

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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| John P. DeFazio        | - | President, Council-At-Large |
| Nicholas Futules       | - | Vice President, District 7  |
| Samuel DeMarco, III    | - | Council-At-Large            |
| Thomas Baker           | - | District 1                  |
| Cindy Kirk             | - | 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 (via telephone)  |
| DeWitt Walton          | - | District 10                 |
| Paul Klein             | - | District 11                 |
| James Ellenbogen       | - | District 12                 |
| Denise Ranalli-Russell | - | District 13                 |

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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| William McKain   | - | Allegheny County Manager         |
| Joseph Catanese  | - | Director of Constituent Services |
| Jared Barker     | - | Director of Legislative Services |
| Walter Szymanski | - | Budget Director                  |
| Nathaniel Boring | - | Council Solicitor                |

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. Will you all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection. After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance Recited.)

(Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thank you. Roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here (via telephone).

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

(No Response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here. Okay. We're moving up 9484-16. Would you read that?

MR. BARKER: Certificates of Recognition honoring the 2016 Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the Irish Society for Education & Charity, 2016 Grand Marshall, 2016 Allegheny County AOH Hibernian of the Year and 2016 Miss Smiling Irish Eyes and her Court. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Baker, DeFazio,

DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you very much. I'd like to have Jack Goodrich and my brother, Tim Finnerty, come up in relation to the Irish Society for Education and Charities, Inc. And the Parade Committee members and Parade chairman. If I'd might, I'd like to read this and --- this is the Certificate of Recognition of the Irish Society for Education and Charities, Inc.

This Certificate of Recognition is awarded to the Irish Society for Education and Charity, Inc. for its dedication to the members of Pittsburgh's Irish community and to Pittsburgh's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Since 1992, the ISEC has provided sponsorship, leadership and guidance to the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in its efforts to organize and execute what has been referred to as the nation's second largest St. Patrick's Day Parade. I don't agree with that. I think we're first. The organization also supports Pittsburgh's Irish Community by awarding scholarships to local Irish students and by making donations to area groups and causes.

Allegheny County Council commends the Irish Society for Education and Charity for their passionate and tireless efforts to support Pittsburgh's Irish community and thanks them for all their numerous contributions. Sponsored by myself and all of Allegheny County Council on the 8th day of March, 2016. So thank you very much, Irish Society.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: And I don't know if I should read the other proclamation or not, but let me see if it's ---. This is to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

This Certificate of Recognition is awarded to the members of the 2016 Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for their work in organizing and carrying out Pittsburgh's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Since its inception, the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has been the driving force behind the annual parade coordinating and managing all efforts in bringing the community together to ensure the success of this venerable event. The 2016 parade theme marks a pivotal event that created the Irish Republic, the Easter Rising of 1916.

Allegheny County Council commends the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for its showcasing --- excuse me, Pittsburgh's distinguished Irish community and

thanks them for their diligent efforts and dedication to making the annual parade an unmatched celebration of Irish heritage. And it's sponsored by myself and all of Allegheny County the 8th day of March, 2016.

So would you come forward and say a few words there, Jack?

MR. GOODRICH: I'll try to be brief. Anyone that knows me knows that's difficult. I'm Irish. We can't help it. It gives me great honor on behalf of Marty Madigan, the president of the Irish Society for Education, to accept this. We're not just Irish, we're Americans. We're Pennsylvanians. And that's what this parade is about to begin with. This is a community event open to all. For a city the size of Pittsburgh, it's remarkable of the number of people. If the weatherman is either --- or weatherwoman, is even close to being correct, talking about high mid 60s and the rain holding off 'til the evening, you will see at least 300,000 to 400,000 people in the streets of Pittsburgh, over 25,000 people participating of all race, color and creed in this event.

This is truly a remarkable event in a city that is truly a melting pot of what this country is all about. It gives me great pride and this year being the 100th anniversary of the Rising --- which a lot of people don't understand what happened in Ireland. That is when the Irish tried to take back their own country. A lot of people through history have tried to remake history and change history have called them terrorists. You cannot be a terrorist when you're fighting for your own country. And that's what the Irish were, one of which was my grandfather, who actually had to leave Ireland or they were going to hang him.

So with that memory and with our great grand marshal this year and everything that's going on, we march through the streets of Pittsburgh to honor our heritage and our freedom, which does not come lightly and please, nobody forget that. Freedom is not cheap. And that's what we're doing and we're going to do it as citizens of this great country. Thank you.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Jack. Do you want to say a few words, ---

MR. JIM FINNERTY: On behalf ---

MR. FINNERTY: --- Jim.

MR. JIM FINNERTY: --- of Pat O'Brien the chairman of the Parade Committee, I accept this

Proclamation. And although Pittsburgh is, in reality, the second largest parade, Pittsburgh has been voted the best place in American to come and see the St. Patrick's Day Parade on numerous websites.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: Do you want to come forward and get a picture?

(Pictures taken.)

MR. FINNERTY: Next we'd like to honor our St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal, Sarah McAuliffe-Belton (sic); correct?

MS. MCAULIFFE-BELLIN: Bellin (corrects pronunciation).

MR. FINNERTY: Bellin (changes pronunciation), I'm sorry. Come on up, please.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: Well, it's quite an honor. I read this and I said, I can't believe she did all this. That's amazing.

MS. MCAULIFFE-BELLIN: I can't believe I did all of it, either.

MR. FINNERTY: I'm in AOH 32 and I never met you. You're so quiet. Let me read the certificate.

This Certificate of Recognition is awarded to Ms. Sarah McAuliffe upon her selection as grand marshal of the 2016 Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade. Ms. McAuliffe is a second generation Irish-American. She is the president of the Pittsburgh Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the Irish-American Unity Conference, the IU --- the IAUC, past national treasurer of the IAUC, the national IAUC Board of Trustees and the IAUC national newsletter editor, of which she has been a member since 1991.

She is also a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, the LAOH, Allegheny County, Maud Gonne Division 32, Carnegie. She was the past national LAOH immigration and legislative chair and has served as an LAOH Pennsylvania immigration and legislation chair. An LAOH Division 32, Hibernian of the Year, Sarah is currently the LAOH Division 32 Freedom For All Island Chair and organizer of the Division Spring Flower Show.

Allegheny County Council commends Ms. McAuliffe for her passion and dedication to both Pittsburgh's Irish community and to its St. Patrick's Day Parade. We congratulate Ms. Sarah McAuliffe upon receiving the honor

and thank her for her numerous and immeasurable contributions. Sponsored by myself and all of the Allegheny County the 8th day of March 2016. Congratulations.

MS. MCCAULIFFE-BELLIN: My deepest thanks to all the members of the Allegheny County Council and to everyone assembled here today. I can't tell you what a great honor it is to be chosen for this year's Grand Marshal. Jackie really said everything there was to say about the importance of observing the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. Irish-America played such an important role in supporting the members. The members of the Rising actually had hoped to transform Ireland to be a place where men and women were equally participating in all aspects of Irish life. At that time, as you will probably remember, in 1916 women didn't even have the vote. But the women of 1916, many of them actually fought alongside their comrades, and they did as much as any of the men to help promote and obtain a united Ireland.

And with that in mind, I just want to remind all of the members here that in April we will actually be doing an entire weekend of events commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Easter Rising. So we will have Gaelic Athletic Association games. We will be doing cultural performances by Pittsburgh and Irish Classic Theater. And we will be having the author, Tim Pat Coogan, come in and talk about the last 100 years in Ireland.

So once again, thank you so much for this honor. I truly appreciate it.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: Next we have Bill O'Neill, who is the 2016 Allegheny County AOH Hibernian of the Year. It's quite a great honor. Glad you came up.

(applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: I'll read the certificate and then we'll have some words from Bill.

This Certificate of Recognition is awarded to Mr. Bill O'Neill upon his selection as Allegheny County's Ancient Order of Hibernians, 2016 Hibernian of the Year. Mr. O'Neill currently serves as the President of the AOH Division 17. His tireless efforts to better others, and his unmatched dedication to the Irish community and to Allegheny County as a whole exemplifies the characteristics sought after in Allegheny County Hibernian of the Year.

Allegheny County Council does congratulate Mr. Bill O'Neill for the momentous honor bestowed upon him and thank him for all of his contributions to better our community. And this is sponsored by myself and all of Allegheny County on the 8th day of March 2016.

Thank you very much, Bill, for everything you do. We appreciate it.

(Applause.)

MR. O'NEILL: Being third to speak, there's not much left for me to say other than I'm very humbled to be Hibernian of the Year 2016. I know what an honor it is, and I thank my brothers from Allegheny County for selecting me. And I'm looking forward to the parade.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: Now, we come to our queens. Ms. Fiona Connolly, Ms. Smiling Irish Eyes. There she is. Come on up.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: And Delaney Hoolahan is in the Court. Would you come up, please?

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: And Ms. Caitlin Weldon is also in the Court.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: I could read all of these. I don't know if I should or shouldn't, but I would like to read the Queen's. And if it's all right with you --- no, no, these two, I won't read yours if that's all right? That's okay? Okay.

Fiona Connolly, 2016 Ms. Smiling Irish Eyes. This Certificate of Recognition is awarded to Ms. Fiona Connolly in honor of being named 2016 Ms. Smiling Irish Eyes of Pittsburgh. Ms. Connolly exhibits distinguished Irish qualities and displays her pride for her Irish heritage by participating in Pittsburgh's vibrant Irish community.

Ms. Connolly, a graduate of Oakland Catholic High School, is enrolled at Duquesne University's Mylan School of Pharmacy. She has studied abroad in Ireland and has attended the University of Dublin. She is on the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Gaelic Athletic Association, the PGAA, where she serves as public relations officer. She is a member of the Pittsburgh Banshees Lady Gaelic Football team.

By being crowned Ms. Smiling Irish Eyes of Pittsburgh, Ms. Connolly will reign over Pittsburgh's 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade. We congratulate Ms. Fiona Connolly on the honor and wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors. Sponsored by myself and all of Council the 8th day of March 2016.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: Do you want to say a few words?

MS. CONNOLLY: I just want to say a quick thank you. It's an incredible honor to be able to represent Pittsburgh's best Irish community. And it's honestly something I will cherish for the rest of my life. And it's something that means a good deal to my family. My mom was also Ms. Smiling Irish Eyes in 1994, and it's just a sweet thing that we can share, so thank you so much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

MR. BARKER: Before proceeding, let the record reflect that Mr. Kress is present, and I believe Mr. Macey is on the telephone.

MR. MACEY: That's correct. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We had to move up because of work 9499-16.

MR. BARKER: That's a Proclamation commending and recognizing Plum Borough Police Sergeant Jay Kapusta, Officer Eric Callen, Officer Crystal Iachini and Fire Chief Ray Brenner for their actions on February 20th, 2016 which resulted in the rescue of two adults and five children from a burning home. Sponsored by the Chief Executive and Council Member Martoni.

DR. MARTONI: Thank you, Mr. President and Council. I'm a little slow. I didn't know I was called up yet, so thank you. Thank you for surprising me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

DR. MARTONI: If you guys would come up, I'd appreciate that. This is a particularly nice thing to do. We're recognizing people who really saved the lives of other people, okay, and that's not something that we normally have the opportunity to do. And when we do, it's just a wonderful thing. Okay? And these people represent a wonderful town, a growing town in Allegheny County, Plum Borough, one of our premier communities. Okay. And I told them on the way in, every time I go to something in Plum, I get lost. Okay. It's so big and no nice. Okay. I want to introduce our guests, but before I do that, I



want to read this proclamation. Okay. And by the way, this is a joint proclamation between the Administration and the Council. Okay. That's how much we think of what they had done, and then I'll introduce our guests.

WHEREAS, on the morning of February 20th in the year 2016 Allegheny County 9-1-1 received a phone call from an 11-year old girl. Let me respond again, an 11-year old girl reporting smoke in her home on Cherrywood Drive in Plum Borough. The first responders on the scene were Plum Borough Police Sergeant Jay Kapusta, who's with us today, and Officer Eric Callen, who's with us today.

AND WHEREAS, upon entering the house, the officers encountered heavy smoke from the kitchen area and so dropped to the floor while searching the immediate area inside the house. Officer Callen grabbed the leg of the homeowner who was carrying her one-year old, emphasize, one-year old son. Both mother and son were removed from the home and taken to a place of safety in the front yard.

WHEREAS, Plum Borough Police Officer Crystal Iachini and Fire Chief Ray Brenner of the Loganberry Volunteer Fire Department arrived on the scene and attempted to learn from the homeowner how many other people were still in the residence. Officers observed two young children in the second, emphasize, the second story window in front of the house. Sergeant Kapusta assisted Officer Callen onto the roof --- onto the roof of the garage where he was able to reach the two children and remove them from the home. They were passed from roof to safety.

AND WHEREAS, knowing that there were still other people --- still other people inside the home, Officer Callen climbed, let me emphasize, climbed over the roof to gain access to the back of the house while Sergeant Kapusta assisted Officer Iachini onto the garage, onto the garage roof for her to assist in the search of the home. Officer Callen located the mother of the homeowner and was able to remove her from the home with the assistance of Sergeant Kapusta.

AND WHEREAS, working with Chief Brenner and Sergeant Kapusta, fire personnel were able to rescue the two remaining children in the home and initiate the rescue of the homeowners' mother and Officer Callen, who were in the rear of the home. And Officer Iachini, down from the roof, the front roof. Officers verified that all family members had been accounted for and had received medical

treatment. In total, two adults and five children were rescued from the burning house.

WHEREAS, the Officers and emergency personnel who responded to this call reflected their department's motto --- this is their motto, Pride, Professionalism, Dedication without thought to their personal safety. Let me say that again. It's a good motto for all of us. Pride, Professionalism, Dedication without thought to their personal safety. The officers immediately took action to intercede and ensure the safety of the residents of the home. Their persistence, effort, cooperation, leadership, initiative and concern for others may have very well --- may have very well made the difference in the lives of these seven people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny Executive Rich Fitzgerald and Allegheny County Council, by virtue of their authority vested in us to hereby commend and recognize Plum Borough Police Sergeant Jay Kapusta, Officer Eric Callen, Officer Crystal Iachini and Fire Chief Ray Brenner for their actions on February 20th, 2013 (sic) which resulted in the rescue of two adults and five children from a burning home. We are blessed and we are grateful to have public servants such as these who are committed to the safety and well-being of their community, and thank them for their diligence and self-sacrificing on this day and every day in our country and our county. Thank you.

(Applause.)

DR. MARTONI: Thank you. I'm going to have each of them come up and introduce themselves. Okay? Mayor, would you please come up here.

MR. HRIVNAK: Thank you, Dr. Martoni, members of Council. First of all, I want to thank the County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and Dr. Martoni and the distinguished members of the Board for taking the time to recognize these fine individuals that are behind us.

You know the term hero is thrown around loosely a lot in our society today, but I think in this particular case there couldn't be a more appropriate term for the lady and the gentlemen that you see behind me. They truly did risk life and limb in order to serve others. And it makes me proud as Mayor of Plum Borough that we have such great officers and volunteers and first responders. And for that, I thank these guys. I'm proud to work with them each and every day. And I'm proud of our community which

has been recognized as one of the safest communities, not only in the State of Pennsylvania, but in the United States for the last several years. It's because of these folks here that we're able to make those claims. And I'm so thankful and blessed to be working with them on a day-to-day basis. So thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9426-16.

