidate.

MR. FUTULES: They're doing a job.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: We just wanted to make sure the amendment from Mr. DeFazio is just to make sure that the election workers and the election division get paid.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Right.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And they're not included in this partisan political activity, which is the intent of the bill. I think it clears it up, and I was amenable to it.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: There's a motion. We're looking for a second.

MS. MEANS: I'll second it.

MS. MACEY: I did second it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, you did.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, it was seconded. Yeah, Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. There's a second. Under remarks? Seeing ---. Any remarks? Seeing none, we'll have a roll call vote.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: This is to waive the second reading?

MR. CATANESE: This is waive the second reading.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We could just take a voice vote then on that. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Now, we'll go ---.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: On the substance.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. 8771.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So this was --- appeared before the Government Review Committee. It was recommended affirmatively, and basically all this does is say that if you have a county-owned vehicle and you go to a partisan political event, you are not to seek reimbursement for mileage to that event. That's it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And we all agree.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. And there's a second to that; right?

MS. MEANS: Yes, I second it.

MR. BAKER: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins, Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?  
MS. REA: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?  
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14; no's, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9014 ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Excuse me. What number is this going to be?

MR. CATANESE: We don't have a number.

MR. FINNERTY: We don't have a number.

MR. CATANESE: Not yet. It'll be a new number, though.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 9014-15.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee met on September 16th. Before I tell you anything else, I'd like to thank Councilwoman Means for the inordinate amount of time and effort that she put into giving the committee the information that was needed. It was very informative. She did a great job on that. It's also --- the public should be reminded that this is an information situation. We're not taking a stand on what --- you know, in terms of how to eliminate the deer or whatnot. These are just suggestions and things such as the type of flowers and things that you could plant to keep the deer away. So again, thank you, Councilwoman Means.

The committee affirmatively gave a recommendation to this bill, and I ask for Council's approval. Thank you.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MS. MEANS: I want to re-thank Mr. Ellenbogen for holding a committee meeting and discussing it. And just to remind people, again, it is an informational website to provide municipalities and individuals with information to be a talking point and give them options to how the deer --- deal with a deer problem if they perceive they have one. And to remind people that it's the Game Commission's responsibility to oversee the management of the deer. And again, we're not advocating. We're just providing information. We're not advocating any action. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MS. MEANS: And --- I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: If any of the other Council members want, I have collected this information on deer. And I would be happy to share the information with the members.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah. I just want to clarify. I'm sorry I missed the meeting. You said about creating a website. You're talking about the existing website that the County has. It's just a link.

MS. MEANS: It's just a page ---

MR. FUTULES: Yeah.

MS. MEANS: --- on the County website with links information.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. It's not its own website? It's part of the County's.

MS. MEANS: I'm sorry. I misspoke.

MR. FUTULES: Okay.

MS. MEANS: It's just a page out of our County website. Thank you.

MR. FUTULES: Okay.

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

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. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?  
MS. KLEIN: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?  
MR. KRESS: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?  
DR. MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?  
MS. MEANS: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?  
MS. REA: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?  
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14; no's, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9156-15.

MR. CATANESE: Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Resolution 17-05-RE in order to clarify requirements related to the reporting of internet and computer use by the Allegheny County Library Association, ACLA. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. This was before the committee, the Educational Committee, and we moved this out with an affirmative recommendation. And the design of this is to make it easier for the library, Allegheny County Library Association, ACLA, to file the report to the clerk instead of doing double work. Thank you.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'll second that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Did you make a motion?

MR. FINNERTY: I make a motion to approve.

Sorry.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'll second that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. Under remarks?

Sue.

MS. MEANS: Yes. I was at the meeting and I think it's a really good idea because --- for those who weren't present, the Allegheny County Library Association,

all the different libraries, have to give a report to the federal government and also to the County. So this is just --- we will accept the federal report and we'll be satisfied with the report that they give to the federal government. And that will save them time and money and duplication of services, so I am in favor of this.

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

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. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?  
MS. KLEIN: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?  
MR. KRESS: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?  
DR. MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?  
MS. MEANS: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?  
MS. REA: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?  
MR. ROBINSON: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 14: no's, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Reports. Okay. Go ahead, Representative Klein.

MS. KLEIN: I would just like to thank all of the Council members for changing our scheduled appointment. That was to be a week ago, but that was Yom Kippur and I would not have been able to attend so I'm very appreciative of everyone's flexibility. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. I had mentioned earlier about the Hulton Bridge. For the people who live in the area, October the 4th will be the day the bridge actually closes to reconnect the new bridge. And it will not open 'til the 20th. So the people who live in the 7th District certainly should find alternative routes through New Kensington Bridge, and of course, the Highland Park Bridge. And good luck.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd just like to mention that Scott Township is having its Octoberfest this weekend. If you're in the vicinity, stop out.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Macey.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. I just want to remind everybody that the West Mifflin Number 3 Volunteer Fire Company will have its final car cruise. It's a fundraiser. And for all those individuals who enjoy cars, those antique cars as well as the muscle cars and motorcycles, please come up. And more importantly is the food. There's great food there and it's very affordable. That will be October 4th from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Anyone else? Seeing none, we'll move on to New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions. 9187-15.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny County to impose a fee of \$5 for each nonexempt vehicle registered to an address located within Allegheny County to be used for transportation projects and other authorized expenditures as provided by 75 PA CS, Section 1935. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into Budget and Finance. 9188-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2015, Submission 09-15. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into the Budget and Finance Committee. New Business and Motions. 9189-15.

MR. CATANESE: A motion establishing a policy within the Office of County Council regarding posting job

vacancy's announcements in local publications and in other locations. Sponsored by Council member Klein.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to ---?

