

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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
DeWitt Walton	-	District 10 (absent)
Paul Klein	-	District 11 (absent)
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Denise Ranalli-Russell	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Will you all raise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remain standing for the silent prayer or reflection? After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

(Moment of silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. We have the 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?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Present.

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?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here. Okay. 9721-16.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation honoring Ms. Georgia C. Hernandez for her years of service and devotion to the welfare of children in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Finnerty, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellengoben, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Georgia and Robert. Robert, do you want to come up, also?

No? Well, you can do that, too. It's just a great honor to be here with Georgia and with Marc Cherna, the Director of Allegheny County DHS, to honor you for all your years of service. We really appreciate that, and I'm sure the people of Allegheny County certainly have benefited from all the things that you've done for them. We appreciate that.

I'd like to read the Proclamation and then have Director Cherna say a few words and introduce you then.

WHEREAS, Ms. Georgia C. Hernandez has dedicated herself to serving the children of Allegheny County since 1973.

AND WHEREAS, Ms. Hernandez joined Beth El Nursery School in 1973 as a student teacher for Community College of Allegheny County. She became the school's director in 1985 and served in that capacity until her retirement in 2002.

WHEREAS, Ms. Hernandez was first appointed to the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Children, Youth and Family Advisory Board in 2001. And she has served as the Board Chair since 2003.

AND WHEREAS, Ms. Hernandez is past president of the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children and has served on several of its committees. She is a member of the Allies for Children's Board of Directors, Child Watch of Pittsburgh National Association for the Education of Young Children, Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children, the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children, just to name a few.

WHEREAS, in honor of Ms. Hernandez, the Georgia Hernandez Award for Excellence in Child Welfare Practice will be presented annually during Child Abuse Prevention Month to a caseworker who exemplifies excellence in case practice, a commitment to the Allegheny County Department of Human Services' vision and guiding principles, and who consistently demonstrates several core competencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Council does hereby recognize and thank Ms. Georgia C. Hernandez for her exemplary leadership, unparalleled generosity and her 43 years of devoted service to the welfare of children in Allegheny County.

This is sponsored by myself, Michael J. Finnerty, and all of Allegheny Council, and presented on

the 23rd day of August 2016. We thank you very much for your service.

(Applause.)

MR. FINNERTY: And I'd like to introduce Marc Cherna, the Director.

MR. CHERNA: Thanks, Mike. It's such a pleasure to be here to join in recognizing Georgia for her great work through the years. I'd really like to thank Council for recognizing this work because it really is extraordinary. I also want to thank a lot of the Children and Youth Advisory Board members for coming to support, too, because it's really been a great team that has helped us so much.

As you can see, Georgia has been the chair of the Board for the past 13 years. The Board never lets her step down because she does such a great job and has been such a strong support and help to us. But Georgia really exemplifies what's best in Allegheny County. And here's a person who is doing this work, is a volunteer, to really help for the greater good and to help children and youth, which is so needed, our abused and neglected children. And it's made such a difference with the support and constant support through the years. And you know, so I really appreciate everything Georgia has done. She's been a tremendous help to me and to my staff and to everybody. The County is in much better place because of Georgia's work. So thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. This is such a pleasure. What a joy. It's a day I'll never forget. Thank you, Councilman Finnerty, County Council, esteemed County Council. I'm so --- it's been such a privilege working with Marc all these years as I'm sure all of you know. And being part of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board and all of their dedicated work and being supported by County Council all these years. Thank you so much.

It's such a privilege. I feel so much gratitude, and especially to have this award given to a caseworker annually for their exemplary work, it's just so special. As a five-year old said, you make me smile all over my face. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9759-16.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation congratulating Mr. Robert E. Miecznikowski upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of dedicated service to Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Ellenbogen and Treasurer Weinstein.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President, Members of Council. We're here tonight to --- before I say anything, my co-sponsor, Treasurer John Weinstein, unfortunately got called on something that was --- that he couldn't avoid and he feels awful about not being here, but I know he sends his love and his affection for all the work that Bob has done.

Bob Miecznikowski, who I have known for many, many years, was kind of the go-to guy in the treasurer's office when it had to deal with bankruptcy's, licenses, small games of chance and whatever. Then Council upon its wisdom decided we need a drink tax and we need a hotel tax and car rental tax. And then Mr. Miecznikowski was the first special license person that had to take all of our wisdom and make it work and collect the money and make it part of our budget, which Bob did an stellar job. He was the first one and has become a role model for those that continuing his work. So all that money that you guys voted for, he's the guy that collected it, so ---. That being said, I'd like to read the Proc.

WHEREAS, in September 2015, Mr. Robert, Bob, Miecznikowski a lifelong resident of Brackenridge, Pennsylvania, retired from Allegheny County after more than 40 years of dedicated service in the office of the Treasurer.

AND WHEREAS, Bob earned his Master's degree from Duquesne University and began his career on December 6th, 1974 in the Allegheny County Treasurer's office as a generalist providing a variety of taxpayer services.

