

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 (Via Telephone)
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Amanda Green Hawkins	-	District 13 (Via Telephone)

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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
Jack Cambest	-	Council Solicitor
Andrew Baechle	-	Parks Foundation

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

(Pledge of Allegiance)

(Moment of silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. We'll have a 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: Here.

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 currently present.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Mr. Chairman? Amanda Green Hawkins called me and she is attempting to get in. And I did text the number, so I will text her again, but I know she's trying to get in.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We're going to go with 9251-15.

MR. CATANESE: They're here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: They're here?

MR. CATANESE: Everyone is here for the first one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Do you want to read that?

MR. CATANESE: Do you want to call the number and I'll do that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, I did, 9251-15.

MR. CATANESE: proclamation honoring the life, memory and legacy of The Honorable Robert J. Powers and extending condolences to his family, friends and colleagues. Sponsored by Council Member Rea.

MS. REA: Thank you. I'd like Mr. Powers' family to come up here and any of his friends who would also --- Commissioners, Council members who served with him, if they'd also like to come up here, that'd be great. Thank you.

The Honorable Bob Powers was the driving force to make the town of McCandless the perfect place it is to live today. He served his constituents for 41 years with integrity and kindness. He was so respected by his peers that he served as Council President of 33 of those 41 years, which is really quite remarkable. When Bob Powers spoke, people listened to him. He was a perfect gentleman and tireless public servant.

Now, I'd like to read our proclamation into the record. And then after I do this --- and it's a long proclamation because he was a very accomplished public servant --- then anyone who'd like to speak, we would love to hear what you have to say.

WHEREAS, Bob Powers, The Honorable Bob Powers grew up in Mars, Pennsylvania where he attended classes in a one-room schoolhouse,

WHEREAS, a Korean war veteran, Mr. Powers served his country as a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps from 1953 to 1956,

WHEREAS, Mr. Powers graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and earned degrees from Westminster College and Duquesne University,

WHEREAS, on January 7th, 1974, Mr. Powers became a Commissioner Councilman of the Town of McCandless, and on January 4th, 1982 he was elected to serve as council president, a position he held for 33 years,

WHEREAS, during his tenure, The Honorable Mr. Powers was instrumental in achieving balanced growth in McCandless while maintaining a high quality of residential life. He forged the creation of the McCandless/Franklin Ambulance Authority, determined the present location of the Community College of Allegheny County, North Campus, and played a key role in the location and construction of the Northland Public Library. He guided the acquisition of over 100 acres of land for both passive and active uses, including the creation of Wall Park and its protected wetland, created and implemented the deer management program in 1997, directed the formation and evolution of storm water management controls, created traffic improvements from the McCandless portion of McKnight Road and ensured an optimal level of government services and a stable tax and financial climate,

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as council president, Mr. Powers served on many government boards including Chairman of the Municipal Risk Management Workers' Compensation Pooled Trust, President of the Pennsylvania State Council of Governments Association, President of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners and Chairman of the Executive Board of the North Hills Council of Governments,

WHEREAS, in 1989, Mr. Powers was awarded the Good Government Award from the Pennsylvania State Senate, the Good Government Award from the North Hill Jaycees, and the Exemplary Intergovernmental Cooperation Award from the Intergovernmental Cooperation Program. He also received the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania House of Representatives Citation for Public Service and Good Government and the Superintendent's Academic Excellence Award from the Quaker Valley School District,

WHEREAS, Mr. Powers was a founding member of St. John Neumann Parish where he served as a lay Eucharistic minister,

WHEREAS, Mr. Powers, an avid sportsman, enjoyed his many hunting and fishing trips, and especially the time he spent at his family lodge in Centre County. He was a charter member and past president of the Herder Spring Hunting Club,

WHEREAS, Mr. Powers was married to his wife, Joan, a teacher, for 57 loving years,

WHEREAS, father of three --- Mr. Powers was father of three grandchildren, Robert, Kelly and Timothy and he was a loving and doting grandfather,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Council does hereby honor the life, memory and legacy of The Honorable Robert J. Powers and we extend our condolences to his family, friends and colleagues. Mr. Powers always acted in the best interests of the town and constituents of McCandless, working tirelessly and lovingly for the good of his community, and he will be greatly missed. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. REA: This is The Honorable Joan Powers. Would you like to say something?

HONORABLE JOAN POWERS: I would just like to thank you for this. This was a great part of Bob's life, and I know he would be very honored and proud to receive this. Thank you so much.

(Applause.)

MS. REA: Thank you. Would anyone else like to say a few words? Mr. Aufman, you served for a long time on Council with Mr. Powers.

MR. AUFMAN: Mr. Powers and I both ran the same time, and we were elected continuously. We're in our 42nd year on council right now, so it's been a long time, and we worked together cooperatively for everything, never had many major disputes and if we did, we talked them out.

Bob was quite a gentleman, and he really worked hard for the good of the community and the county and the North Hills and even the State of Pennsylvania. So we all owe him a good bit of appreciation. And I'd like to welcome Joan, who is now taking his place as his seat on the Council, and she will do very well. And his children here respected him and loved him. And he's got grandchildren. And he's done a wonderful life. Thank you, gentlemen and ladies.

(Applause.)

MS. REA: You can come up. If anybody wants to say anything or we can come up and get our picture.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Can we add as co-sponsors, Jan?

MS. REA: Yes, please.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you.

MS. REA: Yeah. That would be nice. Thank you. They'll all co-sponsor it, then. We always come up here and get pictures presenting this to you, everybody.

MR. CATANESE: We're waiting for a piece of equipment to the camera. She went to get it, so can we just delay it for a second?

MS. REA: Oh, okay.

MR. CATANESE: Something broke. She's on her way back up now.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Joe, I think Councilwoman Green Hawkins is on.

MR. CATANESE: Council Member Green Hawkins, are you on the line?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: I am.

MR. CATANESE: Okay. Thank you. Please recognize Councilwoman Green Hawkins is present.

(Pictures taken.)

MR. CATANESE: Councilmember Green Hawkins, I was wondering if you could mute your phone, please?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9252-15. Oh, wait, 9252-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating Mr. Clarence Hopson for being inducted into the Saint Francis University Athletics 2015 Hall of Fame and the Pittsburgh City League 2015 Hall of Fame for his decorated career playing men's basketball. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Rea, Robinson and Means.

MR. FINNERTY: Clarence, would you join me, and bring up your wife, Diane, up also?

Clarence was one of the amazing basketball stars in the 1960s. And in the '60s this area was a hotbed of basketball players going to all sorts of universities. So he kept his team going at Schenley High School. And he is --- this recognition is well overdue for Clarence, well overdue, because he was one of the best in the City League. So let me read the proclamation and then Clarence can give a little speech.

WHEREAS, on August the 8th, 2015 Clarence Hopson, men's basketball, was inducted in to the Saint Francis University Athletic Hall of Fame. And on October the 17th, 2015, Clarence was inducted into the Pittsburgh City League High School All Sports Hall of Fame,

WHEREAS, Clarence Hopson starred for Schenley High School boys basketball team in the late 1960s. He received 50 scholarship offers and chose Saint Francis University,

AND WHEREAS, Clarence was one of the best men's basketball players at Saint Francis University until the 1970 --- during the 1970s. He shot over 50 percent for his entire tenure and ranked 23rd on the Saint Francis University Men's Basketball scoring list with 1,148 points. He is 1 of just 39 players in the history to reach the 1,000 point plateau. He led the team in scoring and rebounding during both the 1972-'73 and 1973-'74 seasons. The 1973 and 1974 teams earned wins over Georgetown. And if you know anything about that, Georgetown was a power in those days. And Creighton, and Creighton was also a power, ranked probably in the top 10 in the NCAA. Clarence averaged 14.9 points per game, including a career high 16.2 points per game during the 1971-'72 campaign. That same season, he connected on 59 percent of his shots, a career high. That's almost impossible,

WHEREAS, Clarence graduated from Saint Francis University in 1974 with a degree in elementary education and history. The Washington Bullets drafted Clarence, and he played for about a year in the NBA before traveling to the Netherlands and playing four professional seasons there. He eventually returned to Pittsburgh and taught in the Pittsburgh public schools. And in 1980, he joined the Allegheny County Parks Department. And today, Clarence is the Deputy Director of the Parks Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate Clarence for being inducted into the Saint Francis University Athletic Hall of Fame and the Pittsburgh City League High School All Sports Hall of Fame. We recognize and honor Clarence for his super contributions to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports championships and champions. And this is sponsored by myself on the 4th day of November 2015.