MR. BARKER: Certificates of Achievement awarded to the North Allegheny Senior High School Girls' Golf Team for winning the 2015-2016 PIAA and WPIAL Class AAA Girls' Team Golf Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

MS. KIRK: Up here we have the North Allegheny Girls' Golf Team which did some remarkable things this past year, and I'd like to read the Certificate of Achievement.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2015-2016 North Allegheny Senior High School Girls' Golf Team in recognition of winning the 2015-16 WPIAL Class AAA Golf Championship. And the 2015-16 PIAA Class AAA Girls' Team Golf Championship.

We commend and recognize each player and coach whose determination and resolve led to this achievement. The team has set a positive example of excellence for all of Allegheny County, continuing evidence that this is the County of Championships --- Champions.

This achievement had conferred honor on this County and is an achievement which the entire community can be proud. Sponsored by myself and the rest of County Council.

I'd like to present you with this certificate, this is yours. And I'd like the coach, Coach Mike, to come up and say a few words and maybe introduce the girls.

MR. HAMBRICK: Okay. Does that clock work? No? Just really humongously thankful that the Council awarded us these proclamations. We started the process two years ago. I became the golf --- girls golf coach and I knew we had some people coming onto our team that would be really good players. So basically what we did was set some goals the first year of becoming good. We worked really hard at it. You could see that the girl's weren't used to being as good as they were, so we struggled a little bit. Not as much faith in ourselves and our ability. I kept preaching to them day in and day out you guys are really

good. We're going to do something special. So basically what happened is we didn't make it through our first season. We didn't make the playoffs, so I think a lot of us were really hungry to come back for this current, this past season.

So we started working in the summer and the fall. We played a lot. We happen to have these two little ones in the middle come up as ninth graders and they're truly two of the best players in the state, so that really made our journey special.

The year started --- we started winning --- you know, we were getting excited. We were winning by a little bit, getting excited. We started winning by more and more strokes. We got more excited. We ran into a team in about the middle of the year that beat us last year and kept us out of the playoffs. And we set our minds to beat them, and we beat them pretty bad, so everybody started getting real excited. My parents back there started saying, hey, here's the scores we're seeing. It's looking really good for us. And I was like, we still have to produce.

So basically we played on, and I'm going to put Peters Township name out there even though they probably don't want me to, but they were the team to beat. So we went into the situation playing them knowing that if we beat them we knew we would be a really good team. And so we ended up beating them by two strokes on their course. Ended up winning the WPIAL by --- as an undefeated team. So went into States, really didn't know what was going to happen. I'll be honest, I don't look that far ahead. I usually look at what's in front of me, so once again, my parents were saying, hey, we're looking pretty good and I'm like, yeah, okay. We'll see about that.

So we got out there and literally --- anybody play golf in here? It was one of the toughest places you can play, the place that we played. It was really tough. There were people shooting in the 140s on the course. And these are people that qualified to go to States. So basically we got halfway through our match and it wasn't looking too good. And so we basically got together. I talked with my parents and the other people involved and said we need to really kind of just salvage what we can. We're just going to leave here in the best that we can be. We preached it all year. Let's be the best that we can be. The girls really stepped forward, put their best foot

forward and finished really strong as people in Pittsburgh do; right?

So we sat around and they were taking the scores and tabulating them. And the parents are there. We're all nervous, and we're like maybe we can get third place. Maybe we can sneak in and get third. Like third, maybe they'll shake our hand. You know?

So we get in there and the scores start to popping in and we're like, hum, okay, we're not looking too bad. We're not looking too bad. Scores, more scores coming in, and then all of a sudden these scores start coming in and they were really high. So probably about, what, 10 or 15 minutes before we knew we won, the really good scores came in, and they were way past what we were. So we ended up winning by 23 strokes. Okay?

(Applause.)

MR. HAMBRICK: I know, that's really --- I mean, that's what makes this ---. Yeah, it makes it a really monumentus (sic) thing. If you look at our team, you know, walking in, you guys probably thought some of the Irish girls because they don't look very big, but let me tell you, these ones here can all drive the ball over 200 yards anywhere up to 240 yards. They are golfers, trust me. They work hard. They're excellent students, and they represent our school very well.

Our record ended up being 18 and 0, our first state championship in our history. And I really want to say I think we have chance to get a few more. We have a really good team coming back so we again appreciate what you guys did in having us here. We will always come back. If we ever win again, you'll see our faces because I really believe that your support is very, very necessary and very wanted from us. North Allegheny is an amazing school, and we're --- you know, we're just one of many champions up there, but we thank you guys and Council again for having us down.

(Applause.)

MR. KIRK: This is yours, Mike. Megan and Jessica and Sophia and Caroline.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9483-16.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation commending the Pittsburgh Service Summit honorees and naming March 29th, 2016 as Get Involved Service Summit Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Baker, Means,

DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

MR. BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President. If we can have all of the Service Summit honorees please come up and join us here at the front? Councilwoman Means and my colleagues on Council are very happy to congratulate some of the finest people in our region. This has been a night of heroes and champions. And I think as we look at this group that we have assembled here tonight, we have the true champions of the community. And just some amazing folks that are doing amazing work on a daily basis here in our community.

The Service Summit, just to give everyone a little bit of background is --- this is our Seventh Annual Service Summit this year. It takes place on March 29th and we'll have about 400 people at Carlow University to celebrate the amazing work of these fine folks that have joined us here tonight. We also have keynote speakers every year at the Service Summit. And it's also an Activities Fair for young professionals and lifelong learners. And if you can picture back to college, maybe there was an organization outreach or an activities fair at your college or in your high school, that is also what the Service Summit doubles as. So there'll be a great chance for a lot of folks in our community to get involved through the Service Summit on March 29th.

A big part of the night, though, is definitely awarding, the honors that we give out at the Service Summit. We're really lucky to have our Man and Woman of the Year here with us tonight. Dr. Withers --- has anyone ever watched CNN Heroes?

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Dr. Withers, among many things and many accomplishments in his life was a finalist this year for that tremendous honor. Also Maggie Withrow who is the Woman of the Year, retiring executive director of Habitat for Humanity, has had an amazing career with that organization.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Maybe the nicest person in the room other than John Palmiere, Sylvia Lynn is here. She's winning the Child Advocacy Award for all of her amazing work that she's done in the community. Nathan Darity is winning the Community Leader Award which is great, all the

work he does at Amizade. And we've got our PA rising stars. We have so many great young people that are making a difference in our community, Sue Means, who's presenting this with me --- Councilwoman Means mentioned I love it when young people come. They get us all fired up. And I said it's a balanced group here tonight. We got some great leaders of all ages that are making a big difference here in our region.

But we're recognizing 20 folks that are 32 or under for all the amazing things that they're doing. When we get these nominations, we have generally 70 to 80 nominations to look through to get it down to that 20 for each of the awards. We generally have five to ten nominations, at least, to whittle it down to the awards that we have. So it's a great event, March 29th. The keynote speakers this year are Vanessa German, who gave the keynote at the --- or was one of the speakers at the Mayor's inaugural, a really inspiring speaker, Dr. Greg Crowley from the Coro Center for Civic Leadership. The County Executive will be there as well, along with the Mayor.

I will say a word of warning to all of our Honorees. My Co-MC this year is Natalie Bencivenga. She is the editor of the Scene Column, so make sure that you look nice, which you all do. Make sure that you look nice. You're there for your service work, not the way you dress, but it's going to be --- it's going to be a truly, truly inspiring and incredible night.