AND WHEREAS, Bob was a key participant in the development and implementation of the regulations contained within the hotel room rental tax ordinance of Allegheny County. As a supervisor, Bob was --- excuse me, Bob was placed in charge of issuing licenses for bingo and small games of chance and handling bankruptcies. Due to his insight and expertise, Bob was promoted to become the first manager of the newly created special tax division, handling the collection of alcoholic beverage tax, vehicle rental tax and hotel occupancy tax. Boy, I have a tough one with that one.

AND WHEREAS, the depth of Bob's knowledge and the breadth of his expertise has contributed greatly to the successful functioning of the Allegheny County Treasurer's office.

AND WHEREAS, in all areas of service, Robert, Bob, Miecznikowski has been an inspiration to others and an example of excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council, in conjunction with Allegheny County Treasurer, John K. Weinstein, hereby wishes to honor and recognize Mr. Robert, Bob, Miecznikowski for his 40 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Allegheny County and to wish him all the best in future endeavors.

Sponsored by myself and Treasurer John K. Weinstein and presented this 23rd day of August 2016.

I have to say I've been Bob's friend many, many years, and I'm proud to call him my friend. He's done an outstanding job for the citizens of Allegheny County and thusly should be honored. Thank you, Bob.

(Applause.)

MR. MIECZNIKOWSKI: I'd like to thank County Council, Councilman Ellenbogen, Treasurer John Weinstein and members of my staff who aided me and helped collect all that money that Jim referred to. And also, to my wife for putting up with me all these years. Thanks very much.

(Applause.)

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I will say that I know his staff well, too, and they're some tough cookies.

(Pictures taken.)

MR. FUTULES: Mr. Barker, add me as a co-sponsor. We must have missed this.

(Hands raised.)

MR. FUTULES: The rest of us join in.

MR. BARKER: Everybody? Does anybody not want to be added? Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9760-16, and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 9760-16. Proclamation congratulating the 2016 Pittsburgh Circle of Courage awardees. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9761-16. Proclamation declaring Sunday, September 11th, 2016 to be "Pittsburgh Pirates OMs in the Outfield Yoga Day" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9762-16. Proclamation naming Saturday, August 27th, 2016 to be the "The Salvation Army's Most Amazing Race Day" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9763-16. Proclamation honoring Lifeguards Ross Manganaro and Ethan Winger for their heroic actions on July 6th, 2016 which resulted in saving a three-year-old boy's life at the Scott Township pool. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

9765-16. Proclamation declaring Saturday, July 30th, 2016 to be "U.S. Cuba Friendship Day" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Kress and DeFazio.

9766-16. Certificate of Achievement congratulating the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 914 "Intrepid" West Mifflin for earning "All-State" status for the second straight year. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9767-16. Proclamation congratulating Lieutenant Howard Kifer upon the occasion of his retirement after 34 years of dedicated service to the Glassport Police Department. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9768-16. Certificate of Recognition congratulating Ms. Marjorie G. Miller upon the occasion of her 100th birthday. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

9770-16. Proclamations awarded to the students that participated in the 2016 Local Government Academy Municipal Intern Program. Sponsored by Council Members Martoni, Baker, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

9771-16. Proclamation honoring the life and memory of Mr. Anthony V. "Tony" Dralle of Bethel Park. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. Barker, ---

MR. BARKER: Yes.

MR. DEMARCO: --- would you add me to that one also?

MR. BARKER: That was Mr. DeMarco and Mr. Kress. Thank you.

MR. BARKER: 9772-16. Proclamation congratulating the Bethel Park Police Department for earning the Commitment to Excellence Award in recognition of their dedicated service to the Bethel Park community and Shiloh Church of South Park Township. Sponsored by Council Members Means, Palmiere, DeFazio and DeMarco.

9773-16. Proclamation congratulating the South Park Police Department for earning the Commitment to Excellence Award in recognition of their dedicated service to the South Park community and Shiloh Church of South Park Township. Sponsored by Council Members Palmiere, Means, DeFazio and DeMarco.

9774-16. Proclamation congratulating the Baldwin Borough Police Department for earning the Law Enforcement Accreditation Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, CALEA, on July 30th, 2016. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

9775-16. Proclamation declaring the month of August 2016 to be "Black Philanthropy Month" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Add me to that.

MR. BARKER: Very good.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have public comment at this time, but let me ask everyone if they want to speak --- this isn't coming up tonight because the sponsor and the committee, DeWitt Walton can't be here. He's out of town. You can speak tonight or do it next week or do both or whatever way you want to do it. I just don't --- you know, if you want to hold up it's up to you. I'll call your names up, if you don't want to speak tonight you can speak --- put it in for next week. So I'll start with Joann Peterson.

MS. PETERSON: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to wait?

MS. PETERSON: No, I'd rather not.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, go ahead.

MR. FUTULES: You're allowed to speak tonight.

MS. PETERSON: Thank you, Chairman DeFazio, for affording me the opportunity to speak to the Council about the proposed language changes in the Allegheny County Minority Women Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Ordinance. I'm reading from these notes because I don't want to waste your time.

