

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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

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IN ATTENDANCE:

William McKain	-	County Manager
Joseph Catanese	-	Director of Constituent Services
Jared Barker	-	Director of Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski	-	Budget Director
Jack Cambest	-	Solicitor

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

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Moment of silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rea?

MS. REA: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Fourteen (14) members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Before we get started with the proclamations, we have Jack Wagner in the audience. Jack, would you like to raise your hand and let everybody see you? Okay. 9022-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation commending Collier Township for earning the 2015 Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence, in the category of

Innovative Community/Government Initiatives. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: I don't think Sal is here. I don't see him.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to hold up?

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah.

MR. FUTULES: We'll hold on. He said he was coming.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah, I know.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9212-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing the annual Veterans Day Parade and declaring Saturday, November 7th, 2015 to be The Federation of War Veterans Societies, Incorporated Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Anthony Filardi is here? Okay. Dick Silk, John Winters and Jack Wagner, if he wants to come up with us, all veterans. We thank you very much for your service. Uh-oh. Oh, I thought you were giving me a speech. I said, holy heck. It's always a pleasure. In fact, it's more than a pleasure, it's a great honor to stand here and recognize our veterans and the Veterans Day Parade. So without any other ado, I'm going to read the proclamation. And I know, Anthony always has a lot to say, and there's a lot to say here. Believe me.

WHEREAS, the Federation of War Veterans Societies, Inc. was formed in 1919. Its purpose was to partner annually with Allegheny County to provide a Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Pittsburgh,

AND WHEREAS, the Federation of War Veterans Societies has organized and presented the Veterans Day Parade in Allegheny County for 96 years,

AND WHEREAS, the organization educates Allegheny County residents to properly recognize and care for our veterans. Through the parade, the group raises awareness of all veterans in our state,

AND WHEREAS, more than 1.2 million Pennsylvanians are veterans, comprising 14 percent of the state's population. A great percentage of those veterans reside in Allegheny County and attend the commemorative parade,

AND NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, hereby commends the Federation of War Veterans Society, Inc. for consistently conducting and organizing the Veterans Day Parade and for raising awareness of our veterans. For the organization's effort, we hereby declare Saturday, November 7th, 2015 the Federation of War Veterans Society, Inc. Day in Allegheny County. It's sponsored by myself and all members of Allegheny Council this day, the 20th of October 2015. Thank you very much. It's all yours, Anthony.

MR. FILARDI: First of all, I'd like to thank Council person Finnerty for sponsoring this proclamation and all the Council people who co-sponsored it. And I'm glad that you're all with the veterans. I appreciate --- we appreciate that very much. Okay. To give you a brief outline, the parade, again, as he said, is on Saturday, November the 7th, and it'll be staging at 10th on Liberty. That's right by the Federal Building over there. That's where the first division will begin staging. And it'll go all the back to almost 25th Street, because we have four divisions. And the first division is like what we call the honor division, which is a lot of the active members. We're having the --- the Grand Marshal is going to Major General John Gronski. He is from the --- he's the General of the --- the 20th Commanding General of the 28th Division. And we're going to have the 28th Infantry Division Band from Hollidaysburg. And we also will have the 316th Expedition Sustainment Command and they're going --- under Captain Julie Bollier (phonetic), they're going to have marchers and vehicles. And we're also going to have the 911th Air Unit with marchers, and then we'll proceed with the Federation Officers, dignitaries --- which you all are invited. We'd be glad to have you. And then the Gold Star Mothers and wives, et cetera. And we have 17 bands, high school bands, other than the --- other than the 28th Division. So it's going to be quite a good parade.

It will commence at 10:30 and go straight down Liberty Avenue and go --- end up at the Point. And the reason for that this year is because at Point State Park, right after the parade, is --- the 171st is sponsoring a salute to the Armed --- salute to the veterans. I think that's what they called it. I'm not sure. Anyway, they

want --- it's a free event. They want everybody to go ahead and mingle down there and see what they have there.

And our reviewing stand is going to be located on Liberty at Stanwix Street, so if you're down in that area, I guess that's right around where the McDonalds area is --- McDonalds is around there. So be glad to have a lot of spectators. We need the spectators. We have a lot of participants in the parade, and we need the spectators to support the veterans and the armed services. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Dick, do you want to --- oh, I'm sorry. John.

MR. WINTERS: Thank you, Council Members, and on behalf of Veterans of Foreign Wars and all the other veterans in Allegheny County, we appreciate all you do to help us out as we try to make sure all the veterans in Allegheny County are taken care of. Right now, I serve as the District 29 Commander which is all of Allegheny County, and we appreciate all you men and women do for us. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: Mr. Wagner?

MR. WAGNER: Thank you, Councilman Finnerty and Mr. President, members of Council. Thank you for this proclamation in bringing special attention to the Veterans Day Parade. The three gentleman with me --- Tony Filardi has been heading up this parade since going back to the days when I was on City Council. That's a long time ago.

MR. FINNERTY: It was in 19 ---.

MR. WAGNER: John Winters does exceptional things, and Dick Silk is actually the president of the organization.

As all of you know, this is a special day. Allegheny County has one of the highest veteran populations in the country, of any county in terms of percentage. And it's just not about the veterans, about those in uniform, those who protect our country each and every day around the world. There is a extreme danger in this world today, and the United States military is the difference between the enemy and freedom and democracy, what we really celebrate within this room each and every week. So please ask your friends, neighbors, your families to attend the Veterans Day Parade and say thank you to the veterans. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: Dick? No? Come on. All right.

(Pictures taken.)

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going to go back up to the first one, 9022-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation commending Collier Township for earning the 2015 Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence, in the category of Innovative Community/Government Initiatives. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'm joined here by Sal Sirabella. I think everybody in the room probably has known Sal at one time or another. He is the manager of Collier Township, and he does a tremendous job out there. Collier is a township that's moving forward. They're building houses so fast out there, I don't know where they're getting all the lumber, but they keep going up.

MR. SIRABELLA: Good for the tax base.

MR. FINNERTY: Good for the tax base out there, is right. Okay. Collier is also in Our Living Allegheny --- one of the communities that are Living Allegheny and that's an important thing. It's about health, and we have seven communities that I represent that are in Living Well Allegheny. And we think that's a very important thing. So let me read the proclamation, and then Sal can speak to it.