Clarence, congratulations on a storied career.  
(Applause.)

MR. HOPSON: First of all, I really want to thank Council. In the Parks Department, we work virtually with every department in the county, including most of all of you Council people here. I've worked with almost all of you. And in saying that, I've got to know a lot throughout Allegheny County and I've got to work with a lot of people in Allegheny County. And I really appreciate you guys giving me this proclamation. Thank you very much.

And I want to say that my wife here for over 30 years has dealt with me through the basketball, okay, through all of the trips. Through the friends meetings in the evenings, through the parks on the weekend, the pools, the skating rinks, the ski slopes. There never was any issues. She always was there to support me and she deserves a hand also.

(Applause.)

MR. HOPSON: Now, I just have to say this. I never considered myself a great basketball player. I was very lucky. And Mr. Robinson, you might attest to this, I truly feel --- and Willie, you might attest to this also, I truly feel from the mid-'60s through the mid to late '70s was the golden era of basketball here in western Pennsylvania, ---

MR. FINNERTY: Without a doubt.

MR. HOPSON: --- not only within the City, but also within the WPIAL. And I was very lucky. I came along during that era. I was a teenager playing one-on-one against Connie Hawkins, Kenny Durrett, Stretch Howard from Fifth Avenue. I was very lucky I came along during that era.

Also, I really, again, didn't consider myself a great ball player. I played with Kevin Porter in the 1971-'72 season. That was the season that my field goal percentage was 59 percent. Okay. If you know anything about Kevin Porter, he played in the NBA for 12 years, and when he left, he was one of the all-time assist leaders in the NBA.

I'm going to tell a quick story. The first day we played together, back then you couldn't play. The freshman had the freshman team, so I really only played with him one season, my sophomore year. He was a senior. We're playing. And because I had played with Kenny Durrett, Connie Hawkins, I thought guys my size put their hands on the ball. So I'm handling the ball. I get a rebound. We're playing at Indiana. I get a rebound. I'm coming down court. I throw the ball away. He grabs me. He says, Hop, give me the ball. I'll give it back. All right.

(Applause.)

MR. HOPSON: So from that point on, when I would get the rebound, I'd give it to him and he gave it back. In that season, I was in the top ten in field goal percentage. And that was the reason why. And I was

lucky. In high school, I played with Maurice Lucas. I played with Ricky Coleman. I played with great ball players. I was just an average ball player that was lucky to be able to play with great ball players.

I want to thank you again for this honor. I also want to say Andy Baechle, who's my director, who has been great for me to work with, I'm very lucky to work with a guy like Andy Baechle. And I want to thank everybody on Council again for this proclamation. All right.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Can I be added to that proclamation, please?

MR. CATANESE: I will add you. Thank you.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Joe?

MR. BAECHLE; Go Buckeyes.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Joe?

MR. CATANESE: Yes, Council Member Hawkins?

Yes.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Can you hear me? I'd like to be added to ---.

MR. CATANESE: Yeah, I did get it, and I added you to that.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Oh, thank you.

MR. CATANESE: You're welcome.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9253-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating the Pittsburgh Diversity and Leadership Conference's 2015 Most Powerful and Influential Women and Leadership Excellence awardees. Sponsored by Council Members Martoni, Palmiere, Robinson, Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Klein and Kress.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Can you add me, Joe, to this?

MR. CATANESE: Yes, ma'am.

DR. MARTONI: Thank you. Thank you, Chairman. It's my pleasure to present these proclamations to the Leadership Excellence Awards, okay, and we have three wonderful recipients here, and a whole lot of other proclamations you guys are going to have to get out to the people.

Let me read it first and then all three of you can maybe say a few words. Okay.

WHEREAS, on Thursday, October 22nd in the year 2015, at the Pittsburgh Area Arts Center, the Pennsylvania

Diversity Council hosted the Sixth Annual Pittsburgh Diversity and Leadership Conference in a continuing effort to recognize and empower multi-culturalism and leadership throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

AND WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh Diversity and Leadership Conference was created by former and CEO of the National Diversity Council, Dennis Kennedy, to provide an opportunity for professionals to grow in their knowledge of diversity and inclusion, best practices,

AND WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh Diversity and Leadership Conference recognized individuals who have made an impact in their organizations and communities with the most powerful and influential women award and leadership excellence award,

AND WHEREAS, the 2015 Leadership Excellence Award recipients are leaders within their respective organizations and are recognized in the following categories; corporate, education, legal and medical.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate the 2015 Leadership Excellence Awardees, and we recognize each honoree with vision, dedicated efforts, singular commitment and highest ideals of business have distinguished them in their organization as among the very best --- let me repeat that --- the very best in the State of Pennsylvania and Allegheny County.

That's our award, and I want each individual to come up and say a few words.

(Applause.)

MS. BURZACHECHI: Thank you, Dr. Martoni. My name is Nancilee Burzachechi. I work for the Community College of Allegheny County. I'm really honored to be included in this group of accomplished awardees. I consider myself also very lucky because I have the privilege of working at the Community College of Allegheny County of which you're all very familiar with. It's an institution that's dedicated to transforming lives through education and to promoting diversity inclusion for all.

I witness this transformational power of education every day through my work in the classroom as an adjunct professor in the business department at Dr. Martoni's Boyce Campus, where I'm on my way to right after this, and also in my role as a head of Government Relations and External Affairs.

Thank you for this honor, and thank you for your continued support of CCAC and most of all for our students.

(Applause.)

MS. PUROHIT: Good evening, everyone. Thank you so much for this honor and for the opportunity to say thank you. My name is Yasmin Purohit, and I'm the Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer at Robert Morris University. You may have heard of us. We beat Kentucky last year. Claim to fame. And we don't fail to rub it in. I'm also a professor of human resource management.

So I have to say thank you to the University that's given me such wonderful opportunities to grow and to share different ideas. But also to Pittsburgh. I moved here about eight years ago from that other city in Pennsylvania on the east, and I can't tell you how welcomed I felt in Pittsburgh and this is home. So thank you very much. And I'm glad for this opportunity. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. FREDRIKSEN: Thank you very much. I'm Katherine Fredriksen, and I was very honored to receive both the award and this recognition by the Council.

I was brought here five years ago by CONSOL Energy who's been calling Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania home over 150 years. And I have called Pittsburgh home now for five, and I live just down the street because I love Pittsburgh so much.

In my role as Senior Vice President for Health, Safety and Environment at CONSOL Energy, I have seen the transformation that the energy business has on both western Pennsylvania as well as opportunities for women and minorities. I have watched our workforce change from when I started to now increasing --- 40 percent of our workforce is women at the corporate office. And that's just an amazing transformation for those of us who have a STEM background; a science, technology, engineering or mathematics background. So I'm very proud of what we have accomplished and what we are accomplishing. And thank you again for this recognition.

(Applause.)

DR. MARTONI: I'd like now to introduce my colleague, Mr. Bill Robinson. Bill is a former member of the Community College Board of Trustees, and when we do things like this, this is something that Bill has been

doing for many years as a state legislator and a city councilman. So Bill?

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you very much, Doc. Some of you might have seen Doc whispering to me. He said you don't mind saying a few words; do you?

DR. MARTONI: I emphasized a few, too.

MR. ROBINSON: Right. We've been knowing each other for more than 40 years. He knows me. I want to thank Dr. Martoni, first of all, for including me, and I always do that whenever he includes me in some initiative of his own, particularly in those that are very important, and this is very important. I thank him because he's a master politician. He's a master public servant. He knows how things should be done. He knows the protocol. And I thank him for that.

I want to thank these ladies, and those who are not here today for their leadership and their boldness. I want to thank my colleagues for allowing me to serve with them during a period of time when the leadership of women in county government at all levels is obvious, particularly when my female colleagues speak out and speak out forcefully on behalf of everybody. Thank you for helping us, those of us who are men, better understand your skills, your talents, your personalities. And for those of us who have been fortunate enough to serve with you and those that came before you, I say thank you on behalf of all the men on this Council.