Councilwoman Means is going to say a couple of words about the importance of volunteerism and what service is all about.

MS. MEANS: Thank you. Congratulations to everyone. To the Pittsburgh Service Summit Honorees, thank you so much. And we can't be everywhere. Government can't do all things to all people, so we know that we're in this world together, and we're a team. And it's volunteerism that makes America great. And we had a former staff member that worked on County Council, Erin Gramley, and she actually went to a Soviet block nation to teach them how to volunteer with a new concept.

So what makes America great is volunteerism and thank you. And also congratulations to Tom Baker. I think he's an amazing person who really energizes volunteerism. So congratulations, again to all of you.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Thank you, Councilwoman. All right. So we'll read the proclamation and then maybe we'll --- I know we're getting late into the night, but we'll kind of hear a word or two from all of our Honorees.

WHEREAS, Get Involved, Inc. was founded in 2011 to provide programs that develop, educate and engage students and young professionals and lifelong learners in order to encourage them to become active assets to their communities.

AND WHEREAS, March 29th, 2016, the Seventh Annual Pittsburgh Service Summit will take place at Carlow University and will give recognition to outstanding activists and individuals for their positive contributions to the community. The event which is open to the public will also feature a variety of local vendors who will be available to educate attendees about the ways that they can become more civically involved.

AND WHEREAS, this year's Honorees include the following; the Man of the Year Dr. Withers, Woman of the Year Maggie Withrow, Male Emerging Leaders, Wasi --- yeah, was it here, Wasi Mohamed, Female Emerging Leader Kristy Giandomenico, the Dr. Tom Baker Leader Award, Nathan Darity. That award is named after my late father who passed away at 39, and was ten times more energetic and ten times more kind than I'll ever be. So Nathan will be getting that award. The Patty Verostko Award for Child Advocacy, Sylvia Lynn. The 2016 Service Award is going to Eric Davis. Our Rising Stars, and if our rising stars can raise their hand when their name is called out? Heidi Allison, Katie Blackburn --- hi, Katie, Michelle Buczkowski, Matthew Chase, Matt Collins, Justin Dandoy, Megan Frisco, Ryan Gayman, Katie Gittlen --- we know, Katie; right? Sharnay Hearn, there's Sharnay. Jamilia Kamara. We've got Julian McClain, Emily Morse, State Senator Guy Reschenthaler, Jenny Schaeffer, Lauren Schieb, Rounida Shwaish, Emily Slopek, Abby Stark, Hillary Tamski and Nikita Zook. So those are our honorees this year. They'll all be there at the event on the 29th.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Council does hereby commend the event for their commitment and to fostering the development of young leaders and civically active community assets. And for hosting the Seventh Annual Service Summit to honor the achievements of these 28 individuals from the region whose work has made a difference in their communities.



BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Council does hereby declare March 29th, 2016 to be Get Involved Service Summit Day in Allegheny County, sponsored by myself and Councilwoman Means and supported by Council. Congratulations. It's really your day, so congratulations to our honorees. Give them another big round of applause.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: They are our champions of giving their sweat equity truly to the things that they care about.

And I think it's no more fitting than to have Dr. Withers maybe say a word or two about his moment. And then we'll get to Maggie and the other honorees. So congratulations, Dr. Withers.

DR. WITHERS: Yeah, just on behalf of all the volunteers and staff and people who have worked over the years, 24 now, to bring medical care to those on the streets, I just want to say thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MS. WITHROW: Thank you on behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh I'm humbled to accept this award. Habitat does a lot in Allegheny County. We always strive to do more. I think that one thing that people need to understand, while we are an affiliate of Habitat International, we do not receive funding from them. And all of the funding we get has to be raised locally. Our volunteers are local. And we encourage people to volunteer because of the life skills you learn. As much as our families get out of the program and they do they have to pay back an interest free mortgage. It's not a giveaway program, but the volunteer learn those life sustainable skills on how to do siding, how to paint, how to just do that. So I encourage everybody, go to our website, sign up and volunteer. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Sylvia Lynn.

MS. LYNN: Tom is a dear. I'm just unbelievably honored. This is an amazing, amazing thing to have happened. I just want to share this one thing and then I'll get --- I'll be quiet. Every one of us has a gift and that gift is our time. And when we give it for others, you wouldn't believe the places you'll go.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: I think, Sylvia, this is your second Proclamation of the year because you and Jerry just celebrated their 50th anniversary. Let's give a big round of applause for that, 50 years together, Sylvia and Jerry Lynn.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: And Wasi, if you want to come up next, our male emerging leader?

MR. MOHAMED: Hi, everyone. My name is Wasi Mohamed, like he mentioned. The one I'm winning is Male Emerging Leader so I'm not quite there yet. But I really appreciate the proclamation. I'll take it more as a motivation to kind of keep working. And I couldn't pick a better place than Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to grow into being a leader. So thank you so much for this. And I hope to keep working at it. Thanks, guys.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Nathan Darity, who I think will be traveling abroad on the night of the actual event, but he's here with us tonight, and the only Millersville alum we've ever had to win one of these awards.

MR. DARITY: Thanks, Tom. Thanks, Members of Council. It's a burden to, in a good way, to have an award named after your father who I've only heard stories about. But I am confident I don't measure up. I want to dedicate this award to the younger leaders that I sometimes have the privilege to travel with. I don't know if you know, but in the City of Bridges, a new bridge or an extension of a bridge is being built between the Hill District and Northern Ireland, where we have an exchange of delegations going back and forth. I have the privileged of traveling with those delegations and I can tell you that there is common ground to be found between what's happening in the Hill and what's happening in Northern Ireland. So thanks to all the young people who get on planes and go with me to various places.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Katie Blackburn.

MS. BLACKBURN: So I was also nominated for a Rising Star, one of the honorees and I'm also just starting my journey. So again, I thank you, all of you on Council, and I have never been actually awarded something kind of this prestigious outside of high school or college, so I also take this as a motivation to continue my journey. And just starting actually with the

Wilkinsburg Community, I'm going to be joining the Borough and taking this as my next step in what positive impact I can take this forward. So thank you.

MR. BAKER: Jamilia.

MS. KAMARA: Good evening, everyone. My name is Jamilia Kamara. I'm representing the Coro Center for Civic Leadership as well as Internationally Smart is Cool which is my own non-profit. This is incredibly, incredibly humbling. I'm so grateful for the recognition. I work with middle school students, and our whole MO is to figure out how they are intelligent and then cultivate that intelligence so they can use that for the rest of their life. And this is just a testament to how important it is to cultivate service in order to impact the lives of others. So thank you so much.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Sharnay, you're up next. These are the best speeches we've ever had.

MS. HEARN: Good evening, everyone. My name is Sharnay Hearn for the individuals in this space that don't know me. Once again, it is definitely a honor to be in the presence of --- in this room and to receive this proclamation as well.

First off, Dr. Withers, I haven't had the opportunity to meet you yet. So every time I see CNN heroes, I was like that is what I achieve to actually do, but actually be honored what I see in here so that is another humbling experience to actually being the presence as well.

The second thing, International, so we opened up the day with the Proclamation to the delegates for the parade for Ireland. But I was able to be a delegate for the One Young World Summit which was located here in Pittsburgh, and actually got to travel to Ireland with another delegate from without (sic) the City of Pittsburgh. Also with Jamilia we were able to go to Bangkok this year as representatives from the City. We do need more and more support for our youth to actually be able to travel abroad. So if anything if I could give away and to actually advocate in this space as well --- is to please think about creating opportunities for youth to expand their minds at another --- at a global level as well. Once again, thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Last but not least, someone that's been to one or two of these meetings before, Katie Gittlen. Congratulations.