WHEREAS, on April 15th, 2015, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Secretary Dennis Davin and Governor Tom Wolf recognized the Township of Collier as a recipient of the 2015 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence in the category of Innovative Community and Governmental Initiatives for their new rooftop photovoltaic electric generating system,

AND WHEREAS, Collier Township is a leader in sustainability as evidenced by the installation of a new solar roof which now generates enough electricity at their public works facility to sustain the municipal complex before a surplus of energy is sold to the local utility provider for the additional revenue,

AND WHEREAS, Scalo Solar Solutions, a solar developer in Pittsburgh, designed and installed the 132 glass tube solar modules on the Collier Township Public Works garage roof,

AND WHEREAS, Collier Township created a limited liability company named Collier Solar Roof, LLC, to enable its participation in an energy buyback system which generates a net savings of approximately \$75,000,

AND WHEREAS, the environmental benefit is a reduction on over an estimated one million pounds of carbon dioxide gas emissions while reducing utility costs and decreasing Collier Township's carbon footprint,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate the Township of Collier for earning the 2015 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence. And we commend Collier Township for its commitment, sustainability and improving the quality of life in the community. And it's sponsored by myself on the 20th day of October, 2015. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. SIRABELLA: Thanks, Councilman Finnerty. Mr. President and members of Council, I'm so pleased to be here this evening in the good old Gold Room and the proclamation ceremony that I so fondly remember. I want to thank you all on behalf of the Township Commissioners, Commissioner Macino, Churazzi, Durisko, Kauer and Oskamp, and the prior Board of Commissioners who pretty much had done the due diligence and the foresight to create this endeavor which is about a 30-year endeavor. I can say that it's working very well. We're into our fourth year. We are producing more electricity than we're using, which is a good thing. And I'm very pleased that we're able to push into this area and looking forward to building future solar panels in the other areas of Collier Township. So thank you very much. I'm glad to be here in the Gold Room, and thank you, Councilman Finnerty.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: We're glad you got it.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9213-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation declaring the month of October 2015 to be Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Klein, Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

MS. KLEIN: I'm honored to present this proclamation because I imagine that everyone in this room has been touched in some way or another by the scourge of

breast cancer. My mother is survivor. My predecessor on Council succumbed to the disease, so I am honored to do this. And I'll read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, breast cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer related deaths among American women,

AND WHEREAS, organizations across Allegheny County and the United States come together every October to spread the important message of Breast Cancer Awareness,

AND WHEREAS, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, is the world's largest, grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists who fight to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find cures,

AND WHEREAS, during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month we renew our commitment to fighting this disease, raising awareness and supporting those affected by breast cancer,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Allegheny County Council on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County does hereby proclaim the month of October 2015 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Allegheny County. We commend the efforts of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Susan G. Komen for the cure, and we call upon government officials, businesses, communities, healthcare professionals, educators, volunteers and the residents of Allegheny County to continue our community's strong commitment to preventing, treating and ultimately curing breast cancer.

And joining me is Nathan Rost, member of the Susan G. Komen Board of Directors and Stephanie Dutton, first vice president.

MS. DUTTON: Thank you very much. I'd like to just take a moment to thank the Council.

I did want to share a few numbers with you very briefly. I think it's important to understand, and obviously, Council Member Klein has been personally affected as I'm sure many of you have been personally affected by breast cancer, either a family member, a mother, a daughter, a sister, but one in eight people in their lifetime will be touched by this disease personally meaning that they will develop breast cancer.

Another important statistic, in the United States every two minutes someone is diagnosed with breast cancer, and every 13 minutes a woman loses her battle. These are important statistics for us with Komen

Pittsburgh. This is what we fight for every day. This is what our purpose is. This is bringing awareness to the community and to Council members such as yourself and to the community about the importance of Breast Cancer Awareness.

In 1980, the five-year survival rate for Stage I breast cancer was 74 percent. Today, in 2015, that survival rate is 99 percent because of the efforts that have been happening through Komen Pittsburgh and through the various different entities.

More than 3.1 million breast cancer survivors live in the United States. Obviously, that's a huge number.

Bringing it back to Komen Pittsburgh, Komen Pittsburgh serves 34 counties in western Pennsylvania. Since 1993 Komen Pittsburgh --- Komen Pittsburgh has funded \$19.5 million in grants to our communities and over \$7.4 million to the national organization to support research efforts.

And lastly, since 2006, Komen Pittsburgh has granted no less than \$1 million per year to people here in this community to organizations who are putting together programs to really work towards breast cancer awareness in finding the end of the disease.

So I'd like --- Nathan and I would both like to thank you, to the Council, to Council Member Klein for recognizing the Komen Pittsburgh Chapter. And we just thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We're going to go with 9215-15. Then we're going to do 9214, so we'll do 9215-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation thanking the nurses across the country, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and here at Allegheny County for bringing an unwavering commitment to excellence, compassion and care to the practice and to the profession of nursing. Sponsored by Council Member Heidelbaugh.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, I guess there's something I could be more excited about, but I can't think about what it would possibly be. So let me start with a story.

So I became aware that there was a young woman who was running in the Miss America Pageant and her name was Kelly Johnson and she was a nurse. And what she decided to do for her talent was to do a monologue. And

what she said was that her talent was being a nurse. And she was treating an Alzheimer's patient whose name was Joe. And in her monologue, Joe said to her, you know, could you change my treatment? And she said, no, Joe, I'm just a nurse. And then Joe said could you give me different medicine? And she said, no, Joe, I'm just a nurse.

And finally Joe collapsed one night and he was crying. And he said this disease is getting the best of me. I can't handle it any more. And she said, Joe, you are not Alzheimer's, you are a man. This disease does not define you. And he said then you have to stop saying you're just a nurse because you are my angel.

The next day, on a show called The View, they made fun of this young woman and a national phenomenon happened. The physicians, the nurses, the patients, women's groups, they became outraged. Why? Because they had each had an angel who had been with them when they were in their worst, possible, darkest moment, someone --- and I still remember this woman. I remember her face, I don't know her name, which is the story of all nurses; right? But I was giving birth and her specialty in McGee's Women's Hospital was to come to women who were getting an epidural. And what she did was she laid cock-eyed on the bed with you and her face was this far (indicating) from you, and for 45 minutes she was able to convince you to curl up and have a needle stuck in your spine. That's what she did from room to room to room. Faceless, nameless, but she was a woman who helped thousands of women throughout the region.

Then I also happened to have a daughter who decided to go into nursing, and I had encouraged her for years to go into nursing. Why? Because she happens to have a well of kindness. Nurses are probably some of the most underappreciated, most valuable members of our society. And I thought this all happened for a reason. You had to be made fun of, you had to be dissed, but thank God because now it's time for us to all say, thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

So with the work of Stephanie, what I did, and I didn't think anybody would respond. I thought they would think this was the dumbest idea I had ever thought of. I reached out to every dean of every nursing school in the region and said would you come in just so we can thank you, so the community of Allegheny County can thank you?

Not for one day, not for one patient, but for a lifetime of commitment to deciding that this was what you wanted to do and to give to your community in ways that are so immeasurable. And every single one of them said yes and they're standing here today.

(Applause.)

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So I want to make sure I reach everybody. I want to say your full name and all your credentials. These are the most credential people you'd probably ever meet in your life.

Debra Mitchum, DNP, --- raise your hand when I'm saying your name, ANP-BC, MSN, Assistant Professor, College of Health and Wellness, Assistant Professor and Director, MSN Family Nurse Practitioner and post-graduate Family Nurse Practitioner Programs Graduate, Carlow University.