Lastly, this proclamation only signifies the recognition of a few women, many of whom just simply, practically could not be honored tonight, but who represent emerging and long-lasting leadership in all areas. While the glass ceiling still exists for women, there are those like these ladies who keep butting their heads against it and keep cracking it. And I thank you ladies for being leadership awardees.

One last personal note, and then I'll end my few words. As I've said before, Nancilee and I worked together at the Community College for many years. We had many conversations. We had many experiences. And probably the one she remembers the most is the one I remember the most, and all I'll say is New Orleans. She knows what I'm talking about. But it's always good to see her here and see her growth at the Community College of Allegheny County. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9254-15.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement congratulating The Honorable Tom Baker for earning the Indiana University of Pennsylvania 2015 Young Alumni Achievement Award. Sponsored by Council Members Means, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Klein, Macey and Palmiere.

MS. MEANS: I would like to ---. Oh, good, they came. I didn't have to call them. All right. We're being joined by some of Tom Baker's friends, Vanessa Thompson and Lee Anne Pontis, right, and Dan Soltesz and they're all from Get Involved. I'm sure they do lots of other things. But I'm really excited today and I'm so honored to give Tom, Councilman Tom Baker, this Certificate of Achievement. We all know he's wonderful, but I wanted to specifically cite him for --- we always are so concerned because wherever we go, we worry that we don't have enough young people coming on and getting involved in our community and also serving in the political arena. So that is --- Tom is out there recruiting and encouraging people to get involved, and that's why we're honoring him today. So without further ado, I will read this Certificate of Achievement and then give Tom an opportunity to share, and I thank you all for joining us.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to The Honorable Tom Baker, Allegheny County Council's representative for District 1, for earning the Indiana University of Pennsylvania 2015 Young Alumni Achievement Award. The Young Alumni Achievement Award was created to recognize recent IUP graduates, fewer than 15 years, identified as being outstanding leaders in their fields and to present such alumni to current IPU students as examples of exceptional achievement.

The Young Alumni achievers are invited to hold seminars, presentations and panel discussions on topics related to their professions. The IPU College of Education and Educational Technology selected Councilman Baker to receive this award for his superior practices as a chief community affairs officer for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh. We commend Councilman Tom Baker for his outstanding professionalism --- well, we don't know about that --- anyway, we congratulate him for winning the Indiana University of Pennsylvania 2015 Young

Alumni Achievement Award, sponsored by myself and County Council. Thank you so much.

MR. BAKER: Thank you.

MS. MEANS: I'm so proud of you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Joe, Joe, I want to be added. My name wasn't on there.

MR. BAKER: Thank you. Thanks to Councilwoman Means. So this was a surprise. Molly Boren is a great reporter, but also was the first person to tell me that this was on our agenda tonight. She got the agenda before I did so she got to tell me about the surprise. So thank you very much to Councilwoman Means. Thanks to all my friends and colleagues on County Council. This great crew that I have with me tonight are some of our alumni of the Fast Track program. Everyone here has probably heard about Big Brothers, Big Sisters over the years. I will say my wife was supposed to be here, but she is not here tonight because she's mentoring her little sister, so good excuse not to be --- the best excuse, probably. But folks, if you want to come on down? So these are --- Lee Anne and Vanessa are both alums of our Fast Track Community Leaders program.

One of the things that the nonprofit that I started, Get Involved, Inc., does is a 12-week leadership program for young leaders in the community, generally, you know, young professionals growing in their careers. We've done the program now for six years, and something that's very cool about Lee Anne and Vanessa being here, we have 61 alums of the program and they actually all get a number when they graduate from the program. Lee Anne is graduate number 1 and Vanessa is graduate number 61. So I don't know if they set it up this way, but they are actually the first and most recent graduates of the program which is incredible, but they're great young professionals. Dan Soltesz is here as well. He's on the --- a founding Board member of Get Involved, Inc. We've been together for five years as a nonprofit. He's been really active with all of our programming.

Just quickly what we do, we do the Annual Service Summit that I hope to see all of you at. We'll have our Seventh Annual Service Summit in March. It usually has about 400 people at it. It's a great event here in our community. It's kind of an adult activities fair to teach everyone how to get involved in the community. We just had the Student Powership Conference

which was great. It was at Carlow two weeks ago. We had a few dozen college students there to learn more about how they can keep going after college. And then we also have the Power Hour Series. Power Hour Number 55 is coming up. And it's always a panel and we learn about different opportunities to make a difference in the community. The theme for the next one is mentoring.

So a lot of good things are going on with Get Involved. We'd always want you to be involved, feel very blessed. It's gotten to be a big to three terrific little brothers as well in Big Brothers, Big Sisters. But I want you to get to know Vanessa, Lee Anne and also Councilman Dan Soltesz. He's a Councilman of Pleasant Hills, and he was the acting mayor for six days, so that's pretty cool as well.

MS. THOMPSON: I must say I never noticed or recognized how young Councilman Tom Baker was until they read it today, but ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: He's just standing at the ---.

MS. THOMPSON: Yeah. But he's always been awesome. He's been so diligent with us in making sure that we learned what it looks like to be involved in our communities. He made sure that I knew that I can be myself and still be involved in the way that I found myself to be most relevant in the community, which encouraged me to join organizations like the Urban League, Young Professionals and making sure that I became a mentor in working for Girl Scouts. So I really appreciate all the hard work you've done, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

MR. BAKER: Thank you.

MS. THOMPSON: Thank you.

MS. PONTIS: Graduate Number One here. Hi, everyone. I'm graduate number one, but I go by Lee Anne Pontis. I'm so excited to be able to share with you my story of how Get Involved has impacted my life. I'm currently serving as a Board member of Get Involved, but when I graduated college in 2009, I had been a very active leader on my college campus. And I didn't really have knowledge of how I could transition that into my young profession life and Get Involved really found me at the perfect time. So I completed the inaugural year of the Fast Track program, and during that program found a job in the field that I was looking for, learned about an organization that I now serve as the president of, the New

Pittsburgh Collaborative. And it's truly just been such a fantastic organization for me as a young professional, and I know it has for many other young professionals as well.

Currently, I serve as the staffing and volunteer coordinator at the Woodlands Foundation until next Thursday. And on November 16th, I'll take up a role as the recruiter with Allegheny Health Network. And every single one of my roles, both professional and volunteer, can truly be traced back to, in some way, my involvement with Get Involved.

So Tom, I thank you so much for this program and you know, how it's helped me, but also many other young professionals as well.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: This is going to take a while.

MR. SOLTESZ: Yeah, I'll try to keep it brief. I'm not a person to do that, but I'll do my best. I've known Tom Baker since before Get Involved. One of the things you have to love about Tom is not only does he encourage you to get involved in things that you know you'd love to get involved in, he encourages you to get involved in new things. And also, he gives you this passion to want to get others involved. Tom really creates a ripple effect. You know, you meet people and you get them involved. When we started Get Involved together, when we founded --- when myself, Tom and the other board members got started, it was incredible. We really were able to get out there. We meet new people with every power hour, with every service summit. We've gone to service summits not just here in Pittsburgh. We've had them in Harrisburg. We've had them in Washington, D.C. Always meeting new people and just seeing how Tom encourages them to get involved, not just with nonprofits, with community organizations, with, you know, pretty much any organization you could think of. It's also just a great networking opportunity as well for young people. You know, they find new opportunities, whether it's professional or personal, that they may never have had if, you know, they may never have met Tom Baker. So Tom, thank you for your service. Thank you for your friendship. Thank you, Buddy.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9255-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating Ms. Cynthia Richey upon the occasion of her retirement after 32 years of service to the Mount Lebanon Public Library. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Can you add me as well, Sue? Sue?

MS. MEANS: Sure. Sure. I'm really honored this evening to be joined by Cynthia Richey and to honor her for her 32 years of service at the public library in Mt. Lebanon. And we're joined this evening by her husband, Jerry, who has been a big supporter of her, I'm sure. And I think libraries are wonderful. I'm a real high supporter of libraries because all the knowledge in world is at the library. And anything you need to know is there. And of course, knowledge is power. And I --- as a home schooling mom maybe --- I don't know if people didn't know I home schooled, but the libraries were like one of our biggest supporters'. And again, everything you need to know is at the library. And the librarians were always super supportive, so that's why I'm so excited to give Cynthia her award this evening.