My name is Joann Peterson. I'm involved in two women-owned businesses in the County, and I'm concerned by the proposed changes for a couple of reasons. I understand that the state unless the County is bound by federal acquisition rules when it comes to spending Department of Transportation funds, requires the certification of small socially and/or economically disadvantaged businesses. However, I believe that the

County has the right to certify or acknowledge certification of minority or women-owned enterprises which are no longer considered small. Race, ethnicity and gender are unlikely to change. I will remain female and my godchildren will remain biracial regardless of the size of our business.

Changing definitions has consequences. In 1989, one of my businesses was certified as a WBE in Illinois, but it is a large business because our annual sales exceeded a million dollars. Yet this small 32-year old business remained socially and economically disadvantaged according to SBA and DOT standards.

A healthy economy requires that strong MWBE businesses create jobs, deliver products and services. Government, corporate purchasing and supplier communities must cooperate in developing reliable, viable relationships to make MWBE supplier diversity work effectively.

I applaud the County's commitment to exceed federal goals for minority business enterprises, and I would ask this Council to consider increasing its two percent goal for women and other diverse business enterprises to the federal one of five percent.

Restricting contract goals to DOT-based UPC certifications limits the County and its prime contractors from making use of those MWBE certified by the National Minority Supplier Diversity Council, the Women's Business Enterprise National Council and other recognized third-party certifying organizations. Not everyone can qualify for UCP. And I believe that curtailing the opportunities for the larger MWBE firms to participate in County's MWB programs may reduce the County tax revenues with a negative, net negative, and the number of employees that they will be able to retain who pay County property taxes and money with other County-based businesses, parking fees, PAT riders, entertainment and sales tax revenues.

I would respectfully request that the eligibility standard in paragraph 4357(c)(1) be revised to include businesses that have been certified as MBEWBE or DBE by any recognized third-party certifier whose method of certification has been approved by a federal agency. I guess I'm out of time.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll give you a couple of more sentences. Real quick.

MS. PETERSON: Many large companies and agencies here that work small or disadvantage and they recoil. There's a stigma attached that we're undercapitalized, operate on slim margins and that we're cash poor, that we don't have the wherewithal to deliver. Consequently, we as small MWBEs rely on larger MWBEs to advocate, mentor and help us build our capacities so that we can grow to service primes ourselves. Just this spring the MWBE government committee, which is comprised of member organizations including our County's Airport Authority, the Department of MWVE, Public Works, Economic Development, Housing Authority, Sanitary Authority and the Port Authority, passed out a flyer to announce such winning state contracts and the shared 2016 downsizing.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. We're going to have to cut because we do just want everyone ---.

MS. PETERSON: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Barbara Smith. Barbara Smith? We'll go to the next person. Alexander Saksen?

MR. SAKSEN: Thank you, President DeFazio. I thank you all for the opportunity to speak regarding Bill Number 9735-16, the same bill that my predecessor spoke about.

I come before you as an attorney who represents several MBE/WBE companies with that either work or have businesses in this County. I also come to you as a husband. My wife has two businesses located in Marshall Township, one of which she owns with her sister. They both went to North Hills High School. And frankly, I come to you as a father of a two-year old daughter, who I hope doesn't have the same hurdles that some of you may have faced and that my wife is facing now.

Those people, my clients, my wife and my daughter needs heroes amongst the business elite in removing the --- or restricting this program to small companies takes that away. I've discussed this bill with several of you either via e-mail or over the phone and I appreciate the time. I've attempted to discuss it with the chairman of the committee, but for those of you that had the time to speak with me, thank you.

Some of you seem surprised at the objections to this bill. Some of you are surprised because it was presented to you, as the summary page said, nothing in the proposed ordinance in any way changes the basic commitment

of the County which has been in place since 1981. As you've heard from other speakers, we don't necessarily think that that's accurate. I personally admired the President's commitment to not rubber stamping committee recommendations. And I urge each of you to vote only after taking a closer look at this bill.

The changes to the bill are anti-woman. They punish success and they hurt small businesses. Let me give you a few examples. First, the bill changes the definition of small business concern in Section 435.1 to exclude companies with a three-year average revenue above \$56.42 million, citing to a federal regulation. The bill incorporates that phrase into the definition of who is eligible under this program. It's not a housekeeping measure, and there is no evidence to suggest that once MBE/WBE reaches a certain size, its minority status becomes irrelevant. Success doesn't end discrimination as we unfortunately saw with the example of Gabby Douglas' treatment during the recent Olympics.

I would also say that the federal regulation that's cited refers to a similar MBE program, but only for airport concession companies. I don't know why our entire County program would link itself to a micro-industry.

Second, the bill proposes a change to 435, Section 8, regarding socially and economically disadvantaged companies and adds them into the two-percent goal and it actually restates goal as good faith efforts, which is a real concern. Now is not the time to put in our good faith efforts. Now is our time to maintain our goals for these companies.