MS. GITTLEN: Hi, I'm Katie Gittlen. I would just like to thank Councilman Baker and all of Council for the award and for recognizing all of these other wonderful individuals up here as well. And I'd like to thank the County Executive and the Administration as well for the opportunities that I've been given. Thank you.

MR. BAKER: Just an amazing group of people. We'll do a group photo in a second. But all of the amazing things that Dr. Withers, Sylvia and Maggie have spent their career, their lifetimes doing and are still doing in such a vibrant, active way. And then all of our Rising Stars and new leaders in our community, I think there's so much reason tonight to be grateful for all the leaders that have been for decades and decades and also so much promise for the future of our region. So congratulations again.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9485-16.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation congratulating Dr. Maureen McClure for being named as a National Education Finance Conference Distinguished Fellow. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Well, I was fourth on the agenda, and I got confused as to when I was going to go up. Come on up, Lenny. And I'm wearing my green tonight because of Irish Week, and a few of us didn't get the memo, but I made sure I wore my green shirt and tie.

Tonight I want to honor and congratulate Dr. Maureen McClure for being named as the National Education Finance Conference Distinguished Fellow. She is accompanied here by her husband Lenny tonight. And I just want to say as a note before I read the proclamation that I met Maureen --- I refer to her as Maureen, other than Dr. McClure, once in a while. We are friends. But she has certainly earned the word as doctor over the years, being an educator that she is. I met her ten years ago. She never knew it, and I never told her. But our conversation at a function went on for several minutes and it was about 30 seconds into the conversation I realized that Maureen was on a different level than me as far as education. And I'm honored to have her as my neighbor.

And every so often, her and her husband drive past my house in their beautiful little convertible, and I feel like the ice cream truck is coming with them. I want to chase down the driveway to chase the car because I'm a car guy, and they know it. Is that right? You know it, so ---.

Well, thank you for coming this evening. And I want to read the proclamation because it tells us about Maureen or Dr. McClure.

On February the 12th, 2016, during the Sixth Annual National Education Finance Conference in Jacksonville, Florida, Dr. Maureen McClure was honored with the Distinguished Fellow Award, an award given to the top ten education affiliate professionals who have displayed an exemplary research and practice in the field of public education finance.

AND WHEREAS, since 1983 Dr. McClure has been a professor with the University of Pittsburgh of Education. She is an associate professor in administrative and policy studies and a senior research association --- associate in the Institute of International Studies in Education. From 2004 to 2007 she served as the chair of the Department of Administration --- Administrative and Policy Studies.

AND WHEREAS, Dr. McClure's research focuses on education for the next generation and making it globally accessible as well as monitoring state level support for the U.S. Public Schools and assisting in rebuilding of education systems in the nations that experience crisis.

AND WHEREAS, Dr. McClure earned a Ph.D. degree in the Education, Finance and Policy, a Master's degree in Business Administration --- degree --- and Applied in Economics in Non-profit Sector and a Master's of Science degree in Educational Administration at the University of Rochester. She also possess a Master's degree in Arts of Second Education ---.

DR. MCCLURE: Dilettante.

MR. FUTULES: What's that?

DR. MCCLURE: Dilettante.

MR. FUTULES: I knew she'd correct me --- in Education and Bachelor's of Art in the English of American --- Allegheny College, I'm sorry. Now, it says here, as resident of Oakmont with her husband Len Richards, she has served on the Riverview School Board. And I believe she is the president of the school board presently, and this is Oakmont-Verona District. And I'm proud of her today.

AND THEREFORE BE IT RESERVED (sic) that this Allegheny County Council does hereby honor Dr. Maureen McClure for earning the Prestigious Distinguished Fellow Award. Allegheny County, our communities and our citizens wish to recognize Dr. McClure for her dedication, determination and exemplary practice in the field of public education and finance and is truly an inspiration to all of us. Dr. McClure, congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. FUTULES: She's going to enlighten us with a few of her words.

DR. MCCLURE: I kept watching the others and saying please don't make me to go after --- follow them. And every time somebody would come up I would say please don't let me follow them. But we're about out of people.

It's a great day to be in Allegheny County. I mean, when you look around, this is the kind of democracy that we're all very exited about. I want to thank Nick. I want to thank the Council. I want to thank my beloved husband and the University of Pittsburgh.

Most of the times these days I spend scolding Harrisburg because of the lack of budget decisions being made, and the implications for K12 education and higher ed. And what I wanted to do very simply to thank Council for not doing that. That for years we've had strong bipartisan efforts to support education and regional economic development. And "youns" have done a good job. So keep it up so I don't have to come back and scold you. Thank you.

MR. FUTULES: Dr. McClure, you know we have three educators on our Council here. We have Mr. Finnerty, who's a teaching ---. And Dr. Paul Klein and Dr. Charles Martoni. So we have some educators. Any other teachers?

MR. FINNERTY: Mr. Palmiere, school board.

MR. FUTULES: So we have some educators on our Board, too. Let's take a picture.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9498-16.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation honoring the Heinz Endowments and Point Park University for their efforts to educate our community in offering a public forum From Flint to our Faucets to discuss water quality issues in local communities. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

MS. MEANS: So I'm honored to read this proclamation honoring Point Park University and Heinz Endowments for an event that's going to be held on March the 15th from 7:00 to 9:00 at Point Park University at --- in Lawrence Hall. And it's entitled From Flint to Our Faucets. And I have this evening joining me Mr. Phil Johnson, Senior Director of Environment at Point Park University. I keep --- want to say to college --- show my age --- but university. And Sharon Navoney, a vice president for Development and Alumni Relations --- did I blow that? That was okay? All right. And Mr. Thomas Baggerman from the University School of Communication.

So I want to thank the three of you for your efforts offering this important event at Point Park University. We have all heard the stories about Flint, Michigan and the terrible tragedy that occurred with their public drinking water. Flint is the canary in the coal mine for all communities in America including our own warning us to pay close attention, educate ourselves and assure that this doesn't happen in our community.

As elected officials, we have a special duty to protect the people and make sure that the decisions made affecting our citizens' water are being made with integrity and transparency. I encourage all of the Council members to attend this important event. And I would also like to recognize Trib reporter Aaron Aupperlee for his efforts to follow this story on a local level.

I'm going to read the proclamation. Thank you. Then after I'm done, you can say a few words if you like.

WHEREAS, Point Park University and the Heinz Endowment have provided for a community forum entitled From Flint to your Faucets which will feature Curt Goy --- how do you say that --- Guyette named journalism --- Journalist of the Year by the Michigan Press Association for his work reporting toxic water in Flint, Michigan.

AND WHEREAS, Curt Guyette has been commended for his work with the Flint residents, the shining light on the lack of oversight and attention paid by local government to problems with the lead contaminated water from the Flint River.

WHEREAS, Mr. Guyette's exposé was made possible by his partnership with local residents and Virginia Tech which conducted the independent testing proven where --- the higher levels of lead in the water than originally thought.

WHEREAS, as such a partnership highlights the opportunity that communities have to take advantage of the educational institution and their expertise when faced with technical questions.

AND WHEREAS, in Allegheny County, we are blessed with many excellent educational institutions including Point Park who with the support of foundations such as Heinz contribute to the education of their students as well as to the communities to which they reside for the betterment of our citizens and their health.

WHEREAS, the Flint crisis has sparked a dialogue about water quality effecting communities throughout this nation and what we can do to prevent such disasters by paying closer attention to our own water sources.

WHEREAS, the health of our citizens and the drinkability of our water is a bipartisan issue that we should all get behind as elected officials and educate ourselves to protect against environmental disasters that happen when government officials ignore problems or delegate decisions to persons who don't have the best interest of people in mind.