WHEREAS, we are here today to express our appreciation to Cynthia Richey and honor her distinguished 32-year career with the Mt. Lebanon Public Library and dedicated service to the residents of Mt. Lebanon and Allegheny County,

WHEREAS, Cynthia began her career as a children's librarian at Pleasant Hills Public Library and the Squirrel Hill branch of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. She joined the Mt. Lebanon Public Library in 1983 as the head of the children's services and became director of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library in September of 1996,

WHEREAS, these years of service have been marked by exemplary dedication to the best interests of the community, and Cynthia has worked constantly for the betterment of Mt. Lebanon Public Library and contributes to the intellectual, educational, informational and recreational and cultural resources of the community,

AND WHEREAS, Cynthia has served as the President of the Association for Library Service to children, a division of the American Library Association. She's also served as president of the Pennsylvania Library Association. She's served on numerous boards and committees, and with six years on the Allegheny County

Library Association Board of Directors, including two years as vice president of the Board and as the chair of the first ACLA Library Standards Committee,

AND WHEREAS, amongst her many notable achievements, Cynthia was named an honorary life member of the Pennsylvania PTA for her work bringing children, books, schools and libraries together. She is a recipient of the Association of Library Service to Children, Distinguished Service Award in 2013, and the Pennsylvania Library Association Distinguished Service Award 2005. She also is the recipient of the New York Times Librarian Award in 2006, one of the only 25 librarians to be selected nationally. In 2012, the University of Pittsburgh named her a legacy laureate in recognition of her professional and personal achievements.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate Cynthia Richey on her occasion of her retirement after 32 years of dedicated service to the Mt. Lebanon Public Library and the people of Allegheny County. We wish her and her family best wishes in their future endeavors. Presented by Council Member Sue Means this day, and also Councilwoman Heidelbaugh. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MS. RICHEY: Thank you. I want to thank Councilwoman Sue Means who home schooled five children, imagine that, using the public library. And I want to thank the members of the County Council, too. This means so much to me. It really does. This recognition of my work. I've actually worked in public libraries for 52 years. I was 13 when I started. I'd like to say I was two, but I wasn't. I was 13, the summer before my freshman year in high school. It's a storefront library in Beaver Creek, Ohio. But I have loved working in public libraries, and I cannot imagine a more rewarding career. It has been an honor to serve the public through libraries.

Public libraries boost the economy, enhance education, provide opportunities for lifelong learning, develop basic and early childhood literacy and offer forums for civic and social engagement. Libraries build community and improve the quality of life in our County. The tax-paying public has been well served by the prudent use of public dollars given to our libraries.

I'm grateful for the opportunity I've had to be part of something that has transformational power. I'm proud of what our libraries do every single day, year after year, making a difference in the lives of those around us.

Thank you, all of you, for your support of libraries, and for this unexpected honor. I wish all of you and every single library much success far into the future. Thank you so much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9256-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation declaring the month of November 2015 to be Disaster Resilience Month in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. If Mr. Adams would join me and those who might be with him? Mr. Adams, David Adams, some of you are familiar with, and I want to take this opportunity to specifically thank Councilman Macey for his courtesies in extending his hand in cooperation to Mr. Adams and the Consciousness Group.

As you know, when people do things that we're unfamiliar with, sometimes --- sometimes it's difficult to work with them, so I thank Bob for doing that, not just as a Councilman, but out of a sincere interest in making sure people, not only in the Mon Valley, but throughout our County, are safe and are prepared for any disasters that might occur.

For those of you have heard Mr. Adams before, I ask you to listen up again because this is an opportunity for him to be recognized for the hard work that he and his family have put into this and many others. It's not one of those sexy topics. It's not one of those topics where we want to sit and listen for hours upon hours about what we should do in case a disaster comes. Mr. Adams and his organization are suggesting that before something very bad happens, we ought to prepare ourselves. We all agree with that, but usually we agree after something bad has happened, and we start asking how come somebody didn't prevent it?

Mr. Adams is saying there is a way to prevent it, and one way is to get more people involved upfront before things happen. Not always an easy task. So I

thank Dave, his family and his organization for taking on this mighty task.

I also thank him as a black man who is stepping forward to show that skill and talent comes in all kinds of varieties, colors, sizes, ethnicity, political persuasion. This is probably not the thing that you would expect someone who looks like Mr. Adams to spend a lot of time on. And so I thank him for stretching to the outer limits of his skill and his talent.

Mr. Adams recognizes the necessity to be able to work with County Council and those in the administration. And I thank Mr. McKain and his staff for also working with Mr. Adams. Mr. Adams, being the gracious and kind and forward-thinking guy that he is, has decided that once he makes his presentation in accepting this proclamation, that he'll forego his time on non-agenda items. He's on the agenda for speaking on a non-agenda item on this very same topic. So he's going to say it now and he won't have to say it again.

Mr. Adams did not request any advice from me which pained me to no end, but I gave him some anyway. I suggested to him that he come back before the Council, Allegheny County Council, when it's reconstituted next year, and when there are five new members here and present again so that persons who are not familiar with what he's doing and trying to do can find out about it and see if it's going to be of assistance to their constituents. And I thank him, as I said, for being so gracious and kind to give up his time at the end of our session today and to come back at another time to present to the Council.

WHEREAS, Disaster Resilience Month creates an opportunity, an important opportunity for every resident of Allegheny County to recognize that they have an important role in preparing and planning for all hazards including natural and manmade incidents,

AND WHEREAS, the Disaster Resilience Emergency Awareness Pennsylvania, DREMA PA, and the Consciousness Group Corporations Preparedness Specialists increase public awareness of the importance of planning and preparing for disasters and emergencies,

AND WHEREAS, DREMA PA and the Consciousness Group Corporation use strategies that empower and engage vulnerable populations increasing their self-reliance,

AND WHEREAS, all Allegheny County individuals, businesses and communities are encouraged to make

emergency planning and preparedness a top priority in their homes, offices and neighborhoods,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Council hereby proclaims the month of November 2015 as Disaster Resilience Month in Allegheny County. And we encourage all citizens of Allegheny County to do their part at home, at work and in their local communities by preparing for disasters and emergencies, thereby creating a safer and more resilient Allegheny County. Sponsored by myself and certainly expressing the sentiments of all my colleagues in making sure that our citizens are safe. And we're presenting this the 4th day of November of 2015.

Without further ado, Mr. David Adams.

(Applause.)

MR. ADAMS: Thank you, Councilman. Thank you to all members of Council. It wasn't long ago I was here before you and I just --- I'm really excited with this and you know, I'm at a loss for words because the effort that has gone behind this is not David Adams. We have a corporation that's made up of a very diverse group of citizens, and we're an unfunded corporation by policy. We believe that to do effective citizen development, citizen system development to transition and change our communities, we can't be in the government's pocket to do that. So we have a policy that as citizens, we're going to go as far as we absolutely can before we ask any level of government for any help to help us to cross any walls.

When we were invited by Washington, DC to respond to the National Disaster Imperative, the Conscious (sic) Group Corporation was the only National Public Service Corporation there. It was there the federal government explained to us through some of the most highly decorated, academic community, some of the most highly decorated engineers of this nation, who shared with us the science of preparedness, and how it is critically important that America change the way that we look at this industry, the way that we prepare ourselves, and what we need to do to focus on getting better, because we're not getting better. Despite the information from the federal and from the state level and the local level, we're getting worse.

So the question the federal government asked ourselves, engineers and others is how can we build a collective and diverse culture of resilience when America

is focused on the very issues that keep us alive on a day-to-day basis? This has been the most complicated effort that this corporation, unfunded, has ever done. We have got a cost for the federal government of how much it would cost to build resilience, and it's far less than what the federal government thought. Our research was to see the willingness of our political, our public sector, emergency agencies, our politicians, our citizens themselves, how willing are we to get better at preparing and planning? We have developed the nation's first citizen emergency system. It's a system of systems because this system fits directly into our current emergency system. The only difference is this is controlled, steered and run by citizens who now take on a higher responsibility for their preparedness and their readiness. But without your help, if you folks have no idea of what the concepts are of the National Vision, of how it has changed from just getting a go bag for three days --- oh, no, no, no, no. Because we're not worried about having a go bag. What's preventing our citizens from getting better at preparing and planning?