MS. KLEIN: Just briefly. I hope this is a way that we can increase the pool of qualified applicants from all over the County and cast a wide net to reach all qualified applicants.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to put --- you want to put that in the Committee to talk about it?

MS. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. KRESS: Marketing?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'll put it in committee. That'll go in the Executive Committee to talk about that. 9190-15.

MR. CATANESE: A motion amending Article I, Section E(1)(i) of the Rules for Council for Allegheny County Council, to establish the Executive Committee as a committee of the whole to ensure all members equal participation in the establishment of procedural rules and decisions regarding personnel. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Council Member Means.

MS. MEANS: I think it's pretty well stated. I just felt we're going ---. Sorry. That our staff works for us as the whole, and we have allocated resources to just fill --- that the members as a whole should participate in decisions regarding procedural rules and decisions regarding personnel --- and the allocation of resources. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Make a motion?

MR. FINNERTY: I don't know. That goes to committee.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That goes to the Executive Committee. Okay. Public Comment on General Items.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No, I think I --- no, never mind.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public Comment. Okay. We have James Yoest.

MR. YOEST: Thank you for the opportunity to address Council. My name is Greg Yoest. I'm from the North Hills. Some of you may recognize me from quite a ways back as the creator of that famous red and white no stadium tax campaign that ended up defeating Plan A.

Of course around that same time was the creation of the Home Rule Charter. And I wasn't as involved in

that as I was in the Stadium Tax campaigns. And there was something at the time that came up that I have often wanted to pursue. And what with the creation of the Review Commission which I just addressed recently, maybe this is as good of a time as any.

This might be hidden in plain view for the last 15 years, but maybe it should come out and be given serious consideration at this point. Why not?

One of the things you need to consider about the whole Home Rule form of government is that Pennsylvania is a Commonwealth. And as a Commonwealth form of government that is not merely a fancy term for another state, but it means that the local, lowest form of government actually has very significant responsibilities for fundamental government responsibilities, especially fire, police, EMS, et cetera.

In a certain sense, the local municipality, the City, the borough, the township, the village, what have you, trumps the county. That sounds backwards. It is a little bit backwards. But the municipal government is very, very important in Pennsylvania, especially in Allegheny County. With that in mind, one of the things that I think always needed to be given serious consideration for this body, for this form of government, which never seems to have been on the table for whatever reason or reasons, is that the mayor of the City of Pittsburgh should be given the ex-officio job of representing the entire City on County Council.

When you do the math, this would add up to exactly three of the 13 seats. Thank you for the time warning. And the math would work out in terms of one person, one vote. And it would force the mayor of the City of Pittsburgh to consider countywide issues when he or she --- in this case, he, is representing the entire city before the County. He or she couldn't hide behind I'm just representing the City.

Furthermore, the ten remaining suburban districts would be forced or strongly encouraged to start thinking more in terms of cooperating with their municipal service in order to preserve their relative power relative to the City which would have 25 percent of the representation on Council and 25 percent of the power, when you do some math that I can get into it if need be.

Now, I recognize that this would require that some members sort of surrender their seats because three

of the --- well, actually four of the seats come from the City. That being said, I think this idea should be given serious consideration of sort of forcing the issue. I'm not talking consolidation or anything, but I am saying that it forces the City and County to sort of get onto the same page much more effectively. I have some handouts here, but ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. YOEST: --- we can talk about that later.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thanks. We have --- the last speaker here I have is Carolyn Speranza.

MS. SPERANZA: That would be me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. SPERANZA: Thank you. Hi, everybody. I'm Carolyn Speranza. I'm here today representing a coalition of the PGH4ART team, the Hill District Consensus Group, Fight Back Pittsburgh/United Steelworkers Associate Union, CAPA High School, the United Rays Corvette Club and Nakturnal Guerilla Marketing. So obviously, it's a grass roots coalition.

We'd like to bring to the attention of Council a neglected countywide percent for public art law. Passed on September 6th, 2005, Ordinance Number 39-05, Chapter 207, Allegheny County's two percent set aside for public art law has not been enacted or enforced since its passage. Currently there is also a motion in the Public Works Committee that would expand the workability and functionality of the original ordinance. That motion was made by Councilwoman Heidelbaugh.

If enforced, the law and the public art works that it would make possible will not just increase our region's livability quotient. There will be an economic impact as well. Percent for art projects translate into government contracts for artists and architects. For a substantial percentage of each budget --- it's usually 60 percent --- trades people will construct the public art works for long-term durability

Most importantly, public art makes a difference for communities and neighborhoods. Not only is there an opportunity to demarcate a geographical location that has special significance, but also current artistic practice usually includes public process, public engagement in some manner or form.

There's a ton of public support for the enactment of neglected Percent for Arts law for Allegheny

County and the City of Pittsburgh. In addition to the coalition I've just mentioned, 2,284 people have signed our petition that has been directed towards the County Executive. The campaign has been well-followed by the press, both regionally and nationally, over a two and a half year period of time. And we've has a diverse and large group of leaders in the arts sign on and support the campaign.

Shortly after the launch of our petition in 2013, we received an e-mail from Amy Downs saying that the previous administration had not implemented the provisions of the ordinance, and that County --- quote, County Executive Fitzgerald has indicated that he will sit down with County Council to review the ordinance and will begin taking the steps to implement it in the coming months. That was in 2013. We met with the Executive and his staff in April of 2014, and then again with Councilman Macey to discuss the motion in the Public Works Committee just this past summer.

To the best of our knowledge to date, no actions have been taken towards the passage of the motion or the implementation of the ordinance. We're to ask Council again, please consider the importance of this ordinance and what it can make possible for our region. Thank you, kindly.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Is there a motion to adjourn?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed. The ayes have it. We're adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:44 P.M.

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