Diane Hunker, PhD, MBA, RN, Director of Nursing Programs, DNP Program Coordinator and Associate Professor, Chatham University. Dang, girl, you are smart.

Mary Ellen Glasgow, PhD, RN, ANEF, FAAN, you're going to have to explain all of these, Dean and Professor, School of Nursing, Duquesne University.

Valerie Howard, Valerie, EdD, MSN, RN, Dean and Professor, School of Nursing and Health Sciences, Robert Morris University.

Jacqueline Dunbar-Jacob, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean and Distinguished Service Professor of Nursing, University of Pittsburgh.

Who have I missed? You have to --- both of you have to come up and tell --- say what your name is and your credentials.

MS. DUNBAR-JACOB: You did me.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I did you; okay. I missed you. I'm so sorry.

MS. MAYLE: Hi. I'm a nurse. I'm Kathy Mayle, Dean of Nursing at Community College of Allegheny County. I have an RN. I have a Masters in nursing education and nursing administration, an MBA and a MA in health care ethics from Duquesne University.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Awesome. Awesome. So I'm going to read this proclamation and then I'm going --- did I get everybody? And of course, my colleague, you're a nurse. You're going to talk in a minute. Okay. So I kind of went over the background of why we're here today.

But in Appreciation of the 3.4 million registered nurses in the United States, this Council recognizes professional nursing as an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care for patients and acknowledges nurses as full and essential partners on interdisciplinary health care teams. One of the jokes that was made was that the nurses were wearing doctor's stethoscopes, which as you can see, I think. Did you wear your stethoscope? No. Nurses wear stethoscopes. In this --- in our town, in 1847, Mother Francis Ward with six other Sisters of Mercy to the United States from Ireland, were the pioneering seven Sisters of Mercy opened the first hospital in Pittsburgh and the world's first Mercy Hospital. Since the founding of Mercy Hospital, Allegheny County has experienced tremendous growth in the number of healthcare facilities serving our community. There's 29 hospitals, 31 ambulatory surgery centers, 65 nursing homes and more than 40 home health agencies.

In Allegheny County alone, there's more than 18,500 dedicated nurses that work at these world renowned facilities and have contributed toward our international recognition as a leading healthcare community. The demand for nursing is greater than ever because of our aging population, especially here in Allegheny County, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology and the explosive growth of home health care.

Allegheny County is poised to meet this workforce demand as evidenced by a current nursing student population of which these women are teaching, 2,000 student nurses attending 12 excellent accredited nursing schools.

On behalf of every citizen of Allegheny County, there are no words that can express to all of you fine women our deepest gratitude. And thank you for a lifetime of giving and the care that you have given to thousands, if not millions, of sick people in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council does hereby celebrate and recognize the contributions that nurses make to our healthcare system, to our communities and to public health overall. We thank nurses across the country, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and here in Allegheny County for bringing your unwavering commitment to excellence, compassion and care to the practice and profession of nursing. Nurses unite. This is going up on YouTube. And

these are nursing students (indicating). Thank you all for coming. Sue.

MS. MEANS: I just have a few words to speak, and I want to thank you for coming. I want to thank you for your service. My mother was a nurse, I'm a nurse, and my daughter chose to become a nurse as well. Nurses are really special. And I was trying to list and I would take pages and hours to list every specialty, but I just wanted --- a nurse isn't just a nurse. You can have an OR nurse, an ICU nurse, a home healthcare nurse, a hospice nurse, a life-flight nurse. There's nurses that deliver babies that are midwives. There's nurses that assist doctors, doctor's assistants

But what I love about nurses is nurses are problem solvers. If you have a problem, go to a nurse and she'll solve your problem. She might not tell you what you want to hear, but she will tell you how to solve your problem. And the other great thing about nurses is two weeks ago we were here in this room and we honored fire rescue team --- rescue team that goes into fires in dangerous situations to rescue people, but nurses put their health on the line. When there is an Ebola crisis, nurses volunteer to take care of sick people.

And so from the bottom of my heart and Allegheny County, citizens of Allegheny County, I want to thank you for your service and thank you for all you do to keep us well and healthy. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. DUNBAR-JACOB: So Councilwoman Heidelbaugh and members of Council, on behalf of thousand of nurses working in Allegheny County or studying to be nurses in Allegheny County, we certainly appreciate very much this recognition today.

(Applause.)

MS. HOWARD: Thank you. I'd like to echo those comments, Council Member Heidelbaugh, leaders of Allegheny County. As we just heard, nursing is not what you do, nursing is who you are. And we are educators. We are scientists. We are clinicians. We are primary care providers, researchers, but number one, we are our patients' advocates. So thank you so much for recognizing the amazing work that nurses do each and every day.

(Applause.)

MS. HUNKER: Thank you, Council Members for this recognition. And we are truly amazed at our nursing

students as they continue to further their education and are committed to being lifelong learners all in order to improve our health. So I would like to thank the students here. And keep going to school. Keep learning.

(Applause.)

MS. MAYLE: Hi. As I said, I'm a nurse and I love being a nurse, and I love being in a position where I can influence future nurses. And as CCAC is one of the largest degree producers of Associate's degree nurses, I love being able to work with the Baccalaureate programs so that we can get articulation programs going. So thank you very much for this.

(Applause.)

MS. GLASGOW: Thank you, Councilwoman Heidelbaugh and Council men and women. I also want to echo my appreciation. I would just add that nurses do extraordinary work every day in their ordinary lives. And just to give you an example, we just recently had a student who --- I won't give you the details because I don't want to break HIPAA, but she saved a patient who was about to commit suicide and talked to that patient and that patient is now safe. And there's thousands of stories every day that happen where a nurse saves someone's life or comforts them at death. And lots of times, you know, as the Councilwoman said, we don't hear about that. So I really appreciate your acknowledgement of our efforts. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. MITCHUM: I want to simply --- to say thank you very much for this recognition. We truly, truly appreciate it. And all of our students, thank you as well.

(Applause.)

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Everybody. Everybody.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're now going to go with the 9214-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation declaring the month of October 2015 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Heidelbaugh, Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Come up here, Shirl. So October is sort of a month that thinks about women, I

guess. We think about breast cancer, and we're going to think about domestic violence for a bit.

October has traditionally been the month in which we think about domestic violence awareness. And standing to my right here is Shirl Regan, and I'm going to read a little bit of this, and then I'm just going to say a few things and then you're going to say something.

Domestic violence --- first, Shirl Regan is the Executive Director of the Women's Center and Shelter and has been a friend of mine for a very long time, and is one of the leading thought leaders in this area.

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior used to establish power and control over an intimate partner,

AND WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts people of all ages, races, genders and income levels,

AND WHEREAS, one in every four women and one in every nine men will experience domestic violence in his or her lifetime,

AND WHEREAS, the cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services. Each year domestic violence programs in Pennsylvania provide services to approximately 95,000 victims.