We have shared this with my politicians, many emergency agency leaders, who can't understand the concepts of resilience because as Dr. Martin Luther King said, we're kind of caught up into old traditions and bad habits. We're unwilling to look at new strategies and technologies and methodologies that are going to make us better when it hits the fan. And it's not a question of if, it's a matter of when. I have a saying that I share with our young people that the further we are from the last disaster, the closer we are to the next.

And we've been very fortunate in western Pennsylvania, but the last thing that we want to see is a corporation because I'm a Marine, and I don't make any quirks about it. And when I sit down with folks, some people don't like the way I may bring it, of what we do, but public service is very important to a Marine. I've served this nation honorably, in the Marine Corps, the Navy and the Army Reserves. I'm very proud of that.

I teach discipline to our corporation. We have investigators in high school learning the principles of investigation and how to interview. We do what we call citizen research. And it's different from PU and the other organizations that conduct research because we don't send out surveys, and we don't make phone calls. We sit

down and talk to every citizen that we deal with so we may only get to 1,500 in the course of a six month period, but everyone we talk to, you can bet we get the tab on how the citizens feel about what's going on.

Folks, it's very, very, very serious. And we would like to be your assisting guide to learn more about this National Vision and how your job as County Council members relates so much closely to the very job you do every day honorably. We thank you so much for this from our youngest to our oldest and our 43,000 members across the nation. We thank you very much for this honor.

And also, I want to point out one of my ex-members of the Conscious Group Corporation who worked with us on our first national model, Mr. Lester Ludwig. Mr. Ludwig is a man of ideas, but three years ago he served as our chief investigator when we worked on a national model for illicit drug crime violence. Most of our members are anonymous. It's one the most pragmatic methods we have in volunteering that we think is an example for all volunteer organizations. So these few and the two young ladies I have here and my wife, who's been by our side and also serves as vice president of this corporation, they're all involved, from the youngest to the oldest. We've had over 422 Allegheny County citizens who have worked with us anonymously to do interviews, to talk to citizens, and that's the way we stay on top because information is power. And we believe that if you got your hand on the pulse of the community, and you keep it there, you'll always be on top with knowing where they are, how they feel and how to best serve them. So I thank you all very much, and on behalf of the corporation we thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. ADAMS: Oh, if I may, I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry. I'm moving faster than I want. Also, with the difficulty --- and believe me, a lot of people have listened to our development, our historic development, but we wanted to offered this to Councilman Robinson. It's our very first that this corporation has given out to be recognized on a yearly basis, the politician who just takes the time to listen to something new and has the courage to back it up and support it. We thank you ---

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you.

MR. ADAMS: --- for earning the first of Allegheny County's Resilience Political Representative Of the Year. So we thank Mr. Robinson and give him a hand. (Applause.)

MR. ADAMS: Thank you so much, Councilman.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9257-15, and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation declaring Wednesday, November 4th, 2015 to be Love the Coopers Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9258-15. Proclamation congratulating the 2015 Go Red for Women Fashion Show upon the occasion of its 10th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9259-15. Proclamation thanking Pittsburgh public school teachers and declaring November 9th through the 14th, 2015 to be Teachers Matter Week in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9260-15. Certificate of Recognition presented to the U.S. Navy veterans attending the USS Caperton reunion in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 25th to the 27th, 2015. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9261-15. Proclamation congratulating the New Grace Missionary Baptist Church upon the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Ellenbogen.

9262-15. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Ethan M. Dadum of Boy Scout Troop 831 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

9263-15. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Samuel J. Miller, Jr. of Boy Scout Troop 248 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

9264-15. Proclamation congratulating the American Legion Springdale Post 764 for earning four awards from the Pennsylvania American Legion and the prestigious National Post Excellence Award. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

9265-15. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Daniel Bauer of Boy Scout Troop 169 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

9266-15. Proclamation congratulating Ocie L. Paige for being inducted into the McKeesport Area High School Hall of Fame on October 10th, 2015. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9267-15. Certificate of Recognition presented to Mr. and Mrs. Harry and Cathy Lindamood upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9268-15. Proclamation congratulating the Zionist Organization of America, Pittsburgh District 2015 Awardees. Sponsored by Council Members Means and Klein.

9269-15. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Matthew Busch of Boy Scout Troop 323 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

9270-15. Certificate of Recognition presented to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent and Marian Kemp upon the occasion of their 56th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have next two speakers. First is Carolyn Speranza.

MS. SPERANZA: Hi, everyone. My comments are on the Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance 39-05-OR in order to revise the County's policy regarding the inclusion of public art in certain eligible capital projects.

The original Allegheny County Percent for Art Bill was sponsored by Council Member Bill Robinson and Doug Price. The ayes on 9605 were Council Members Cleary, DeFazio, Fawcett, Francis, Frazier, Jabor, Martoni, Price, Robinson and Fitzgerald. The nays were Council Members Gustive, Kress and Watt. Council Members Nerone and Rea were not present for the vote. The Council President, when the bill was passed, was Mr. Fitzgerald. Former Chief Executive Onorato signed the bill on 9/15/05.

An enormous amount of work went into designing this public art program, writing the ordinance and engaging public support for its passage. Other than the promise the Executive made to us in February 2013, that, quote, he will sit down with County Council to review the ordinance and begin taking the steps to implement it in the coming month, closed quote, we haven't even given it a chance.

In the course of our campaign to enforce and fully implement the original percent for art law, we were thrilled, thrilled to discover that a Council member talked with an artist in the Strip District one Saturday morning, and from this very conversation was inspired to write a motion making the original bill more fully

functional. We'd be happy to work with any member of this Council to do so.

Enacting the original percent for art program gives us an opportunity as a region to bring our public art development on par with municipalities around the country including Philadelphia, Phoenix and King County, Seattle. I ask you, and I do mean I'm asking each and every one of you, to vote no on this amendment that rewrites the original ordinance entirely, and to keep it out of the committee entirely. We know that this is a very unusual request and really we're directing it towards Council President DeFazio. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next, we have Brian Brown.

MR. BROWN: Hi, everyone. My comment is also on the Ordinance 39-05-4, an order to revise the Council policy regarding the inclusion of public art in capital projects.

Hi. My name is Brian Brown. I am one of the co-leaders of PGH4ART, an advocacy group that has been working with the Hill District Consensus Group, Fight Back Pittsburgh and other organizations on behalf of the Allegheny County Unenforcement of 2005 Percent for Art Law.

As a native of one of the City of Pittsburgh's Historical African-American neighborhoods, the Hill District has been negatively, culturally and economically impacted by the non-enforcement of the County's Percent for Art Law. For example, back in 2008, the Sports Exhibition Authority, in partnership with the Pittsburgh Penguins Association, engaged the community in the design process of Curtain Call, a public art project that would have honored the historical and cultural legacy of the Hill, but it was never constructed as promised do the County's non-functioning and non-enforceable Percent for Art Law.

In the course of our campaign to enforce and fully implement the original Percent for Art Law, we discovered that if this law was enforced and fully implemented, it would have helped fund the completion of Curtain Call and create an economic ecosystem where all artists, especially African-American artists, would benefit from living and working within the Pittsburgh region.

Enacting the original Percent for Art program gives us an opportunity as a region to bring our public art development on par with the municipalities around the

country including Philadelphia, Phoenix, King County/Seattle. And I ask you, and I mean every one of you, to vote no on this amendment to re-write the original ordinance entirely. And I also ask that you please remove this ordinance from committee. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's see. We're going down to --- we have no present --- we have no appointments. Unfinished business.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: We have to approve the minutes.

MR. CATANESE: Approve the minutes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, you're right. We have the minute. That's true. That's 9244-15.

MR. CATANESE: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 29th, 2015 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. FINNERTY: So moved.

MR. MACEY: 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. We'll go down to 9204-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Allegheny County Parks Foundation to enter onto the County Parks for the purpose of constructing and maintaining chimney swift bird habitats at certain locations within the Parks, with the County to retain ownership of the chimney swift bird habitats. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes. The Committee met a few weeks ago, and had a recommendation of affirmative to the full Council for your consideration. I make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Sue, Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: Thank you, President DeFazio, for recognizing me. When we met in the meeting, I apologize that I didn't fully grasp the funding of these habitats. And I read an article in the Tribune Review the next day and put some thoughts together. I didn't realize that

this project requires us to match, having matching funds of nearly \$100,000.