WHEREAS, ensuring the safety and integrity of our most common resource, water, is not just a fiduciary duty we have as elected officials, but it is also a moral duty we have to our fellow citizens, children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Allegheny County does hereby congratulate the Heinz Endowment and Point Park University for their efforts to educate our community and spark such needed dialogue on the issue of the safe public water which affects every person's life in Allegheny County. Sponsored by myself, Council Member Sue Means, presented on behalf of Allegheny County this the 8th day of March 2016.

(Applause.)

MR. JOHNSON: Thank you very much. On behalf of Point Park University, I'd like to thank Sue and the rest of the Council for the proclamation. We're really excited to be able to partner with the Heinz Endowment and look forward to holding future events like this one as our new major in environmental journalism launches this fall. Point Park is proud to call Pittsburgh and Allegheny County home. Thank you very much for this honor.

(Applause.)



MR. BAGGERMAN: Yes. I'd just like to repeat what you said. On behalf of the Heinz Endowments thank you very much for this proclamation. We value the opportunity for our communities in the region to learn and understand and have awareness about environment health, its connection to public health, and the important role of media and journalism in sharing with us how these different --- how these different systems interconnect to affect our populations including our most vulnerable population such as children. So when we talk about water quality, air quality and other environmental health attributes, these things all become very important to each of us and our families. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MS. NAVONEY: I will just offer and echo gratitude for this proclamation on behalf of the President, President Paul Hennigan and our trustees and the University community at large and our generous benefactor in the form of Heinz Endowments. We believe this partnership will produce much more for the community and region and the nation at large. So thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9486-16.

MR. BARKER: Before proceeding, please let the record reflect that Mr. Palmiere asked to be added as a co-sponsor to the previous proclamation. The remaining proclamations will all be read into the record.

9486-16. A certificate of Achievement awarded to Jeremiah Mancino of Boy Scout Troop 368 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9487-16. A proclamation naming the Month of March 2016 to be Women's History Month in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Kirk, Means, Ranalli-Russell, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere and Walton.

9488-16. A certificate of recognition presented to Bob Bozzuto, Athletic Director of the North Allegheny School District, for earning the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association 2016 Robert Buckanavage Citation. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

9489-16. A certificate of recognition presented to Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Lois Puglia upon the occasion

of their 70th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9490-16. A proclamation thanking The Honorable Glenn Dandoy for his eight years of dedicated service to the Township of Upper St. Clair. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

9491-16. A certificate of achievement congratulating Ms. Elena LaQuatra of Mt. Lebanon for being named Miss Pennsylvania USA. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

9492-16. A certificate of recognition awarded to Bethel Park Brownie Troop Number 52670 for collecting 3,600 toys for the Play It Forward Pittsburgh Toy Drive. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

9493-16. A proclamation commending the women who participate in the construction industry throughout our region, and naming the week of March 6th through 12th, 2016 to be Women in Construction Week in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Ranalli-Russell, Kirk, Means, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Palmiere and Walton.

9494-16. A proclamation recognizing Classic Events, a public relations and marketing group, upon the occasion of its 5th Annual Black History Celebration Dinner. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

9495-16. Certificates of achievement awarded to Robert Biddle, Charles Lehman and Jonathan Urban of Boy Scout Troop 184 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Martoni.

9496-16. Certificate of Achievement awarded to the 2015-2016 Bethel Park High School Competitive Cheerleading Team in recognition of winning the National High School Cheerleading Championship and the World High School Cheerleading Championship on February 7th, 2016 in Orlando, Florida. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. KRESS: Mr. President, just real quick on personal privilege. Just wanted to mention that the Junior Achievement Students are here from Fox Chapel along with Robbie Zaremburg. And they're here to monitor our meeting, so hopefully you learn something tonight, so ---. You can raise your hands real quick. All right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Stay awake. Stay awake. Okay. 9500-16.

MR. BARKER: Actually, we do have some comment on agenda items beforehand.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Go ahead. On agenda items, John Graf.

MR. GRAF: I'm going to have my jacket on when I'm addressing Council. It's John Graf, 6933 Church Avenue in Ben Avon. I'm here today to speak in favor of some legislation which I understand that Council is considering, but it looks like it's going to go back into the Budget and Finance Committee, but that's agenda item number 9477-16 which has to do with the application of hotel taxes to resellers or brokers like Airbnb and certain other virtual sellers.

I'm here to commend the treasurer for being forward looking about this. These Airbnb type operations that set themselves up as virtual hotels --- and it seems to me as a hotel owner --- I own the Priory Hotel and the Gran Hall over on the North Side --- that they ought to be treated the same way for taxation purposes. So I commend the Council and I encourage you to vote in favor of this and look forward to seeing this passed in the near future. So thanks for your time.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next is Peter Landis.

MR. LANDIS: Hi, Peter Landis, 722 Bayridge Avenue. I'm also in support --- I fully support the County Council's proposed ordinance that John Graf just mentioned to amend and supplement the hotel room tax. I just wanted to touch real quick that all tourism and service related businesses and by extension all the workers in Allegheny County benefit from the tourism promotion done by Visit Pittsburgh and the likes of which operations and the promotion are largely funded by that tax. So this ordinance, as I understood it, because I've looked all over it, it strives to ensure all those benefiting from the promotion are paying their fair share in order to continue marketing and the visibility of and further growth of our region.

So if I may just add one word to the wise is that the legislation includes a common tactic used by the Airbnb lobbyists in other cities that we've looked into and it says in Section 475-4.(b) of the ordinance that they may collect the tax, but are not required to unless the state law says they have to. So my suggestion is that the wording be changed to a booking agent shall unless

prohibited by state law collect and remit the tax because why should we let some pay and others that don't feel like it not pay?

After that, it also says that if not all taxes are submitted, Airbnb would remit the listings who haven't sent in the tax. Well, that could cause --- could be thousands of individual properties, which would make it impossible for the County to ever successfully collect. So while the County will see increased revenue from what Airbnb remits, there's no punishment to Airbnb if they don't because Airbnb can say it's the individual operator's fault and not theirs. But they're the ones that do collect the payment and then distribute the money to those property owners.

So I just would advise County Council to hopefully look into that, because I also think Pittsburgh did a way far better job at setting this ordinance up than other cities that we've looked into. And it's a very good first step in ensuring that all the entities provide overnight accommodations and pay their fair share of taxes. And I hope the County continues working on closing the aforementioned loopholes in order to achieve a high compliance rate. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yvonne Brown.

MS. BROWN: Good evening. My name is Yvonne F. Brown. I'm an advocate for Children and Youth, Family, hospital workers, and as a previous caseworker with the Department of Public Assistance. I'm speaking on this Bill 9473-16. It says the resolution of the City of Allegheny amending the grants and special account budget in 2016.

Now, the reason why I'm speaking is I live up in the Hill District, up in the K. Leroy Irvis Towers. Many of you probably knew K. Leroy. He fought for us to have these --- to be able to live there. But the problem is we live at the top of the hill, and in order to go to the hospital, we must take two buses; do you understand? I met the Governor when he came here and I showed him. We live at the top of the hill. To go to Mercy Hospital, they must take two busses. You've now put Shop 'N Save on Center Avenue. There's a senior that live on Western. She can get to Shop 'N Save on the bus, but --- well, on the bus. In order to get back, she must take a bus downtown. She's a senior with a son that's 50 years old. He's mentally challenged. So she's on a walker. She saw

me, and she knows I speak at City Council. She said go tell them. I'm telling you, County Council, there's this --- I don't know if you can use it, but something must be done. How is it that the seniors can not get down to the bottom of the hill? You getting ready to work on Fifth Avenue with the Consol. They're going to make --- something about making the street straight down or something. How is it, though --- please, explain to me how is it that at the top of the hill the seniors cannot get to the bottom of the hill? And I spoke to your new director. It was a female. She was on the radio. I spoke to her and I said we in the Hill District have never been given full benefits. A white bus driver came and was saying where they was going to cut the budget. What about the people on the Hill? This was a white bus driver that was really concerned about the people.