And one of the things that we often talked about in terms of domestic violence is that lots of people are affected by domestic violence. And oftentimes it's people you wouldn't suspect. And oftentimes it's women who you would never suspect. And so I've been thinking about this for a long time, and I think it's time for me to publicly acknowledge that I was subjected to domestic violence. I'm a woman who represents 1.2 million people, and not many --- there's not very many elected women in office. I'm sorry.

MS. REGAN: It's okay.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I'm going to get through this. And so I've been thinking about it for a long time, and it's my duty to stand up and say that I was not a victim, but I was subjected to it. And you can come out of it, and you can get services. And you need to take care of yourself, and you need to make sure it stops. So we always have to be thinking about it. And if you're scared to come forward, you need to come forward because it happens to lots of people.

During Domestic Violence Awareness month, we encourage Allegheny residents to work toward eliminating domestic violence in our community. And we recommit to doing everything in our power to pull the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny Council does hereby declare the month of October to be Domestic Violence Awareness month in Allegheny County, and we pledge our unwavering support of those in need and recognize the advocates, victim service providers and organizations who work tirelessly to extend hope and healing to survivors and victims of every day.

MS. REGAN: Thank you. Thank you Council for this recognition, and thank you so much for standing up and speaking out and letting people know that it doesn't just happen to other people. It happens to people that we would never suspect.

Domestic violence pervades our lives, our schools and our workplaces. Right now, in Allegheny County according to the Center for Disease Control statistics, 44,000 people are living in homes where there is violence. That is just an incredible number when you think of it. The children in that home are going to school the next day and sitting next to your children and your grandchildren. The person sitting next to you at work or in the cubicle next to you at work is either terrified or stalking somebody.

If you think about it, and we look at one out of every four, it's everywhere. One of the things that I am really proud to say today about Allegheny County is that after working in this field for 35 years, I see change. I see more people standing up and saying it's not okay and you didn't deserve it, and that there's not a tolerance any more for people who are abusive.

And so we will continue to make Allegheny County one of the safest places we can for families because a thriving family builds a thriving community. And that's what we'll all about. And we need to save lives. We need to save people from homicide. We need to save people from going to jail. And we need to save the next generation of children from growing up knowing how to be abused or being abusive. Thank you very much, and again, thank you for standing up.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next is 9216-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating the graduates of the Community College of Allegheny County FireVEST Scholarship Program. Sponsored by Council Members Martoni, Ellenbogen, Futules, Macey, Baker, DeFazio, Finnerty, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Klein, Kress, Means, Palmiere, Rea and Robinson.

DR. MARTONI: This particular proclamation is a real pleasure for me to present. First of all, my colleagues here, Mr. Robinson was on the Board of Trustees for the Community College for a number of years, and currently on the Board of Trustees is our other colleague, Mr. Palmiere. So it's very close to us, the Community College of Allegheny County. And we have our president of the Community College of Allegheny County, one of the biggest community colleges in the country, and no doubt the best, right here in our own county, so we can all be very proud of that, Dr. Bullock. And we have our guest here and we have Nancilee Burzachechi, who is in charge of our government relations. And I'm going to read the proclamation and I want Dr. Bullock to say a few words and my colleagues also. Okay?

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is home to more than --- get this number now, 200, let me repeat the number, 200 volunteer fire companies, 200,

WHEREAS, the Allegheny County volunteer fire fighters protect over 910,000 people. I'll repeat that number, 910,000 people. And saved the taxpayers of Allegheny County an estimated \$60 million a year, and I think it's a lot more than that, but we'll use that number,

WHEREAS, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our communities, in 2008 the Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education Service and Training Scholarship program we know as FireVEST was established through a partnership between Allegheny County Fire Academy and the Community College of Allegheny County through Community College of Allegheny County Workforce Alliance,

AND WHEREAS, 200, repeat 200, FireVEST Scholarships covering tuition, fees and books are offered each and every year, 150 for new recruits in exchange for five years of voluntary service, and over 50 for existing volunteer firefighters in exchange for an additional five years of service in Allegheny County,

WHEREAS, FireVEST Scholarship recipients have majored in programs such as fire science, administration, criminal justice, criminology, business management, nursing and a whole lot more,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Allegheny County Council on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County does hereby congratulate the graduates of the Community College Fire Volunteer Education Service and Training Scholarship Programs. We commend you for your dedication, service and sacrifice in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Allegheny County.

That's our proclamation.

(Applause.)

DR. MARTONI: I would like the president of the Community College of Allegheny County, Dr. Bullock, to come and address us.

DR. BULLOCK: Good evening. And I'm honored to represent the Community College of Allegheny County --- Mr. President, Council Members, for this recognition.

As you know, the Community College of Allegheny County has been in this service for many years. Just by its name as The Community College, this affirms our commitment to ensure that we provide the quality service and access to education and training. And the FireVEST is one example of how we stand up to the test to provide the support that is needed to train and prepare persons to provide a quality service to all of our communities.

We remain committed to ensure that this service continues, and we thank you for your continued support to ensure that the Community College of Allegheny County is a community college of our communities. Thank you.

DR. MARTONI: Thank you. Mr. Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Dr. Bullock. Let me just --- let me make a couple quick comments, which is unusual for me.

DR. MARTONI: That would be a miracle, but ---.

MR. ROBINSON: That would be a miracle, right. As a former chairman of the Board of the Community College of Allegheny County, my colleagues --- and some of you are aware that I always promoted the Community College. I love the Community College. Love every blade of grass on all the campuses. I really do. And I'm so proud that Dr. Martoni asked me to join him here to give honor to this FireVEST program. Councilman Macey and others know firsthand how difficult it is to be in fire service. I

had the pleasure of chairing the Board when this program was finally instituted, and we did the right thing. I thank those who have gone into the program. I know you have benefited. I encourage those who want to serve our community to check this FireVEST program out to become a certified, well-respected firefighter and get a degree. It's probably one of the greatest things you can accomplish and also serve our county.

So I thank my colleagues for supporting this effort. I thank Dr. Bullock for continuing it. My good friend, Nancilee, is over there on the end. We had many good times at the community college. And I thank those who have come out today to pay tribute to the men and women who have gone through this program and those that will follow them. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: Hi, everyone. I'm just honored to be here tonight. I'm just a recent addition to the Trustees of CCAC. I'm looking forward having a fine relationship and to hopefully be a part of the many successes that the college is going to have in the future as they have had in the past. And I want to congratulate all the graduates here. It's a wonderful program. I'm glad to be here. I'm proud to be here. Thank you.

MS. WISSNER SCHELLER: Thank you. And thank you Council Members. And on behalf of everyone that's received the FireVEST Scholarship, thank you so much. I did want to thank Sandy Bayer and everyone behind the scenes to help make this scholarship possible. The past five years has been fast and extremely rewarding. I also wanted to thank Workforce Alliance Project manager Anne Tanski for all of her additional support. And I also wanted to thank the excellent instructors at the County Fire Academy, Tom Bonura, Senior and Junior, Steven Imbarlina. They definitely helped me prepare for the unexpected.