So what are the risks? If I could have another 20 seconds?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. SAKSEN: Larger companies, for example, 84 Lumber, reached down and picked these smaller companies up. Larger companies are eligible to bid on these programs, and they bring --- they subcontract to these smaller companies, so you're actually hurting smaller companies by limiting it to smaller companies.

Second, I think there are some Constitutional issues including due process and equal protection arguments. I also, frankly, come to you as a political junkie and I'm a bit concerned at how quickly this bill went through committee without public comment. Similar changes were proposed in 2014. We had a hearing at the

committee. I'm not quite sure how that turned out, but I can guess by the proposed bill that it didn't pass. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Brandyn Elston?

MR. ELSTON: How are you doing today? My name is Brandyn Elston. I work for 84 Lumber. They're teaching me how to --- actually, it's an apprentice program, four-year apprentice program. They're teaching me how to frame, do roofing, siding and to install windows. I learned a lot through my process with 84. And it helps me, you know, provide for my family, my wife and kids. You know, I'm sorry. I'm not good with public speaking. But I'm trying to speak from the heart. You know, I don't have no notes or nothing like that. But you know, it provides a future for me and my family. I can teach my son how to do framing, you know. That's pretty much all I have to say.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Christian Woodall. Not here or not wanting to speak. Next we have --- Marcus Kennedy here or want to speak? Okay.

MR. KENNEDY: Good evening, everybody. My name is Marcus Kennedy. I'm 24 years old. I'm from the Wilkesburg area. I've been working with 84 Lumber for a little bit now, maybe like a month and a half. And within that month and a half, they have shown me a lot of things. They've showed me how to put up siding. Now, I'm able to prepare for my family. I was in a situation where I was going to college, but I was in between careers. I wasn't sure. But 84 Lumber provided guidance as far as career because they don't just provide jobs, they provide actual careers where I can provide and teach my children a simple trade or something like that. When they called me and told me that they were doing the apprenticeship program, I was excited because I didn't exactly know where I was going to turn as far as a career. You know, I didn't have a whole lot of money. I didn't have experience. And they were willing to train me. You know, so when they started training me, we learned how to do framing, install windows and do siding. And we get training as far as OSHA training so we learn how to be safe on the job. You know, so 84 Lumber has been a big deal in my life. And from this point on, if something was to happen to it, I wouldn't know where to turn. You know, I'm a father, a husband. I have three children; two small daughters and a young son. So you know, from this point on, I'm just ---

84 Lumber is the best route for me. So I just want you all to keep in mind that this is affecting young families. I'm 24 years old and I'm trying to be someone. I'm trying to be like one of you all, you know, getting some money, you know. So this is a big, big, big deal. You know, so I just ask you all just to have some consideration and, you know, that's about it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thank you.
Christopher Johnson.

MR. JOHNSON: How are you doing? I'm from Penn Hills and I'm speaking on behalf of 84 Lumber. Before 84 Lumber, I really had no hope. When I was 18, I got in some --- a little bit of trouble, and I couldn't find nothing. No job will give me a chance to do anything. And basically, when I went through the program, they didn't just give me a career and a job. They gave me hope. And the program can save lives. It not just going give you a job. It will save lives. People, there's still people that need programs like the one they put me through because they either got in some trouble or they just didn't have that backbone to tell them where to go.

But 84 Lumber definitely helped me, you know what I mean? And if it wasn't for them, I wouldn't know what to do. I could go to school now, I could have gas money in my pocket to get back and forth to CCAC. I can help with my son, you know. So there's a lot of people that I know from my type of background that can use the program that I went through. And I'm just saying have some consideration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Carol Philp.

MS. PHILP: Hello. I'm Carol Philp, and my company is CPI Creative. We're a WBENC-certified woman owned business in Aspinwall.

And I appreciate the opportunity to speak regarding the proposed changes. So 22 years ago, November, I had 36 months of alimony and three young sons. And I'm so happy to say that the 37th month, I drew my first CPI check and I continue to draw them for myself and for my team. But over these 22 years, I've learned so much and I won't take you down that road. But I wanted to share with you what my understanding of a diverse business is. If you are labeled a diverse business which we all are in diverse business in one world or another, it's so much less about skin color or gender and so much more about a shared understanding of the obstacles that we face

with equal opportunity for any kind of access for larger bids and for adequate funding. And we all aspire and dream to be a large MWDBE so that we can give back to our communities.

So I encourage you not to just look at size when you make these decisions, these major decisions. And for example, I can speak to 84 Lumber because they not only buy products from us, but they've served as mentors on all different kind of challenges that we've had. And it's just been a tremendous support to our company. And when you look at the goals for spend and how the percentages are divided, how can it be really equally divided for all of us as a diverse community? Not as this, this or that. So these are very serious matters to all of us here today. And we appreciate it with your thoughtfulness and your understanding as you make these decisions that will be affecting and impacting our businesses' success and growth. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thank you. Cheri Bomar.

MS. BOMAR: Thank you. Hello, my name is Cheri Bomar. I'm a Bethel Park resident and have been an Allegheny County resident for my entire life. I am also in-house corporate counsel for 84 Lumber Company. I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today about the County's minority women and disadvantaged business entrepreneur --- enterprise program.