You need to understand how can it be? At the top of the hill, we got to take two buses. When you're talking about bringing from Oakland, these are college students and all the people straight down, how come we can't make it? And I am --- I'm telling you at my age, I'm 69. I can move pretty well. We have a lot of seniors that can't. Why can't we have one bus? I mean, just down to the bottom of the hill. Please explain that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Craig Davis.

MR. DAVIS: President DeFazio and County Council, thank you for allowing me to speak tonight. My name is Craig Davis. I'm the President and CEO of Visit Pittsburgh. I'm going to echo what John and Peter had said prior to and in support of the amendment to the Tax Code, the Hotel Tax Code.

Visit Pittsburgh, as Peter had mentioned, is the organization that is charged with bringing overnight visitation into the County. And through that visitation, \$5.6 billion was recorded in 2014. And they provide 40,000 jobs, which incidentally is the fourth or fifth, depending upon how you count it, largest employer in Allegheny County. It's the fourth or fifth largest industry in Allegheny County, which is tourism.

I am quite sure the people that run the Airbnb or other similar organizations or similar types of establishments do want to pay their fair share. And I think that your movement in that direction to allow them

an easy way to pay that would be probably very much appreciated by them.

I have heard people from Airbnb speak to organizations that I belong to, and they do, across the nation, want their members to pay tax. So the quicker that you can make this to make it easy for them to do so, the better. And remember that this is very timely because the U.S. Open is coming and everybody will move out and put their house up on Airbnb and make a lot of money so now is the time. We appreciate your attention to this matter. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9500-16.

MR. BARKER: It's a Motion to approve the minutes of the February 2nd, 2016 regular meeting of Council.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to make a motion?

MR. DEMARCO: So moved.

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make a second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Presentation of Appointments. 9501-15 --- 16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Daniel C. Connolly to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority, the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority and the Residential Finance Authority, each for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. 9502-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Robert J. Lewis to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Airport Authority for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. 9503-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of M. Gayle Moss to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. Committee on Appointment Review, Second Reading. 9441-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Debra Romanelli to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Drug and Alcohol Planning Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Debra Romanelli appeared before the Appointment Review Committee on March 2nd, 2013 --- or 2016 and the Committee made an affirmative recommendation. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MR. KLEIN: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 9448-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Reverend Dr. Darryl T. Canady to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Juvenile Detention Board of Advisors for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. The Reverend Darryl Canady appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on March 2nd, 2016. The Committee made an affirmative recommendation for his reappointment. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MS. KIRK: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 9450-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Andrea Horton-Mericli to serve as a member of the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Andrea Horton-Mericli appeared before the Appointment Review Committee on March 2nd, 2016. We made an affirmative

recommendation for her appointment. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MS. KIRK: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
9451-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Dr. Oladoyin Desalu to serve as a member of the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2016. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Dr. Oladoyin Desalu appeared before the Appointment Review Committee on March 2nd, 2016. The Committee made an affirmative recommendation for her reappointment. And I would like to make a motion to approve.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
9453-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Cynthia Moore to serve as a member of the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Cynthia Moore appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on March 2nd, 2016. The Committee made an affirmative recommendation for her reappointment. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
9454-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Laura Zinski to serve as a member of the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?



MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Laura Zinski appeared before the Appointment Review Committee on March 2nd, 2016. The Committee made an affirmative recommendation. I'd like to make a motion for approval.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 9473-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny County amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2016, Submission Number 01 of 16. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. Yes. This was released from Committee with an affirmative recommendation and it was unanimously approved. So I make a motion that we approve it.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?  
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Aye.  
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: 14 ayes; no nays. The bill passes.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9477-16.

MR. BARKER: This is an Ordinance of the County of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to amend and supplement Article I of Chapter 475 of the Code of Allegheny County entitled Hotel Room Rental tax, to clarify the imposition, collection and remittance of Hotel Tax on short-term rentals of accommodations. Sponsored by Treasurer Weinstein and Council Members DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Macey, Martoni and Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's going to be sent back to Committee for --- we need more information on that, so we'll go on to ---.

MR. FINNERTY: So you're going to hold it and send it back to Committee; correct?

MR. BARKER: Correct.

MR. FINNERTY: Yes? Correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: I just was --- as chairman, I just wanted to make sure.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're down to Committee on Economic Development and Housing, Second Reading. 8474-16.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny County approving a project benefiting Point Park University to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt and/or taxable revenue obligations to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$14,000,000, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the obligations, and determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton?

MR. WALTON: The Economic and Development Committee met on February 24th and considered the issue. We as a Committee recommend that it be approved and as such I make a motion to approve the resolution.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Aye.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 15; no's, 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Committee on Public Works, Second Reading. 9472-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the designation of Courtroom 21, located at Room 821 of the City-County Building, as the Honorable Robert C. Gallo

Courtroom. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey, do you want to ---?

MR. MACEY: I would like have Councilman Finnerty read that, please. We did meet, and it was approved to the full Council that --- on an affirmative recommendation.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike, you want ---?

MR. FINNERTY: I don't think that ---. You already read it.

MR. BARKER: Correct.

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: We need a motion.

MR. FINNERTY: You know, it was affirmatively recommended unanimously. And you can see all the sponsors there. And I believe that Chairman Macey has --- must made a motion to approve.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

MR. FINNERTY: So we need a second. Second.

Okay.

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

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?  
MS. MEANS: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?  
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Aye.  
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ayes, 14; nays, 0. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Reports. Anyone have a Liaison Report? Go ahead, Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. President. I had the privilege last week of attending Representative Dan Miller's Disability and Mental Health Summit which was held in Mt. Lebanon on March the 4th and also on the 3rd. And I just wanted to congratulate Representative Miller because they did just a wonderful job. The staff did a great job. And it is a bipartisan effort to help people with disabilities. And I also want to congratulate the 125 vendors that also attended the event.

And one of the things I learned at the summit was they are predicting about a 100,000 individuals who will be adults with autism. And that's a very chilling thing that we need to think about and prepare for. And I participated in the legislative panel, and during the panel they had students come and speak and almost every student said that they're experiencing bullying. The other thing the students said is they really, really would like to have a job and a chance to have a job.

And I just wanted to let everyone know that's listening that Allegheny County has a lot of great resources for people with disabilities and they also have help for older people as well. So if you need help at all feeding your family, avoiding eviction, heat or caring for your grandmother, call 211. If you're older people with a disability, you can call 866-730-2368.

And I also want to comment that Amy Sula from the Allegheny County Department of Human Services and The Honorable Katherine Hens-Greco from Allegheny Court of Common Pleas, they were both speakers and they were both really, really excellent. And some of the things they

shared are that children in foster care are three times more likely to be medicated with psychotropic drugs than the general population. And that there is a real problem that we need to look into because foster care children are being put on medication, and they don't always have an exit plan for getting them off the medication. But I was really impressed with our human resources in our department in Allegheny County. They're working very hard to deal with these problems.

And then one more thing I wanted to share. I had the wonderful privilege last night of going to --- attending --- at South Park, they have free ice skating lessons. And last night they put on a little ice skating show, and it was called From Heroes to Princesses, and it was just a really lovely event. Even though it was very warm and the ice was very wet, the children did wonderful. And I was very --- I accidentally learned that the County gives free ice skating lessons, and I was so proud to see how well the children did and how proud the parents were. And how proud I was to be on County Council and know that I helped children learn how to ice skate. So thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other? Representative Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a comment, Mr. President. Number one, I wanted to commend Point Park University, and the Heinz Endowment for bringing this to our attention, and to Sue for bringing it to the attention about the water situation in Flint.