I want to thank my mother and father who couldn't be here today for their unconditional love and support. And I'm just grateful to have had this opportunity to serve my hometown and my county in exchange for a high quality education at the Community College of Allegheny County.

Lastly, I wanted to thank someone who would have really loved to be here today. I wanted to thank my FireVEST, excuse me, my fire chief who passed away last

year from pancreatic cancer. He insisted and persisted that I sign up for the scholarship and it has opened up countless doors for me for the future, so thank you. And thank you, Council Members again.

(Applause.)

MR. HART: I'd like to echo exactly what she just said. It's a great opportunity. I've been doing this for seven and a half years, and I'm a young skip who loves the job. I've been climbing through the ranks. I've been pushing myself and others have been pushing me to get the rank of lieutenant. And now, hopefully, I'm going to advance to the rank of captain. I want to advance my thanks to all the Council Members, to everyone out in the community who has pushed all of us, all of the graduates, all those who are going into it to do this. It is a fantastic program. And it's something you'll never get outside. Its one thing that I like to say, I'm living every little kids dream. I'm riding the big, red fire truck. Thanks again. God bless.

(Applause.)

MS. RODGERS: I'll be short and sweet. To thank you for an invaluable education that, honestly, no other way would have been an option to me. I'm thrilled to be able to serve my community, but at the same time you gave me something back for the rest of my life and I appreciate that every day. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. IMBARLINA: Good afternoon, Council. I'm Steve Imbarlina, Division Chief at the Fire Academy so I'm looking at all my bosses, I suppose, here today. But I think this is a great program. Thank you for your continued support. Thank you to the Community College. Educating someone is an investment to that person, but it's more than investment. The other half of the equation here is most scholarship programs require that students keep a certain GPA. That was imposed on these folks, and they were able to do that. But in addition to that, they had to attend at least 180 hours of vocational training to become firefighters or they already had it through the retention program.

Additionally, they had to test against a national standard so they are nationally certified firefighters. All the while, they have to retain membership and activity within a fire department. So we were getting --- we're going to get a return on this

investment and have been getting a return on this investment as they answered hundreds, if not thousands of calls between all the students that are in the FireVEST Program. And as Mr. Martoni said, they're doing it without a paycheck. So I think it's very important that we continue this program. I know that we are --- every time we start a recruit class at the Academy, we are still getting students who have never heard of it and didn't realize this was an opportunity for them to get not just a vocational education from the Fire Academy, but an academic education through a community college allowing them to save their money and any other scholarships or any other grants they may have for their next step in their education. So thank you very much. Thank all of you.

(Applause.)

MS. TANSKI: I think it's all been said, very well been said. We may have to recruit you for our student recruitment. But thank you for your support and your interest in our college and we couldn't be more proud of these graduates.

(Applause.)

DR. MARTONI: Let's go take a picture.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 9217-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing the Alzheimer's Association and the 2015 Pittsburgh Walk to End Alzheimer's event to be held at Heinz Field on Saturday, October 24th, 2015. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

MR. KRESS: All right. Thank you very much. This proclamation here is for Alzheimer's. And Alzheimer's disease is something that affects me personally because my mother has Alzheimer's, my aunt has Alzheimer's. And it's also a disease that afflicts many people in this county since we are probably the oldest county in the country right now. And the reason why I had this proclamation is to draw attention to this problem, but also it's to thank the many people that are dedicated to helping these people out. We just honored the nurses today. If there's many caregivers out there, take care of their parents ---. And it cannot be said enough if somebody has Alzheimer's, the amount of time you spend taking care of them.

And again, when you --- if your parents are sick, if you have --- relatives are sick, again, I can't

say enough to those people who spend time taking care of their parents. And also, if you have family members that have Alzheimer's, that may be in a nursing home, please go and see them. It's important to visit them. Really, it is, for their care, just to see them.

Again, it's very tough illness. I'm not saying there's --- other illnesses aren't horrible, but again, this is something that robs the person of who they are. And that's something that --- you know, somebody you love who knows you, they no longer recognize you anymore, and it's a very difficult disease for people.

But I also want to, like I said, present this proclamation. Again, there's many people afflicted with this disease.

WHEREAS, and I want to say, WHEREAS as many as five million Americans including 270,000 Pennsylvanians are now living with Alzheimer's disease, it progresses, a degenerative disease of the brain causing memory loss and impaired thinking, judgment and behavior,

AND WHEREAS, Alzheimer's, for which there is no cure --- and hopefully we're get a cure soon, if we get more people --- money, people to dedicate their time and service to this --- is the sixth leading cause of death for older adults in the United States. It is the most common form of dementia,

AND WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Pennsylvania Chapter, is active in the battle to eliminate Alzheimer's disease by raising money for the advancement of research, providing care and support for all affected and reducing the risk of dementia through their advocacy and promotion of brain health,

AND WHEREAS, hundreds or residents from Allegheny County will come together on Saturday, October 24th at Heinz Field on Pittsburgh's North Shore to raise awareness and funds through the 2015 Pittsburgh Walk to End Alzheimer's event,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Council applauds the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association, its volunteers to raise funds, promote awareness in the fight against Alzheimer's. And we urge citizens participate in the 2015 Pittsburgh Walk to End Alzheimer's. Learn more about the disease and become and advocate to move the Alzheimer's Association cause forward.

And I have here from the Alzheimer's Association Abby Smith, and she's going to tell you little bit more about the event this Saturday. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. SMITH: Thank you. I just want to start off by thanking Council Member Kress for sponsoring this proclamation, as well as the other Council Members for hosting me here today.

As we mentioned, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. It's actually the only cause of death in the top 10 in America that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed. Every 67 seconds, someone in the United States will develop Alzheimer's, so it's one of those diseases that --- it's just not going to stop. It's relentless. And at the Alzheimer's Association, we are doing as much as we can to provide services and support to families, to caregivers, to individuals that are diagnosed.

And the number one way that we are trying to move our mission forward is through funding of research. And we actually have over 400,000 research actively being funded right here in Allegheny County currently. And we're able to do this through events like our Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday.

Additionally, we have over 40,000 Allegheny County residents that have a dementia or Alzheimer's diagnosis so we are there gathering everybody to support them, to support the families that are taking care of them. It's really something that we actually call our Walk the largest support group that will we'll ever host. So it's just a time for everyone to come together and unite to end Alzheimer's.

So I encourage everyone if you're available Saturday head on down to the Heinz Field. We have registration starting at 8:00. We have an opening ceremony at 9:30 where we're going to recognize our caregivers and those diagnosed as well as our advocates. And we would love to have you there to help us support our mission and help take us one step closer to a world without Alzheimer's. So thank you again.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have next 9218-15.