And the other thing is, I'm sorry, it's just I wanted to go over everything I learned in the committee. I did attend the committee, and then --- just for the Council members that weren't there. So literally what we're doing is we're taking on a \$200,000 project to build 11 habitats for the birds, the chimney swift birds. The ordinance doesn't say how many we're building. The ordinance doesn't say even --- it just say improvements. I know in the whereas, it explains it. But so the Audubon Society is giving us \$25,000 --- \$24,000. The Pittsburgh Foundation is giving us \$75,000. Of course that money is in the Parks Foundation and we're --- that's \$99,000 coming from the Parks Foundation, and then we're taking money, unused capital budget money from 2011, and we're matching those funds for the bird habitats.

The other thing is that the average year --- the average lifetime of a bird habitat is ten years. So I understand there's money allocated in case it needs --- to maintain the habitat, or if a branch would fall on it to repair them. But in ten years we're going to have to come up with \$200,000, possibly to replace the bird habitat.

I also think that it would far better to start with just a few, maybe one per park. I think a 100 is a lot. I look at a \$100,000 of capital money, budget money, and I say --- you could say, oh, well, this is leftover money, but it's money that maybe we borrowed, it's bond money and we're paying interest on ---. So we're going to take \$100,000 and we're going to use it for bird habitats, but we need to maintain our buildings in the parks. Last year we tore down four structures in South Park because they weren't maintained properly. I just --- it's our responsibility --- we have a fiduciary responsibility to spend the people's money wisely.

It's still the people's money. It was, you know, the people's --- we borrowed the money, they have to pay it back, but it's the people's money. And I just think that this is not the best use of the people's money. I like birds, but this project is for the birds, and I am not going to vote for it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other comments? Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. I was not able to attend the Parks Committee, but thank you so much,

Councilwoman Means, for providing that information. It's very useful to me having not been there. Could we have someone, maybe is it Andy, who would have the information regarding this?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Andy, do you want to ---?  
Either of you or both of you.

MR. FINNERTY: Or both of you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to question him?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So Sue, make some really good points, especially in light of, I think, the last meeting I was here. Budget. We were talking about the crumbling building ---

MR. MCKAIN: Uh-huh (yes).

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: --- that our workers are working at in the Health Department. And we do have precious resources. So what's the thinking on spending this money?

MR. MCKAIN: In 2011, this Council approved matching dollars for the --- they specifically for the Allegheny County Parks Foundation on worthy projects. This project was presented to Council and went to committee. The Parks Committee thoroughly vetted it and discussed it. The money is there. It's for this purpose. Other budgetary concerns that we budget for our roads, our buildings, our parks, are also part of the budget that you contemplate. I thought the committee meeting was a real good exchange of information on the merits of the program. But there's money set aside for any kind of Park Foundation that comes forward as a match, and this is the utilization of that.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So can I ask one follow-up?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Are you saying the \$100,000 is required to be spent on the birdhouses?

MR. MCKAIN: It's a required match that we have. We have a project from 2011 that has money in it and as the Park Foundation comes forward, it's the agreement that was done back then for our match for their projects. So to answer your question the long way, yes, it's our match.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So we can't spend this \$100,000 on anything else?

MR. MCKAIN: You could amend the Capital Budget through a process and do that. That's not what I would

recommend. And we've used the bucket of money and come through the Council any time the Park Foundation has a project that deserves merit.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. I think Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: This is more of just a point of information. I'm sorry I didn't have a chance to go to that meeting, but is this --- when they talk about maintaining, you know, these birds, I mean, does the Aviary have anything to do with this in terms of, you know, the wildlife and ---

MR. MCKAIN: This ever ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: --- you know, the wildlife ---?

MR. MCKAIN: I'm sorry.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No. No. I was just going to say in terms of wildlife and kind of like at least keeping an eye on it. I just can't imagine just the county workers just having an expertise in that area, that's all.

MR. BAECHLE: The Audubon Society is leading the effort, and will maintain them for ten years.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Is there any particular bird here that like we're trying to ---?

MR. BAECHLE: Chimney swift.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: That's actually the name of the bird?

MR. BAECHLE: That is the name of the bird.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here I'm thinking it --- okay. I'm good. Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anything else? Go ahead, Representative Kress.

MR. KRESS: I just want to make sure I understand this. So basically what happened is that the Parks Foundation, they made a determination what to use to money. And basically we made a promise to them as to where the money is going to go with the match; is that correct? I want to make sure I understood this.

MR. BAECHLE: There's a policy that when the Park Foundation raises money and the County agrees with the project, then we'll fund it 50 percent.

MR. KRESS: And they did that back in 2011; is that correct?

MR. BAECHLE: That's when the legislation --- that's when the money was budgeted.

MR. KRESS: But they did that. So I want to make sure. We had an agreement, basically, with the Parks Foundation when they come forward with something, we're

going to match it. And this is what the project was back in 2011; is that correct?

MR. MCKAIN: There was a project that funded it, so the spirit of what you're saying is correct. But since then, any project that comes up, then we present it to Council. They come up with half of the money, they raise money, and then, you know, if we would --- the Executive Branch would present legislation to ask you to use that money from '11 that was set aside for 50 percent, and that's why we came back to you with this project that we thought was a good one. So the spirit of what you're saying, yes, that was agreed upon in '11, and each time as they incrementally come up, we come to Council and ask permission to use 50 percent from that fund and they come up with the other 50.

MR. KRESS: And how many of these chimney swift bird habitats are they going to build?

MR. BAECHLE: Approximately 100.

MR. KRESS: And I want to make sure I understood this, too. The Audubon Society is going to maintain this; that's correct?

MR. BAECHLE: And build them.

MR. KRESS: Okay. And there's no County maintenance money going into it then, in the next ten years?

MR. BAECHLE: There's money set aside from this pot that will take care of maintaining that.

MR. KRESS: And that's that \$100,000? Is that what we're talking about, the \$100,000 that ---?

MR. BAECHLE: The \$198,099 from each party.

MR. KRESS: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Mr. ---.

MR. KRESS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Representative Macey.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of Council. Andy Baechle, would you share with us the environmental and the overall health and wellbeing of the parks with the chimney swifts being there?

MR. BAECHLE: That's a broad question. I'll liken it to sort of like bats. We've lost most of the bats. A bat eats thousand of insects a day. This is an insect eater. So this bird, these chimney swift habitats --- they used to live in hollow trees and they used to live in a lot of chimneys. Now, with the new kind of

furnaces we have, there's a lot of chimneys that don't exist any more. So this is a migratory bird. We think that it's important to have it in our parks. We think it'll replace a lot of the bug eating that the bats used to do until the bat population comes up. But truly, it's an effort led by the Audubon Society. It's their 100 year anniversary. They're trying to --- 100 of them. We'll have more, probably, chimney swifts houses in our parks than any other area in the United States. And with that will come a kiosk at the bottom where we plan to use it as a trailhead with maps and things like that, so look at it as a chimney type of structure, and at the bottom of it, there will be an area for four signs that we can put information, maps, whatever we want to put on the bottom of it. And it'll be built ---.

MR. MACEY: So it's a kind of ---.

MR. BAECHLE: It'll be built by the Audubon and their crew and maintained. And it's part of a research. We don't know a lot about them, so they're going to be filming them. They're going to be having volunteers check on them, see when they're nested, when they're not nested. And it's going to add to a body of scientific information about the birds.

MR. MACEY: And as far as research goes, in any area, I found this to be very inexpensive, in a sense, as far as research is concerned. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to say for the benefit of Council, I kind of did a quick look at, on my phone, of what it was. It is a huge insect eater. And for those who really don't like spiders that much, it really likes airborne spiders. Also, it is a bird that has been reclassified as what they call near threatened, so it is something that I think is a benefit for society as a whole, too. And as Director Baechle had said, that without the bats eating all the bugs, this --- I think it's something that's good. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'd just like to say that the chimney swift is a bird that actually --- it's like bat like. It hangs upside down.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Nice.