And I also want to mention the fact that way before anybody caught on to this story, there was a woman on one of the cable channels, Rachael Maddow. I watch her on occasion, and way before anyone else got on this topic about the water in Flint and what was going on with those young children, she brought this to the attention --- she brought it to national attention. And it's received all the publicity and all the necessary action that it deserves, because that darn lead in that water really affects the youth, the young people. There's over 100,000 people in Flint, and those children are affected, and you know, it's known that lead poisoning is one of the worst, the most dangerous things to affect the young --- youth in our country.

So I just wanted to give Rachel a shout out because I think she really deserves, you know, some kind

of claim for doing that and bringing it to the attention of the rest of the nation. And again, to Sue tonight and Heinz Endowment and Point Park University for keeping that front and center. That's very important. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'd just like to echo what Sue Means said in regard to Representative Miller's Health --- Mental Health event that he had. And it was really a good event, and it was well attended. And I was there also. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other? Seeing none, we'll move on. 9504-16. New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Topanga Productions, Incorporated to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with filming a pilot episode for a television series. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes. Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Due to the time constraints of them filming and the possibility that the County has a opportunity to yield some serious money here, I would ask the Council to consider waiving the second reading.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: He wants to make ---. No, make the motion first.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'd like to make a motion to waive the reading.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, make a motion ---.

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. FINNERTY: Make a motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty, you want to make the motion?

MR. FINNERTY: I make a motion to approve it.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: There's a second. Now, you want to make the amendment.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I want to make the amendment to waive the reading.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone is seconded over here.

MS. KIRK: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's vote on the waiving the second reading.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to waive the second reading.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?  
MR. BAKER: Yes  
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?  
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?  
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?  
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?  
MS. KIRK: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?  
MR. KLEIN: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?  
MR. KRESS: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?  
DR. MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?  
MS. MEANS: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?  
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes, 14; no's 0. The second reading is waived.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Now, we'll go with the motion.

MR. BARKER: Correct. Are you calling for a vote now or discussion?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, no, we're going to call ---. First of all, we did make the motion; right?

MR. BARKER: Correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there any remarks first? Representative Finnerty?



MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I just want to make sure that we have our law office all secure on this? Everything is fine?

MR. BORING: Sure.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just want to say that this is a unique opportunity for the County because this is not only the opportunity to film a movie, but this is a series. So we have an opportunity here that if the pilot works well, the series would be filmed in Allegheny County which would not only yield a substantial amount of dollars, but also be able to yield some publicity which I don't even think you can put a value on that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. I am absolutely for this effort as well because not only is it a good economic stimulus for our community and our county, in this immediate instance, there is a larger opportunity to generate more film work for western PA and Pennsylvania in itself. And which leads itself to another --- to a larger issue, that somewhere down the road we need to have some conversation and lobbying effort to expand the tax credit for films in Pennsylvania in its entirety, which is a larger economic stimulus for our --- for western PA and Pennsylvania in general. Thank you.

MR. KRESS: I just wanted to ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. KRESS: I just wanted to echo what Councilman DeWitt Walton had to say because that's really important because Allegheny County's become a place, almost a mecca for film making. I think the problem is, though, in Harrisburg, we have to try to get tax credit uncapped, and that's the problem. But one thing for clarification, this is just going to be around the courthouse; is this correct, that we're approving tonight?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: For this project.

MR. KRESS: Is that just for the courthouse?

MR. FINNERTY: On our property.

MR. KRESS: Right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more, take ---.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, please, if you don't mind.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: I just want to commend our County Manager, Mr. McKain for getting on top of this and staying on top of this and getting this done. Because again, we don't give enough credit to the people that bring this to our attention. And Mr. McKain has done a wonderful job in keeping us apprised of what's going on and very timely in this situation. And thanks again.

MR. MCKAIN: Kevin is the one who's been working on it. He's the one that shepherds it all.

MR. PALMIERE: Well, Kevin, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank both of them.

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's take the roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve. Mr. Baker?

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| MR. BAKER:           | Yes.                 |
| MR. BARKER:          | Mr. DeMarco?         |
| MR. DEMARCO:         | Yes.                 |
| MR. BARKER:          | Mr. Ellenbogen?      |
| MR. ELLENBOGEN:      | Aye.                 |
| MR. BARKER:          | Mr. Finnerty?        |
| MR. FINNERTY:        | Yes.                 |
| MR. BARKER:          | Mr. Futules?         |
| MR. FUTULES:         | Yes.                 |
| MR. BARKER:          | Ms. Kirk?            |
| MS. KIRK:            | Yes.                 |
| MR. BARKER:          | Mr. Klein?           |
| MR. KLEIN:           | Yes.                 |
| MR. BARKER:          | Mr. Kress?           |
| MR. KRESS:           | Yes.                 |
| MR. BARKER:          | Mr. Macey?           |
| MR. MACEY:           | Yes.                 |
| MR. BARKER:          | Mr. Martoni?         |
| DR. MARTONI:         | Yes.                 |
| MR. BARKER:          | Ms. Means?           |
| MS. MEANS:           | Yes.                 |
| MR. BARKER:          | Mr. Palmiere?        |
| MR. PALMIERE:        | Yes.                 |
| MR. BARKER:          | Ms. Ranalli-Russell? |
| MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: | Yes.                 |
| MR. BARKER:          | Mr. Walton?          |
| MR. WALTON:          | Aye.                 |
| MR. BARKER:          | President DeFazio?   |
| PRESIDENT DEFAZIO:   | Yes.                 |

MR. BARKER: Ayes, 15; nays 0. The bill passes.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9505-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation certain easement areas from four parcels required to stabilize slopes supporting Campbell's Run Road at Highland Avenue in Carnegie Borough, Project No. 6072-0902, and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Public Works Committee. 9506-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Paramount Pictures Corporation, to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with filming a motion picture. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Public Works Committee. 9507-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the use of real property in the County's South Park by the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh, which includes the South Hills YMCA. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go the Committee on Parks. Let's go down to new business. Motions?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: None. Notification of Contracts. 9508-16.

MR. BARKER: Communication summarizing approved Executive Actions from February 1st, 2016 through February 29th, 2016.

MR. DEMARCO: I move we receive the account.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to second?

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Public Comment on General Items. Okay. Do we have Jim Barr?

MR. BARR: Good evening. I'm Jim Barr. I reside in the incorporated Borough of West View. It's a shame that I have to be down here tonight. It could have

been avoided. But President's Day, February 14th or February 15th, I wanted to --- my friend wanted me to drive her down to the Election Department and file some papers. And we inquired about whether we could do that on President's Day on the 15th. There was nothing on the website. We called the Department of Elections and we got disconnected. I don't understand how that could happen, so I actually come down to Mr. Woolasett's (phonetic) office to explain my situation a couple of days later. And he was not in, and I asked if he would --- have his staff please contact me about this misunderstanding. And he never got back to me. So I'm just wondering what kind of --- you know, what's going on? I mean, does he not care, or why would there not be --- we would not be able to determine whether the Election Office was open just because it was President's Day by phone or on the front page of the website. I just --- like I said, I wish I could have avoided all this. I do get good service from Dave up in the Department of Elections. He's a very good worker. He always helps us with our questions. He goes out of his way. And I just can't understand. I thought that the Council and we the people need to know about this unfortunate situation at the Department of Elections. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thank you. Does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I move to adjourn.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:55 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

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