MR. CATANESE: Certificates of Achievement awarded to Pittsburgh Magazine and PUMP's 40 Under 40 2015

honorees for their commitment to enhancing the quality of life in our region. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

MR. BAKER: All right. Thank you very much. If we could have all the 40 Under 40 honorees please join me up here? There are 40 honorees each year. We have 11 here with us tonight which is actually really, really good, so welcome everyone. Feel free to pile in. This is a great group of young professionals here in our region. And I will say this, and I've always believed this. I grew up here in Pittsburgh, moved back after college. My wife and I got really active in the community. The two main groups that we got involved with that absolutely attracted and retained us in this community are both well represented here tonight. That's PUMP, the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project that Annie Clough works for, of which all these lovely folks are honorees. The other one is the Coro Center for Civic Leadership, and all the Coro fellows wave to us. I'm going to talk about you guys during liaison reports, but those are the --- absolutely the two organizations that retained the Bakers in the region.

So 40 Under 40 honorees, you should be very proud. Over 240 folks are nominated every year to be 40 Under 40. It's an incredible event. I know we're just ten days away from your big night, so looking forward to celebrating with all of you in just ten days. Casey Mahaven does a great job every year with the event which is absolutely excellent. Cindi Lash is here from Pittsburgh Magazine so we're very thankful to Pittsburgh Magazine, PUMP and Casey for all their efforts in providing all of you with a great night to really honor you on all the amazing work that you're doing here in our community.

There's a lot --- Councilman Kress mentioned that we are one of the older communities in the country. I'll tell you this. I see young professionals like all of you every day doing absolutely amazing things in our community. I see the Coro fellows. I see people through PUMP. I see your efforts as 40 Under 40 honorees, and I don't know that there's ever been a better time in our region's history than right now to be a young professional in western Pennsylvania, and specifically in Allegheny County.

So I know that you're all making the most out of that opportunity, a big believer in the idea that there's never a reason to be bored in Pittsburgh. Are you 40

Under 40 honorees ever bored? Never. Thank you. Very good. So with --- we'll get to the Proclamation.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 40 talented young professionals that will be recognized by the 40 Under 40 program based on their passion, commitment, visibility, diversity and overall impact on the region. Each year Pittsburgh Magazine and PUMP sponsor the 40 Under 40 program with the goal of recognizing 40 people under the age of 40 who are committed to shaping our region and making it a better place for everyone to live, work and play. I like that. That's very PUMP. Like that.

Selected from a nomination pool of more than 240 candidates, this year honorees were chosen by an independent panel of judges comprised of former winners, business professionals and civic leaders on Friday, October 30th, 2015, at the Western Hotel. The 40 awardees, 12 of which are recognized here tonight, will be honored for their professional and community achievements.

We congratulate each 40 Under 40 honoree and thank you for your commitment for affecting positive change in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. Sponsored by myself and presented on behalf all of Council. And we're just really proud of you. So can we get a big round of applause for the 40 Under 40 honorees.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: I'm going to ask that --- Annie and Cindi can come up on behalf of the organization to help present the proclamations if that works for you.

Our first honoree is and I don't want to mess up any names, Bibhuti Aryal. Did I get it wrong? How do you actually say it correctly?

MR. ARYAL: That was close enough.

MR. BAKER: Congratulations --- from SDLC Partners. We have Nicholas Black from Point Park University. Congratulations.

MR. BLACK: Thank you.

MR. BAKER: All right. Very good. Up next we have Harvey Daniels, national recording artist. Congratulations.

MR. DANIELS: I appreciate that.

MR. BAKER: Come on in. I'll hand it to you. I don't want to mess --- Ketaki Desai.

MS. DESAI: Perfect.

MR. BAKER: Oh, really? All right. Yeah. High five for that. That's very good. Okay. Very good. Congratulations. Our next honoree is Julia Erickson. Okay. Bridget Guarascio, is that close?

MS. GUARASCIO: That's all right.

MR. BAKER: And Bridget with K&L Gates. Congratulations. Up next we have Eugene Goodwine. Okay. Come on. Congratulations, Eugene. He's from the VA, the Veterans Affairs Department. Great. Riley Herrmann. Congratulations. Hi, Riley.

MS. HERRMANN: Thank you.

MR. BAKER: Okay. Up next we have Princess Rose Hughes from the Hill District Education Council. Okay. How are you? Congratulations.

MS. HUGHES: Thanks.

MR. BAKER: Up next we have Carrie Rowe. She's the assistant superintendent of the Beaver Area School District. Not here, okay. All right. Okay.

All right. We have Nina Sauer from Most Wanted Fine Art. Okay. All right. That's all right.

Regina Scott. Hi, Regina. How are you? Congratulations.

MS. SCOTT: Thank you.

MR. BAKER: All right. We have Anthony Paul Williams who is the Dean of Student Affairs and Director of Operations at The Neighborhood Academy. Congratulations, sir.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

MR. BAKER: Did we get everyone? No. We got ---.

MR. COOPER: Kevin Cooper.

MR. BAKER: Kevin Cooper. Oh, okay. I promise we have you right --- let's give it up for Kevin Cooper as well.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Did we get everyone else? All right. So congratulations. Do you have anything to say on behalf of the Pittsburgh Magazine?

MS. LASH: Yes.

MR. BAKER: Do you guys read Pittsburgh Magazine? Okay. Good.

MS. LASH: Thank you, Councilman Baker. Thank you, County Council. Thank you to Annie and PUMP, our partners in sponsoring the 40 Under 40 program every year. And most of all thank you to each of our honorees and to

those of you who aren't here tonight we'll be honoring you on the 30th.

Every year we do this program and the --- not just these folks, but the pool of people who are nominated for this honor just blows you away every year. It's always a hard decision to choose these folks. They're all so extraordinary, so accomplished. I want to thank all of you. You are such a blessing to our region and to what you have already accomplished in our region, and the imprint that I know that you'll be putting on our community for the future. Thank you all.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Annie from PUMP?

MS. CLOUGH: Just to echo what Cindi said, you know, this is --- thank you to Tom Baker for sponsoring us tonight. And thank you to the 40 Under 40 honorees for everything that you do to help make Pittsburgh truly the best place to live, work and play. We all know this city. We love this city. But I think with out the honorees and, you know, people of your caliber, the city would not be reaching the heights that it is now. So thank you. Don't give up the good fight. And you know, thanks to Pittsburgh Magazine, I can't --- I don't know off the top of my head how many years we've been doing this, but it's just truly amazing.

MS. MAHAVEN: About 20 years.

MS. CLOUGH: Yeah, about 20 years. So this is truly amazing how many great, young people there are out there, you know, pushing the City forward, so thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: All right. And if anybody still wanted to buy tickets, are they available Casey Mahaven?

MS. MAHAVEN: Yes.