MR. FINNERTY: All right? It doesn't --- that's why it's important that these things are built because not

that we don't have chimneys any more, we do. But we have chimneys now that are lined. They're lined and they're smooth so there's nothing that these birds can grasp onto. An older building had mortar that they could hold onto in their chimneys. They don't any more. So it's something --- they are an endangered species. And the Audubon people were here and explained everything very well in regard to this. And it's something that we had --- I believe it was an ordinance that we put, that we would say that up to \$10 million we would put in this fund that we would match if the Foundation came up with a good project that we would match. If the Foundation came up with a good project, that we would match whatever it is. If it's \$50,000, we would match it.

So I believe that ordinance, and I think we could probably get it for you, but it's there. And we did do that I don't know how many years ago, but it was done. And it's something that --- we look forward to the Foundation raising money and we give them an incentive to do that by matching what they get. And they just can't do a project without coming before us and getting our okay on it. And we did that. They came before us. They brought the Audubon Society and other people in and explained it. I think there was only three people at the meeting, but it was explained, and it was explained very well. And I am not --- I can't explain it as well as they explained it, but at the same time, it's not throwing money away whatsoever. This is something that is --- for the environment, is good. And I think that's important. And I'll be voting for this, just like it came out of committee with an affirmative recommendation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules, and then we'll go back to you.

MR. FUTULES: Thank you. Just to help members out. In our briefing packet, there is a picture of a chimney swift that will be in the Parks, but I also have a color copy of one that's actually in Millvale. And what it is, it's an information center at the bottom. At the top is the chimney swift property here, but this is something --- if anybody would like to see this, I'll be more than happy to walk down and show it to you. But this is something that they're talking about building here in the Parks. And I think any that --- we make improvements in the parks, and even children visiting these sites, it's always educational. And I've personally seen these birds

in Creighton one night, and I actually thought they were bats. They confused me because it was nighttime coming, and they were coming into the chimney versus out of a chimney. And it was amazing to watch them. There were hundreds of birds. And they were circling the old school in Creighton. And like a vacuum cleaner, they all just sucked themselves right down into the chimney. And I was like, my goodness, they're going to die in there. I thought they were going to die from carbon monoxide, and then I found out during this meeting that they were chimney swift birds. And it was amazing to find that out. And it was a good bit of information, and I'm in favor of this. But if anybody wants to see this, you're welcome to see it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: Just to clarify, just because the Parks Foundation brings a project to us, it doesn't mean we have to agree for the project or to match the funds; is that correct?

MR. BAECHLE: Correct.

MS. MEANS: And so this is the matching money under the Onorato Administration that was set aside to match projects with the Parks Foundation; is that correct?

MR. MCKAIN: Both of those are correct. That's why we brought you the project, and why it came out of the committee affirmative.

MS. MEANS: And not to disagree or be disrespectful to Mr. Finnerty, I was present in the room, and I have the notes, and I did not hear that we were going to be matching money. I did hear an explanation of --- and I did ask because I specifically said how --- you know, we're getting \$75,000 from the Pittsburgh Foundation and I said, oh, does that mean it costs \$750 per habitat to build it? And then we were told, no, they're \$2,000 apiece. Plus, there's also the --- that in ten years --- these only last ten years. Again we are taking property that we're responsible for, and I think it's not a good use of the people's money. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let me ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Can I respond to that?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: I was there also, and they did say they were going to be matched. They did say that, and it was stated more than once, as a matter, in fact. Okay? Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Representative Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah. I just have one more comment. And I mean, if you look at what's happening --- for those of us that grew up here, and you look what's happened in this County in the last 50 years in terms of all these new plants, all these forests have been torn down, all these developments, all these roads, our environment has been pushed to the limit, you know? I used to have a garden. I live in the City, and I used to have a garden in my backyard and never had to do anything for 20 years.

Now, I come home and there's six --- there's a half a dozen deer laying in my backyard. You know, with the bats dying, the bees dying, this and that, it is so critical that we do everything we can within a city that is growing larger, to maintain a balance in terms of the environment, in terms of the habitat. And this is something that is good, because you know, without the bats in the parks at night eating all these bugs, when people are picnicking and this and that, that number is just going to be even huge. And these birds particularly, who are endangered, will keep that down less we have --- no one who wants to go to the parks because the bugs eat them alive. So yeah. And like I said, we have to be in --- if we're not going to be environmental friendly here, then there's nobody else that's going to do it. So I think we have to keep that in mind, particularly as this County develops more and more. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: I think that anything we do is going to enhance the environment is worth doing. We're actually in a danger zone, not only in America, but in the other parts of the world. We're destroying our environment, so I think anything we invest to better the environment is a good thing. And I'd like to call the question to get on with the vote because we could talk all night on it. And I think everybody's mind is made up one way or another. So may I call the question on it?

MR. CATANESE: You have to vote on it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You have to get two-thirds vote for that.

DR. MARTONI: Well, ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Before you do it, can I say one thing?

DR. MARTONI: Please do.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike, clear up a point. In ten years, if you have to replace these, we're not bound to replace anything. We'd have a right to vote to accept or reject it; right?

MR. MCKAIN: That is correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Right.

MR. MCKAIN: We'd have to come back to you in that scenario and ask permission.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: There's nothing automatic about this. So if it doesn't work out or if we don't like it, whoever is up here at that time, they'll have a right to accept or reject it?

MR. MCKAIN: Correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Go ahead. Chuck, what's your --- do you want to make a motion?

DR. MARTONI: I make a motion that we vote.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, there's no more ---.

DR. MARTONI: The motion is to call the question; right?

MS. MEANS: I'll second that.

MR. FINNERTY: We got to vote on that.

DR. MARTONI: I know. I know. That's why I did it, so we could ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there any comment on that?

MR. FINNERTY: There is none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. Well, let's take the vote. We'll take the roll call vote.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: 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, 15; nos, 0. Pass.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Now, on the ordinance.  
MR. MACEY: Now, on the ordinance, yes.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Can someone make the motion?  
DR. MARTONI: I'll make the motion.  
MR. MACEY: Second.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing ---.  
MR. FINNERTY: That was already done.  
MR. FUTULES: I already made the motion.  
MR. FINNERTY: That was already done.  
MR. FUTULES: I already made that motion.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Take the roll call.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?  
MR. BAKER: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?  
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?  
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?  
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: What are we voting on?  
MR. CATANESE: On the bill that's on the  
ordinance itself.  
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Oh, I'm sorry, aye.  
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?  
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Nay.  
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: No.  
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, 13; nos, 2. The ordinance  
passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Moving down to Liaison  
Reports. Does anybody have a Liaison ---? No?

MR. FINNERTY: Mr. Kress has a wonderful one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you have one?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Kress.

MR. KRESS: I'd like to say we're having a job  
fair tomorrow at Deer Lakes High School between the hours  
of 5:00 and 7:00 for the adult community. But we're also  
having something for the high school students tomorrow  
between 1:00 and 3:00 o'clock. For the high school  
students, we're trying to encourage them to look into  
something besides going to college so we have the trades.  
And I think a career in the building trades is a fantastic  
opportunity at this time. Many people that are in the  
trades are making lots of money. And if you look at  
current student loan debt ratios that we have right now, a  
lot of people going to college end up with a lot of  
student loan debt. You have the opportunity to get out of  
high school and make good money without incurring a lot of  
debt. So I wanted to make sure our high school students  
were aware of the opportunities. And that was for the  
genesis of having this career fair for the high school  
students.