I am here tonight to object to the Committee's proposed July changes to the bill. In my position at 84 Lumber Company, one of my responsibilities is to work with Ms. Amy Criss, our director of diversity, in the certification of 84 Lumber Company as a woman-owned business. I have had the experience to examine a variety of state, local and county certification programs. The certification programs at their core exist to correct actual discrimination and/or exclusion of minorities and women-owned businesses in certain fields. And the construction industry has been one of those fields traditionally that women and minorities are underrepresented.

It is our belief that in such a program there is no concrete evidence that a larger business, in certain fields, are not subject to discrimination. Therefore, the intent of the legislation should be applicable regardless of size of the business. We should want all diverse

businesses to grow to their capacity regardless of what that capacity should be. These larger diverse businesses will be more apt to help other diverse businesses grow and support mentoring programs like 84 Lumbar Company.

If you examine legislation on a variety of levels, you will note that a lot of jurisdictions do not exclude on the basis of size. The City of Philadelphia is one example of a jurisdiction which accepts and acknowledges the WEbank certification, which is a national certification.

I would respectfully ask for you not to adopt the proposed changes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That concludes the speakers. Next, ---.

MS. MEANS: Oh no, there's two more.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: There's two out of the County. I'm sorry. Amy Criss.

MS. CRISS: Thank you, County Council, for allowing me the opportunity to speak on this Minority Women, Disadvantaged Enterprise Program proposed changes you're making.

We thank you for recognizing women businesses and we appreciate the opportunity to comment. Forgive me for reading. I want to get my points in the allotted time, hopefully.

My name is Amy Criss. I'm the Director of Supplier Diversity in Women Business Enterprise at 84 Lumbar Company. Our local WB Business owned and operated by Maggie Hardy Magerko. I am a wife, a mom and a grandma. I have a daughter and two granddaughters and believe me I am passionate about helping women and minorities succeed.

I manage Maggie's WBE certification across the country and help develop new business that she would not have if she was not recognized as a woman business. In this role, I spend much of my time with MWDBEs and I also spend my time helping these businesses succeed as I help 84 succeed. I'm currently appointed to Governor Wolf's Advisory Council for Diversity inclusion for small business opportunities. In fact, when I leave here tonight, I'm heading to Harrisburg to meet on the subject --- when we finalize recommendations to be presented to the Governor at the beginning of September. One of those recommendations is to eliminate the size requirement.

84 Lumber has four locations in Allegheny County. We affect over a 145 families living in the county. We paid \$406,000 in sales and use tax to the County last year. And Maggie generously donated over \$300,000 a year to Allegheny County nonprofit schools and organizations. We're proud sponsors of Pirates, Penguins and Steelers, and we spend over a \$30 million a year with businesses in the county. And we're proud to be a part of these wonderful Allegheny County communities.

We started a training program for undertrained and underemployed people in the County called Team 84. And you heard from some of those gentlemen. There are currently five gentlemen in your community that are enrolled in this training. They have full-time jobs through 84. We're assisting them in skills training and certification to help reach their career goals. The program is changing families and communities in the County. Without the work as a WBE in Allegheny County, it would be more difficult to support these training programs.

These gentlemen felt so strongly about this program that they called off their second jobs this evening to be here to speak. They're amazing gentlemen and we're proud to have them a part as (sic) a family.

These are just some of the things that 84 does because we are WBE in your County. I please ask that you look at these county rules and regulations and think about what it can do to change the County if somebody like 84 is a large business is not a WBE in the County. I think there's a lot of opportunities for us to help businesses and people and really assist the County because we're doing work in that county. We thank you for the opportunity and we hope and pray that you think about this vote. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Melissa, how do you pronounce your last name?

MS. LAULIS: Laulis (pronouncing).

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Laulis.

MS. LAULIS: Good evening. My name is Melissa Laulis. Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts with you all this evening. I appreciate it.

The reason I am here is I am a small, certified, WBE business, and I own a trucking company. And as a direct result of that fact, I find that it's very important that careful consideration is considered prior

to hasty passing of, let me see, Council 435. Forgive me, I'm a little --- I'm very, very unpolished. But anyway, you know, I was offered the opportunity last fall as oil and gas industry began to tumble further and further into the pits, which is where my industry --- well, my trucking industry, my trucking business had previously been working. I was offered the opportunity to provide delivery service for 84 Lumber which was quite a blessing. It allowed me to not only diversify my business away from providing services for the oil and gas field, but you know, it put me in a --- it offered me for the first time since I've been in business, a contract, you know. I now provide services, delivery services, for their stores, and I am frequently in Allegheny County also. I employ five people, five drivers, who work directly for 84 Lumber. And although the bulk of my work would be in West Virginia, you know, I am very fearful that the trickle down economics of the enacting of this legislation could possibly hurt my business as well.

That's really about all I have to share. And I would like to thank you for the opportunity to share with the Council of Allegheny County. Thank you, again. Good night.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Approval of Minutes. 9782-16.