MR. BAKER: Okay. Very good. Okay. So ten days away from now. Congratulations. Again, we'll do our group photo, but just really proud of you all and keep up all the good work you're doing here in your professional lives and in your civic lives. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9219-15, and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation recognizing the Young Preservationists Association of Pittsburgh and declaring Tuesday, October 27th, 2015 to be Top 10

Preservation Opportunities Day in Allegheny County.  
Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9220-15. Proclamation congratulating 15-year-old Anissa Clay for winning the 2015 Pittsburgh Emerging Author Award from The Authors Zone for her first published novel entitled The God Conception. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9221-15. Proclamation congratulating the Volunteer Administrators of Southwestern Pennsylvania upon the occasion of its 35th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9222-15. Proclamation congratulating the Allegheny County Adult DUI Court upon the occasion of its 10th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

9223-15. Proclamation congratulating the Modernette Baton Corps of South Park for winning four gold medals in the National Baton Twirling Association 2015 America's Youth on Parade. Sponsored by Council Member Heidelbaugh.

9224-15. Proclamation congratulating Shaler Police Detective Mike Heintl for being named a 2015 Friend of Education by the Shaler Area Education Association. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

9225-15. Proclamation thanking Lawrence and Stanley Levine for their many years of service to the community as business owners of Levine Brothers Hardware and the Duquesne Village Shopping Center. Sponsored by Council Members Macey and Klein.

9226-15. Proclamation congratulating Richard Antoncic for being inducted into the McKeesport Area High School Hall of Fame on October 10th, 2015. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9227-15. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Josh Traczynski of Boy Scout Troop 1640 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9228-15. Proclamation honoring Mt. Lebanon High School senior Grace Tandon for her chart topping song Hide Away. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

9229-15. Proclamation recognizing the 45th annual Pitt Jazz Seminar and Concert to be held November 2nd through 7th, 2015.

9230-15. Proclamation recognizing the performance of the Billy Strayhorn Centennial Concert held at the Westinghouse High School Auditorium on October 17th, 2015. Sponsored by Council Member Robinson.

9231-15. Proclamation honoring Adam Wade, a singer, drummer and television actor from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who will be performing at the Billy Strayhorn Centennial Concert. Sponsored by Council Member Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9239-15.

MR. CATANESE: First of all, we have no Public Comment, just so we know that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No public comment; okay.  
9239-15.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 8th, 2015 Meeting of Allegheny County Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

DR. MARTONI: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
9231-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Dr. Valire Copeland to serve as a member of the Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Commission for a term to expire on December 3rd, 2019. Sponsored by Council Member DeFazio.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'd like --- would someone like to make the motion for me?

MR. MACEY: You send it to the committee; don't you?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. We'll just --- yeah, it'll go to Appointment Review Committee.

MR. MACEY: Yeah.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 9232-15.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go the Appointment Review Committee. 9233-15.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go the Appointment Review Committee. 9234-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of Ward Garner to serve as a member of the Area Agency of Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. 9235-15.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go the Appointment Review Committee.

Liaison Reports. Does anyone have a liaison report.

MR. FINNERTY: Oh, sure.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike, you're always first.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'd just like to recognize the sort of, I guess, you could call it a groundbreaking, in a way in Mckees Rocks today which was for Scott Baker and Bernie Baker who --- they call it now The Five Generation Bakers. But it was Jenny Lee at one time. And they've come to an agreement to stay in Mckees Rocks, and I think it's very important for the people in Mckees Rocks and the community. So that went on this morning at ten o'clock.

Also, I'd like to just recognize, in a way, that this is the 25th anniversary of the Pollution Prevention Act which was a law establishing the national policy that pollution should be prevented or reduced at the source whenever feasible. So there were just two things I'd like to talk about. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I think next was Representative Baker.

MR. BAKER: Okay. Thanks, Mr. President. I mentioned earlier during proclamations that we do have the Coro Fellows here with us tonight. The Coro Center for Civic Leadership is an amazing leadership treasure, honestly, in our region. And it's a nonpartisan, bipartisan leadership opportunity. The Coro fellows who are here with us tonight, they'll be in our region for a little under a year. They do a nine month rotation through their fellowship. They get to work at four different locations and get to really see a lot of the

potential that there is here in our community. My hope with all of them and of course, with our 40 Under 40 honorees --- and Councilwoman Means and I shared with them at our little pizza party beforehand that we hope they all decide to stay in Allegheny County when they complete their fellowship with the Coro Center for Civic Leadership. But I hope you all enjoyed --- I actually thought the last hour --- I know it was a little bit long on proclamations, but I thought it was a really inspiring hour of all the amazing things that are going on here in our community, and also when times are tough how our community rallies together. So for all the Fellows that are here tonight, I hope that you enjoyed the proclamations.

I promise we do vote on lots of legislation within this governing body, but tonight is a little bit heavier on proclamations. So thanks for joining us. Thanks to Councilwoman Heidelbaugh as well for attending the little debriefing Q and A pizza party beforehand with all the Coro fellows. And you'll have to do --- Margaret, we'll have to do a photo after, I guess. Is that what you're --- yeah, we'll do a photo after, guys. Oh, we did one, too, so that's good. But thanks, Margaret, and thanks to the Coro fellows for being here. Keep up the good works, guys. Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein, did you have your hand up?

MS. KLEIN: I did.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And then I'll get you.

MS. FUTULES: All right.

MS. KLEIN: I would just like to acknowledge my neighbor to the right, Councilwoman Heidelbaugh, for her bravery in sharing her personal history of domestic violence. I was personally touched, and I think --- I appreciate your courage. I hope by lifting the veil on the domestic violence women can be empowered to reclaim their power. And thank you for your efforts.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Thank you. This morning, the AK Valley set a new bridge, Hulton Bridge, today. The last time we built a new bridge was 1908. This connector for the AK Valley was really great. The elected officials had come. The Governor had come. Frank Dermody and the Chief Executive, myself and a few others. It was a great event.

And they opened the bridge this afternoon. And I was one of the first to cross the bridge, and it's amazing, but the traffic was just as jammed as it always has been, only now there's two lines of traffic versus one. But it was a wonderful event.

And later on tonight, under new business, I'm going to ask to present a resolution celebrating the birthday of the new Hulton Bridge. And thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no other ---.  
Another one?

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: I forgot. Excuse me. We also have one of our own who has been inducted into the Pittsburgh Public School Hall of Fame, Clarence Hopkins, who is the deputy in the Parks Department. That would have happened last week, I believe. Thank you. I just wanted to give him some recognition.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Moving on to New Business. 9237-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the conveyance of the County of Allegheny's interest in one (1) parcel, known as Block 40-G, Lot 315 (hereinafter called the Parcel), currently owned by Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh to the School District of Pittsburgh. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go in Economic Development Committee. You want to ---? Okay. Let's switch that. Put that in Public Works. Okay. 9238-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny County amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2015, (Submission 10-15). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into the Budget and Finance Committee. Let's see --- no New Business. Any new business?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, I do.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Nick.  
Representative Futules. Go ahead.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah. I just mentioned a few seconds ago, I'd like to make a motion to add to the Agenda a Resolution for the Hulton Bridge.

MR. FINNERTY: I'll second.

MR. MACEY: I'll second that motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MR. FUTULES: Well, ---.

MR. FINNERTY: No, wait.

MR. FUTULES: I think we need to put it on the agenda first to vote before I do that.

