

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
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Dr. Charles J. Martoni	-	District 8
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
DeWitt Walton	-	District 10 (via telephone)
Paul Klein	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12 (via telephone)
Denise Ranalli-Russell	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Jack Cambest - County Solicitor
Sarah Roka - Budget Manager
Ken Varhola - Chief of Staff
Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Will you please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection?

After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Russell?

MS. RUSSELL: I would like to take a moment to say a prayer for Officer Brian Shaw and his family, and that he may now fly with the angels and that all the men and women in blue, that they may be safe. Amen.

(Chorus of amens.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Can we have a roll call?

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: 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.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Present.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means --- Ms.

Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Thank you. 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. We will now go to proclamations 10393-17.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation congratulating Ms. Kate Dewey upon the occasion of her retirement. Sponsored by Council Member Ranalli-Russell.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Most of you already know Kate for all the work that she's done with nonprofits, and it gives me great pleasure to be able to do this proclamation for Kate. I'm going to read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, President of the Forbes Fund, Ms. Kate Dewey, will officially retire after more than 40 years of dedicated service to the community through her efforts at nonprofit organizations, foundations, public agencies and corporations at the local, state and national level; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Forbes Fund, Ms. Dewey had an extensive career engulfed in serving nonprofit organizations, foundations and government agencies. She was the founding partner of Dewey and Kaye, the fifth oldest consulting practice firm in the United States, dedicated to serving nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Forbes Fund was recognized in 2015 by the Independent Sector American Express Fellows as a leading example of organizations driving community innovations. Ms. Dewey is the 2014 finalist for the Chase Manhattan Bank Smart Business Award, 2008 winner of the Athena Award in Pittsburgh which is recognized internationally as a premier honor for excellence in leadership among business, professional and community leaders, and the 1999 recipient of the Greater Pittsburgh YWCA's Tribune to Women Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dewey has extensive board service experience and currently serves as a trustee of the Shirley Jordan Foundation. She is a graduate of Leadership Pittsburgh. She received her Bachelor's degree from Rider University and Master's in social work from Rutgers University. She was certified in 1995 as a management trainer by the Avraham Y. Goldratt Institute, an international educational organization; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dewey will not fully retire, but will move into a consulting role focusing on the Forbes Funds' social innovation agenda including the UpPrize Social Innovation Challenge, and will also continue to advise nonprofits engaged in progressive, strategic restructuring; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate Ms. Kate Dewey upon the occasion of her retirement and we thank her for her hard work and dedication to serving nonprofit organizations, foundations and government agencies. Her long and distinguished service deserves the accolades of our citizenry and this council wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.

Sponsored by myself on the 21st day of November 2017. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MS. DEWEY: Thank you.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here you go, and if you want to say a few ---?

MS. DEWEY: Yeah. I've lived in Allegheny County now for 37 years. I came from Washington, D.C. And I'm always struck by the gem that Allegheny County is because if somebody wants to make a difference in this community, you can. And that is really a rare opportunity for people who dream, and I always was a dreamer and a builder. So thank you for giving me the palette to be able to aspire to making a better world for some people. So thank you for this acknowledgement.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 10394 ---

MR. BARKER: A proclamation ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: --- -17.

MR. BARKER: I apologize. Proclamation recognizing and congratulating the Mount Lebanon Public Library upon the occasion of its 85th Anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

MS. MEANS: We're very blessed to be joined today by Robyn Vittek ---

MS. VITTEK: Vittek (corrects pronunciation).

MS. MEANS: --- Vittek (changes pronunciation).

And she's the librarian of the Mount Lebanon Public Library. And we recently got to walk through the library when we had a tour, the County Executive of Mount Lebanon, and it was abuzz with activity. It's a really busy, awesome place. I understand that the middle school kids come flooding in after school ---

MS. VITTEK: Every day.

MS. MEANS: --- so I don't know about the quiet library anymore, but it's --- it's a great place. The

children's library is so engaging and exciting and you'll have all these programs. And I stopped and I looked at some of them today, and I was really excited of all the things, like there's going to be a Pittsburgh During World War II event on December 13th, and that looks exciting. And there's a whole host of programs, but let me get started with the proclamation --- so too many papers, too many.