MR. BARKER: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 21st, 2016 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

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. 9783-16.

MR. BARKER: Motion to approve the minutes of the July 5th, 2016 regular meeting of Council.

MR. DEMARCO: So moved.

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. 9784-16.

MR. BARKER: Motion to approve the minutes of the July 12th, 2016 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 9776-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Sally Cimini to serve as a member of the Personnel Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's going to Appointment Review. 9777-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Dr. Donald Burke to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on January 13th, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. 9776-16.

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry, that's 9778-16. Approving the reappointment of Dr. Kotayya Kondaveeti to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on January 13th, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. 9779-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Sara Baldi to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. 9780-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Jane Clougherty to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory 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. 9786-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Marc Bowman to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization for South Park for a term to expire on August 23rd, 2018. Sponsored by the Representative Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing me, Council President. Yes, it's my great honor to reappoint

Marc Bowman to be a member of the Friends of South Park. He works really hard. He attends the meetings. And he has a real diverse experience, and he's a great asset to the Friends of South Park. So I'd like to make that recommendation. Second?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second?

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have a second. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Unfinished Business, Committee on Economic Development and Housing, Second Reading. We're going to hold that until next week because he's not here, the chairman of the committee.

9737-16. That also is --- okay. That's also for next week. He's not here. Let's see. So we're going down to Liaison Reports. What's that?

MR. FINNERTY: Nothing. I don't have one. Sue Means, Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes. I wanted to first off thank so much the people that came this evening to talk about the minority women and disadvantaged business enterprises because democracy depends on an open process. And it depends on people coming and speaking and participating in the process. And you did that tonight. Thank you so much. We need a good process for good government and we need transparency. And I am an advocate for good process and transparency. I am trained as a nurse. And I know when I see something that's ill or dysfunctional. And the process, the way this legislation was brought before this Council, without your being able to have input is wrong. It's wrong. I was present when there was a public hearing in 2014 and 2015. I'm the only Council member that remains. The people that, all the other three members that were there did not run for reelection. They're not here. And one, I believe, passed away.

Though it's very disturbing that this legislation was introduced on July the 6th, one week before we went on vacation, we were told about the Committee meeting on July the 12th and the meeting happened on July the 14th when we were technically on summer break.

Now, I don't know what happened. I know Ruth Birdsmith does a good job and works hard. But I think

that you, the people that have --- that this legislation is going to directly affect people and their lives and their income and their futures. And the people that this legislation was going to impact should have been told of the change, should have been notified, and they had an opportunity to participate in the writing of the legislation and also before us. So I am just really, totally --- I guess I've expressed my great displeasure in what has happened to you, and I'm ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Sue, technically, these are liaison reports.

MS. MEANS: Technically, the liaison report should be a report of a --- different ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.

MS. MEANS: --- committees.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.

MS. MEANS: And it's been morphed into reporting activities in our little towns. And I would like to also point out --- the next thing I want to point out is I'm so happy that Chelsa Wagner did an audit of the ACE Commission, because really, I know of no other agency where you must file your complaint to the two dual places. When you file a complaint at the ACE Commission, you have to file it with the County Manager's office and the ACE Commission. So any thought of any confidentiality is totally blown by that one step. Nowhere else. If you file a complaint with the State Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court, it just goes one place. And there I totally agree with Chelsa Wagner. The ACE Commission needs independence and adequate resources to do a strong job. And I'm not saying they haven't been doing a good job, but I totally agree with her. We need to change by legislation a lot about the ACE Commission because we need good transparency and we need a good process to have good government in Allegheny County. Thank you very much.

MR. FINNERTY: Can I respond to that? I mean, I think we have transparency. I'm sorry. And I don't appreciate a Council person attacking Council. I don't think this is the place for it. You could have done it in many places besides grandstanding up here. And I do not appreciate people that do that. All of a sudden, you're trying to say that there is no transparency in the Ethics Committee. Well, there's not supposed to be. I hate to tell you that. There's not supposed to be. You even stated that. Now, to come here and attack this Council is

ridiculous. Because there was a public hearing taken for that bill. I don't say I agree with it, this bill, but there was a public hearing. It wasn't just thrown out. All right? And I appreciate those people that came and talked about it because they educated me about it. And that's transparency. It was put out there so people could come and talk about it. And they did. And that's what it's all about. All right? There's nothing cloudy here one bit. We followed the rules. This Council followed the rules and now we're not voting on it at this moment.

So to come here and attack Council for untransparent-ness is totally --- to me, it take me to back to what are we going to do? What are we going to do? Huh? Are we going to come up here and attack Council? Or are we going to do this in a committee where you should be talking about something like this? Not coming up here and grandstanding because the camera is on. That I believe this and you're wrong for doing this. Personally, it's an affront to all Council. And I think, if anything, that there should be an apology coming from some people here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Sue?