But also, we're having this career fair between  
5:00 and 7:00 for the adults in the community because they  
need jobs. And I get calls all the time about jobs for my  
constituents, and I get --- and I talk to the employers  
and say we can't find good people. And that's why I'm

having a job fair, but I'm also having this in conjunction with Nick Futules. So this is a bipartisan effort to help the people in our community, to provide them jobs because I'm really concerned about the people in our community. I want to make sure the local people have jobs. And all I can say is this is a great thing, hopefully, you know, if you can make it. And also, too, if you're in your 50s and 60s, I spoke to some of these employers who said they're looking for people. So don't be discouraged, you know, if you're in your 50s or your 60s and you're looking for work, please come to the event. I'll be a good event. And also we'll have pierogies. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, pierogies.  
Representative Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Well, thank you. Thank you, Ed. I want to go over that a little bit more. Thank you for promoting this. And I want to thank our staff for getting the vendors together and getting this organized and getting it on Twitter and Facebook and all the things we did in advertisement. And also, there are as many as 40 different vendors there for different types of jobs, and that's quite a few. And they said come dressed for success. And there will be on-the-spot interviews for people looking for jobs. I know I was just at First Commonwealth Bank today and they're coming. They told me that they need new bank tellers, and they're very shorthanded, and it'll be great for people that are looking for jobs to go down that avenue as a banker. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes. On November 11th, it will be Veteran's Day. And I just want to thank all the veterans. Because of their service to our country, we are free to enjoy the wonderful freedoms that we have; freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion. And so again, I just want to thank all the veterans for their service to our country. And I also want to acknowledge that my father-in-law is a veteran, and he passed away on October the 29th, and he served in World War II in the Navy, and I just ---. At his funeral yesterday, the priest mentioned that our right to assemble and worship God, we have to thank the veterans for giving us that freedom. So thank you for allowing me to share.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'd just like to remind everybody that the Veteran's Day parade is Saturday. So come on down and give a tribute to the veterans by watching the parade and clapping and waving the flag. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more, let's go to 9245-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Article 1203 of the Administration Code of Allegheny County, entitled Government Review Commission, Section 5-1203.03, entitled Appointment of Members. In order to clarify the procedure and timeline relating to the Council's appointments to future Government Review Commissions. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty and Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into Government Reform. 9246-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance 39-05-OR in order to revise the County's policy regarding the inclusion of public art in certain eligible capital projects. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty and Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into Public Works. 9247-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to facilitate the reporting of transactions for dealers in precious metals in order to establish a registry of certain transactions designed for the purpose of tracking and locating stolen items and prosecuting those trafficking in stolen items. Sponsored by the District Attorney, Council Members DeFazio, Ellenbogen and Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into Public Safety Committee. 9248-15.

MR. CATANESE: Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Grants Budget, Special Accounts Budget and Agency Fund Budget, by setting forth appropriations to pay said expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2016, and ending December 31st, 2016. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9249-15.

MR. CATANESE: Which committee?

MS. MEANS: No. You didn't say what committee.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, I'm sorry. Didn't I say Public Safety?

MR. CATANESE: No.

MR. FINNERTY: No.

DR. MARTONI: Not on that one.

MR. CATANESE: We did that one.

MS. MEANS: Budget.

MR. FINNERTY: Is that the budget?

MR. CATANESE: 9248-15.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 924 ---. Oh, okay, I was on the other one. Yeah, Budget and Finance. 9248-15 is Budget and Finance. 9249-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the New Home Construction/Improvement Program enacted May 23rd, 1996 by the Board of Commissioners of Allegheny County at Agenda Number 700-96, subsequently awarded by Resolution Numbers 22-00, 6-01, 61-02, 04-04-RE, 49-05-RE, 07-08-RE, 25-09-RE, 30-11-RE and 6-14-RE by providing for the continuation of the Allegheny County Improvement of Deteriorated Properties Abatement Programs. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Means and Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll also go into Budget and Finance. 9250-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2015, Submission Number 11-15. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll also go to Budget and Finance. Let's see. We'll go down to Notification of Contracts, we have none. Is that correct? Public Comment on General Items.

MR. CATANESE: We have two.

MR. FINNERTY: I have to go.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We have Lester Ludwig.

MR. LUDWIG: This is --- the people that I need are leaving. Thank you for distributing. I want to turn back for a moment to Dave Adams. You don't realize what leadership was involved to get the federal government to almost bring a high intensity drug trafficking office to the City of Pittsburgh when submarines were landing on the east coast and dropping off drugs that are still killing people in Westmoreland County and Pittsburgh, et cetera. Dave and I actually got to the point of having 40 police

chiefs, the head of Pittsburgh FBI and the Governor's office --- and I came from, literally, almost the hospital because I had had open heart surgery and I had to get up to the next floor and there was no elevator. So I was literally pulling myself hand over hand in order to make the meeting. And what happened? I came around the corner and the DA of Washington, PA, who was in charge of the drive to institute IDA as a federal agency in southwestern Pennsylvania, I turned to him and I thanked him for his participation. And he looked at me and he said, I'm not announcing. What? Dave actually saved my life. He had the two guards from the old office building literally pick me up and took me out of the building. I was that upset. My feet were off the ground. I didn't even know that it had happened.

What happened? It took years to find out from that man when he came for another matter to the City County Building to say what, that it was a threat against his wife and children and his own life, and therefore, he couldn't go forward with the announcement. So that's my participation in helping keep people alive.

Now, let's turn to what you've just been through again. It's called money or the lack of it. It happens that there is \$130,000 coming into the program in the last quarter of this year from my effort as the father of management budget revenue opportunities, a law of the City of Pittsburgh.

You wouldn't have to pass a \$5 registration fee had you started back then. So what's happening? It happens that that gentleman has programs that could be split. If you don't want to pass the law, he's already got the projects started at a 60/40 split. You wouldn't be talking about needing money. You would have it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Try to wrap it up.

MR. LUDWIG: You would actually have it. The letter says it time for a meeting with the head of the County, with Mr. Finnerty, et cetera, to move forward because you're missing the boat.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. LUDWIG: I hope we'll hear from you this time. I haven't heard anything since the last trip ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Lester, ---.

MR. LUDWIG: --- that I did.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Lester, you've been hitting it right on the button. You're going back to your old ways. Okay.

MR. CATANESE: Next.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next. Okay. Next we have Jean Aston.

MS. ASTON: Thank you. My name is Jean Aston. I'm an English professor from Community College of Allegheny County. I'm also a vice president of the American Federation of Teachers on the same campus and a County taxpayer.

Three concerns regarding CCAC and the Board of Trustees have prompted the questions I'm going to raise about the process of Board appointments. First, a consultant report this year has pointed to the fact that we have turned over since 1990 at least four presidents. And in for --- the process is called --- it's a Stepping Stone Institution for creating presidents that go on to other institutions. There have been major oversight issues regarding contracts with the KLI Science Building and the Follett Bookstore privatization. Recently, the Moody Bond downgrade was prompted primarily by the college's low reserves.

Now, all these issues come under the purview of the Boards of Trustees of the college. And the question many of us in the college have concerns the seemingly opaque process by which Board members are chosen and appointed initially and renewed. Now, the Community College Act of 1963 vests the appointment process with the sponsor of the college, thus the County Executive, but the Act is silent about the process, thus the following questions. How are board members chosen? Who can recommend people for consideration? Are prospective Board members interviewed, by whom, and is there a set of questions used for all candidates? What criteria exist for choosing Board members? What are the minimum qualifications, if any, for serving? How are Board members evaluated for renewal or is renewal automatic? Are Board members expected to support the college with donations or to help in the fundraising? Is this an expectation? Is attendance ever a factor, and is there an attendance regulation? Is there an attempt to identify alums to the college for Board service? And is there an attempt to identify the needs the college might have that prospective Board members might be matched against?

Now, in the last week, I looked at websites of the 14 community colleges to see what information, if any, exists for the taxpaying public to know the college chooses Board members. The most comprehensive process is what I'm leaving with you today from Delaware Community College. When you read it, you'll see that the process they use makes apparent --- makes appointments transparent with many of the questions I'm posing clarified. The process includes an application posted on the college's website and an explanation of the nominating process in this tax supported institution.

I'm suggesting that a transparent process be created by the County for the initial appointments to the CCAC Board, and for renewals of Board members. Doing so can open the process for a wider representation of talent and ideas in the County from those willing to serve the college and the public as Board members for this very special institution created by a public referendum in 1965, making it in every sense of the word a community college.

Also in the packet I'm leaving is from the Middle States Association the standard by which Boards are looked at in the accrediting process which will happen next year.

And finally, from Montgomery College a process by which the public can speak to the Board. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Okay. Is ---?

MR. CATANESE: He spoke.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, that's right, Adams spoke. Someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. MACEY: So moved.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second, someone?

MR. BAKER: Second.

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

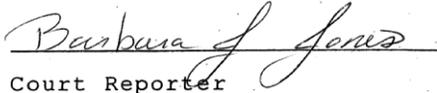
(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:50 P.M.

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