MR. MACEY: Didn't you put it on the agenda? That's why I seconded it.

MR. FINNERTY: Are you making a motion or a resolution?

MR. FUTULES: Well, I'm making a motion to add this to the agenda, this resolution.

MR. MACEY: That's why I seconded it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. FUTULES: I need a --- I believe I need eight votes to ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: First of all, let's take a vote, a voice vote, on to see who is in favor of putting it on the agenda. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? Okay. It's on the Agenda.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. This is a motion that --- some people in the communities had asked me to have some sort of documentation for their museums that they have in Oakmont, Verona and some of the AK Valley area to commemorate this day, October 20th, calling it the Hulton Bridge Birthday in Allegheny County. That's basically what this is. And I had asked this Council if you would give me the privilege of presenting this this evening.

And I believe I need a motion to waive the second reading so we could take a vote.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make --- oh, I was going to make the motion to waive.

MR. MACEY: We already did.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We just need the ---.

MR. FINNERTY: I don't know if we did or not.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Now, on your ---

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: --- resolution.

MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.  
MR. FUTULES: It's pretty simple. It says a Resolution of the Allegheny County establishing October 20th, 2015 as Hulton Bridge Birthday in Allegheny County.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.  
MR. FINNERTY: Make a motion to approve.  
MR. MACEY: Second.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. Okay. That's a resolution. How about the ---?  
MR. CATANESE: Can I read the topic?  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.  
MR. FUTULES: Sure.  
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the Council of the County of Allegheny establishing October 20th, 2015 as the Hulton Bridge Birthday in Allegheny County.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: There's a motion and second. Call the roll for the vote.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?  
MR. BAKER: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?  
(No response).  
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: Sure.  
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?

(No response.)

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 12; no's, 0. The bill passes.

MR. FUTULES: Thank you, members.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do we have any thing on Notification of Contracts?

MR. CATANESE: Nothing.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Nothing. Public Comment on General Items. Nothing also?

MR. CATANESE: We have four.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, that ---. Wait a minute. Okay. We got them. That's right. Lester Ludwig.

MR. LUDWIG: My name is Les Ludwig. I live at 6589 Rosemoor Street in Squirrel Hill. And Mike, you came right to me. You couldn't have come closer because when I came to Pittsburgh I actually delivered eggs and Baker's cheese to Jenny Lee Bakery. And those young men, all those years ago, some 60 years ago, were just young pups just beginning to come up.

Also in my life experience I actually was in the assisted living business and actually cared for those people who suffered from Alzheimer's.

But that's not what I'm here for tonight. I'm here to look at last month's last meeting. And I actually almost felt embarrassed that I had attacked so strongly in regards to the issue of government making money, new revenues. But then I had so many wonderful people in the audience who came to me and they said, jeez, Les, it was great. There's one thing wrong. In the days intervening, a person who asks for a phone number hasn't made the call. Not one person from this Council has contacted me and said, Les, it's time for a meeting.

Now, if I go back to the beginning of the process of trying to make a Management Budget Revenue Opportunities Act for Allegheny County, I have to go back to taking Chuck Dunham from the City of Pittsburgh who is still the chair, to visit with then the head of Council, Dr. Martoni. That was in 2014. When are you going to move? Regardless of Les Ludwig, when are you going to wake up to the fact that there's money out there, or are we going to be standing here a year from now and looking

at each other and saying, oh, we need a resolution for \$5 for fixing bridges and roads? No. As a citizen, I'm saying you're dead wrong. Get up and move. Change. I'm tired of coming down here and seeing, relatively speaking, nothing happening, the same old stuff. It's up to you. Otherwise, a year from now you will be looking for another \$5 charge. Good evening.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: John Listisen.

MR. LISTISEN: Thank you. My name is John Listisen. I'm a business agent with SEIU Local 668. My business address is 429 Forbes Avenue, Suite 1600, Pittsburgh, PA, 15219. I'm an Allegheny County taxpayer and reside in Moon Township.

I come today before this Council regarding health concerns that I have at the Allegheny Health Department office and clinic on Forbes Avenue in Oakland. You may have seen on the news that we've held a press conference recently, last week. And this facility is owned and maintained by the County. Local 668 represents thousands of workers who work in state and county government in Allegheny County, and it's not rare for us to get complaints from workers concerning health and safety issues. And often, quite often, these issues are resolved and corrected in a timely fashion.

However, we have --- we are seeing our concern on an all-to-frequent basis that certain public employers are turning their backs on workers and the same taxpayers who pay the salaries of the public employees and management. Out at the Health Department in Oakland, we have confirmed reports of water leaks, mold infestation, damaged carpeting and walls with paint peeling. And there is asbestos in the building. We just don't know if it's been cracked or whatever the case may be out there with the asbestos. But the building is old enough. It does have asbestos in it.

This building serves the public daily. People with immune system disorders, children and the elderly come daily for immunizations and testing. Our workers have been forced for the last two summers to work with a faulty air conditioning system. Can you imagine delivering hands-on patient care in 90 degree heat? The nurses union walked off the job twice over the summer due to these unbearable conditions, not just for themselves, but for the patients that they were caring for.

The right to a safe and healthy workplace is a public right that many workers take for granted. Public employees do not have a right to OSHA. This is why our allies in Harrisburg have introduced House Bill 1082. This Act provides for a health --- workplace health and safety standards for public employees, providing for powers and duties of the Secretary of Labor, establishing the Pennsylvania Occupational Safety and Health Review Board, providing for workplace inspections as imposing penalties.

I ask this body to consider a resolution and proclamation --- or proclamation in support of House Bill 1082 and commit the necessary resources in the budget process to guarantee that all county employees have access to a safe and healthy work environment.

You know, and as a taxpayer of this community, you know, I get complaints all the time from people who feel they're working in unsafe work environments. And I've been doing this job over 20 years. 9-1-1, recently we had a bedbug scare. They did a great job out there. They addressed the issue. We had issues and concerns at the Railroad Street where there was mold. You know what we did for an inspector to go into there? I went with a flashlight. Like what do I know; right? I'm a homeowner. I looked for that. Didn't see anything. Out here in this building, what we had to do to get any action out there recently --- since this newscast, they've been out there working and doing repairs. We don't know what they're doing. I've asked the County Assistant Manager for access to show us what they're doing.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: John, ---

MR. LISTISEN: That meeting is going to take ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: --- try to sum it up, please.

MR. LISTISEN: Well, what I'm asking you guys to do is to make sure the funds are available. And shame on the County for us having to go through the media to shame you into getting somebody out there doing the work that's been needed done out there for over 20 years. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thomas Barchfeld. Not here. Dawn Bach? Dawn Bach? Not here.

Does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. FUTULES: I make a motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second?

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: So moved, second. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

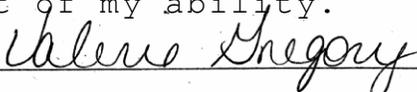
(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
Meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:38 P.M.

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