MS. MEANS: I just want to thank you for recognizing me. There was no public hearing. There was no public hearing about this. None. In 2015, it was a different bill and different language, yes. But this bill, no. And what one of these small business people looked at our agenda, look on the wall and see what's posted. Who sits there and watches whether we're going to vote on? If we don't notify them there's a change --- and we know who they were because they spoke at the public hearing in 2015. I personally went and contacted these people because I wanted to know what they had to say. They're the experts. They live it. It's their life. And someone from the County --- I don't know if it's the administration or who --- and I'm not blaming County Council. I didn't put it on the agenda. I didn't have a meeting whenever most people began our vacation. And a lot of these small business people are women and they have children. And in the summertime they're even more busy trying to balance it all. They should have been notified there was a change. How were they supposed to know? How? And if I hadn't written to them they wouldn't be here today educating us.

And like I praised them a little bit ago, thank you for participating in the process because you educated us. Thank you.

I'm not going to apologize for being a champion of good government, a champion of the process.

MR. FINNERTY: Could I respond to that?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: Number one, ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Different issue.

MR. FINNERTY: Number One, we're talking about an issue that an issue that is being held. And people have talked about it and that's great. And I personally think that we're all champions up here. And like I said before, and I'll say it again, that's a grandstanding move as far as I'm concerned. That's all it is. And I do appreciate the people for coming in. And if you notified them, that's fantastic. But it's still nothing but grandstanding as far as I'm concerned. And you did attack this Council. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen, then Futules.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I would defer to Councilman Futules if he --- if this is on the same issue because mine is not.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Nick.

MR. FUTULES: Well, I'm not going to argue with everybody just going back and forth here with ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: If someone didn't speak, I'll let him speak. We're going to end it. We're not going to go back and forth.

MR. FUTULES: Oh, no, I'm not talking about these two at all. I just wanted to thank everybody for coming in this evening and speaking. And I specifically want to thank these young men for speaking from the bottom of your heart. You made me understand exactly what we're talking about here. And this young man here from Penn Hills, by the way, I'm from Penn Hills, too, son. Just want you to know that. Born and raised. And I heard you loud and clear. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. I have a couple of public safety issues as chair of Public Safety. There's a couple of things that I'd like to discuss for a moment if members wouldn't mind.

One is I read in the newspaper today that the City police chief was going to have meetings with various parts of the City and whatnot, coupled with the fact that we have a major drug problem, you know, the numbers came out. We had almost 500 dead last year. The OD numbers of the ones they even revived, two of the top four are in my own Council district. I appreciate what the City is doing in terms of what they're trying to do, but regardless of what they think across the street, they sit inside Allegheny County. And I would ask members of my committee and myself to reach out to the City of Pittsburgh to see how we, as a county, can participate with them in trying to solve some of these issues. To this day, there have been numerous meetings in my district. I'm not a stranger across the street. They know I'm the Public Safety Chairman and yet no one from the City of Pittsburgh has contracted me and my committee to discuss these issues. You know, you can't separate yourselves from us. It's important for them to recognize that we're all in this together, and we need to work together. And I would appreciate if this gets across the street to them to recognize the fact that we are here to help and we'd be more than happy to participate. And I'm sure members of my committee are very aggressive in that way and I appreciate that.

The other issue I wasn't going to discuss publically, but being that the media has discussed the fact that the sheriff has felt that he's undermanned in some areas in terms of warrants, the number of warrants and those things. Being that a couple of members had responded publicly in the newspaper, I just want to say that as the chairman of this committee I'm not adverse to the sheriff sitting down with the committee and letting you folks that want to talk about it vent the issue. So that being said, thank you ladies and gentlemen for hearing me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more hands, we'll move on to New Business. 9787-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, granting Woodrigde Productions, Incorporated a temporary license to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with filming a television series. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going to put that in Public Works Committee. 9788-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2016, Submission #08-16. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's going into the Budget and Finance. Budget and Finance. 9789-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution approving the Project for the benefit of Robert Morris University, a nonprofit corporation, organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the "University", to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt bonds, to be issued in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount not expected to exceed \$31,000,000 provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, the "County", shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Bonds, hereinafter defined, 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: That'll go into Budget and Finance. 9790-16. That's going to --- held until next week. That's one of the ones in the Economic Development Group. 9791-16. That's going to be held.

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry. The remaining three bills have not been referred.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Pardon me?

MR. BARKER: The last remaining three bills, 9790, 91 and 92, have not yet been referred.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Then that'll go to his committee, Economic Development.

MR. BARKER: Would you like me to read the titles?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. BARKER: Okay. 9790-16, A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act providing for a program of temporary increases in Allegheny County real property taxes for a specific time periods resulting from improvements made by an owner of a property located within the Fourth Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, generally known as the Central Oakland

neighborhood, previously determined to be a deteriorated area; establishing a schedule for exempting increases in Allegheny County property taxes resulting from such improvements; and prescribing the requirements and procedures by which an owner of property located within the deteriorated area can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be put into the Economic Development. 9792-16.

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry, 91 first?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Ninety-one (91). Okay. Go ahead.

MR. BARKER: 9791-16. A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, LERTA, Pa. Stat. Ann. Tit. § 4722 et seq. 1995, as amended, providing for a program of temporary exemption from increases in Allegheny County Real Property Taxes, for specified time periods, resulting from improvements made by an owner of property located within the Fourth Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, generally known as the North Oakland neighborhood, previously determined to be a deteriorated area; establishing a schedule for exempting increases in Allegheny County property taxes resulting from such improvements; and prescribing the requirements and procedures by which an owner of property located within the deteriorated area can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into Economic Development. 9792-16.

MR. BARKER: 9792-16. A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, LERTA, Pa. Stat. Ann. Tit. 72 § 4722 et seq., 1995, as amended, providing for a program of temporary exemption from increases in Allegheny County Real Property Taxes, for a specified time periods, resulting from improvements made by an owner of property located within the Twenty-Third Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, generally known as the Troy Hill neighborhood, previously determined to be a deteriorated area; establishing a schedule for exempting

increases in Allegheny County property taxes resulting from such improvements; and prescribing the requirements and procedures by which an owner of property located within the deteriorated area can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into Economic Development Committee. 9793-16.

MR. BARKER: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing the President of Council to conduct public hearings pursuant to §801.05 of the Administrative Code on Tuesday, October 25th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 26th, at 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 27th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Gold Room of Allegheny County Courthouse. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: I'd like to make that motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under ---.

MR. FINNERTY: We ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: Before we do that, I'd like to pass out the schedule. Mr. President, any questions?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. FINNERTY: Is there any questions with regard to this? It's pretty straightforward.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. I guess ---.

MR. FINNERTY: We don't --- we don't need to vote.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We want to take the vote, yeah.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Did you put the motion in yet?

MR. FINNERTY: The motion has been seconded.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. And then you would be handling the ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll handle the public hearing. Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Notification of Contracts, 9785-16.

MR. BARKER: Communication summarizing approval Executive Actions from July 1st through July 31st, 2016.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to ---?

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. FINNERTY: Receive and file.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, he was ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Receive and file, please.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you second it?

MR. MACEY: Sure.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. Any 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. Lester Ludwig.

MR. DEMARCO: Not here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Rusty Loudermilk.

MR. FUTULES: Rusty's here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I see him.

MR. LOUDERMILK: Some of you may and some of you may don't. For those of you don't know me, please do not be offended by my comments. I'm not trying to take a personal shot at you at all.

Having said that, I signed up to speak today because I was going to ask you guys to help me get a letter from the Port Authority of Allegheny County/ACCESS Transportation system which proves that they did me wrong a month or so ago so that if the problem ever came up again in the future I would have some hard copy documentation as to that it wasn't the first time that the issue happened. Well, miraculously, after I signed up to speak, I still didn't get the letter. And I still sent many phone calls, e-mails. Some of you didn't return my calls and that's okay because I know you really don't give a shit about me. Okay? I understand that. But that being said, miraculously, today at 11 o'clock in the morning I go to my mailbox and I get my letter. So whoever had anything to do with it, thank you so much. And you must remember something, if you don't want to help whether it be me or any of these other people in this chamber tonight or some people that come before you do us all a favor don't run for office. But don't --- as I said to someone else that shall remain nameless that is around this dais tonight, don't kill the messenger. Fix the problem. And for \$49 million a year and that \$49 million figure that I'm giving you is only for the Paratransit Service known as ACCESS. I'm not talking about the fixed route Port Authority bus route system. I'm talking about

the door-to-door service that helps with people with disabilities like myself. For \$46 to \$49 million --- and by the way, I got that figure from the Port Authority in the year 2015, not 2016, but for the \$46 to \$49 million --- excuse the way I put it, but every time that you sneeze wrong, I'm going to be here, and I don't give a damn who likes it because --- or don't like it, because I have spent 47 years in a wheelchair, ten years of that in this town and you guys say that you want to help people with disabilities and senior citizens. If you really want to do that, don't kick me in the butt. Help me, help others, while I help myself so that if I try to go to get a job at 84 Lumber --- by the way, if 84 Lumber is here, please give me a job. But if I go to try to get a job at 84 Lumber or anywhere else that they will get me to where I need to go on time so that I won't get fired.

So I don't mean to be rude, but nobody is doing the stuff for free. For \$49 million get them to do right and guess what, if you get them to do right, you'll never see me again. But every time they mess up, I'm going to be right on their ass and anybody else's ass, too. I don't care who likes me or who don't like me because I know I'm never going to get elected.

But remember, 47 years in a wheelchair. None of you have spent 47 seconds. Have a good day ladies and gentlemen.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. LOUDERMILK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. FUTULES: Move to adjourn.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second somebody?

MS. KIRK: Second.

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

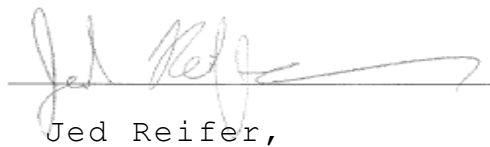
(Ayes respond.)

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:19 P.M.

CERTIFICATE

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Court Reporter