WHEREAS, public libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions that fuel efforts to better their communities, foster the free exercise of information and support the foundations of democracy; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 1932, the Mount Lebanon Lions Club took the lead in establishing a community library. Members of the Lions Club petitioned the municipality of Mount Lebanon to provide space for a public library; and

WHEREAS, the Lions Club networked with other community organizations to raise funds and coordinated with the local Boy Scouts to canvass door to door to --- for used books; and

WHEREAS, on November 15th, 1932, the Mount Lebanon Public Library was dedicated on the 2nd floor of the Mount Lebanon Municipal Building with a collection of 9,000 books. And the first year's circulation was 30,162 books, all of which were donated by local residents; and

WHEREAS, after 32 years, the Mount Lebanon Public Library outgrew its space in the municipal building. As a result, Architect Russell Bailey designed a \$315,000 1,300 and 300 --- 1,300 --- 13,350 square foot library on Castle Shannon Boulevard across from the Mellon Middle School, opening its doors on January 27th, 1964; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, a larger 26,539 foot --- square foot library was constructed on the same site. The Mount Lebanon Public Library currently holds 153,225 books and has a circulation of 549,468 books. That's a half a million books a year, amazing; and

WHEREAS, The Mount Lebanon Public Library plays an integral part in the intellectual, educational and recreational health and wellbeing of our residents through its mission to provide a wide range of programs, services to inform, inspire and enrich the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby recognize and

congratulate the Mount Lebanon Public Library upon the occasion of its 85th anniversary. We extend sincere gratitude to its trustees, staff, friends and volunteers, past and present, for the accomplishments, their commitment and dedication to the municipality of Mount Lebanon and its residents.

Sponsored this day by myself, Sue Means, and Sam DeMarco, who didn't come up here --- why weren't you up here?

Anyway, congratulations.

MS. VITTEK: Thank you so much.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: Yeah --- and here, here's your ---.

MS. VITTEK: Yes, Hillary Lohr, our board treasurer.

MS. MEANS: Have them come down, and here, please say a few words.

MS. VITTEK: Councilwoman Means discussed the library's history better than I could ever do, so thank you for that.

We did start very small, much like Mount Lebanon itself. But over the years, we've grown into a thriving community center. Much of that is thanks to the tremendous support of our municipality, as well as the county through regional asset district funds. So I want to thank you all for supporting the regional asset district. And I would also like to thank Tom Baker for serving on our Allegheny County Library Association Board.

So thank you all for this recognition. It's a great honor.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: Did you want to say something? How about you, Sam? Do you want to say anything? Okay. Well, let's go get our pictures.

MS. VITTEK: Thanks so much.

MR. DEMARCO: Picture time.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 10395-17.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation honoring the lifetime of service and achievement of Mildred "Millie" Fincke. Sponsored by Council Members Means and Kress.

MS. MEANS: This is absolutely such a delight and honor to honor Millie Fincke. And I'm being joined today by her two sons, Jamie and Jason, and Councilman Ed

Kress and Councilwoman Cindy Kirk, she's a nurse and --- and I think a family friend.

But in doing research --- and we have an extra bonus, too, because Jason Fincke serves on the Friends of South Park. So he's a special --- one of the hardest working members of the Friends of South Park.

But as I did research regarding their mother, Millie Fincke, I was just so impressed. I wish that I had the opportunity to meet her, an amazing, amazing woman, a pioneer who --- which I'll read about. But she did so much, absolutely so much for all of us.

And as you'll read, she brought LifeFlight to Pittsburgh, and LifeFlight has spread out over West Virginia and Ohio. And not only that --- and you'll read, she started a nurse practitioner program, too, for emergency room nurses. So she was a pioneer in emergency nursing and a great and wonderful, awesome person.

She wrote, she lectured, she spoke, she contributed to textbooks. Right?

I mean, the ---.

MR. JASON FINCKE: And she was ---

MS. MEANS: And --- and she ---

MR. JASON FINCKE: --- a good mom.

MS. MEANS: --- and she was a mother. I don't know how she had time to be a mother, but --- but she was. Look how good her sons turned out.

MR. JAMIE FINCKE: Yeah.

MS. MEANS: So let me --- let me get started here.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County Council does hereby honor the life of the late Mildred "Millie" K. Fincke, a pioneer in emergency nursing who pushed the medical limits to ensure that all individuals received the best medical services in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Etna, Ms. Fincke always knew what she aspired to do with her life. After graduating from high school, she enrolled in the Allegheny General Hospital Nursing Program and was immediately appointed head nurse of the emergency room upon her graduation, an unheard of accomplishment at that time or any time; and

WHEREAS, through her years of professional training, an indispensable desire to provide safety and quality care to patients, Ms. Fincke established the

area's first emergency primary care and nurse practitioner training program which is now a nationwide model; and

WHEREAS, during her career, Ms. Fincke conducted emergency room training seminars worldwide, wrote numerous articles published in medical journals, contributed to several textbooks on emergency nursing care and directed the first emergency care nurse practitioner --- practitioner training program at Allegheny General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, after learning about the helicopter rescue, Ms. Fincke was determined --- Ms. Fincke was determined to bring that means of medical transportation to Pittsburgh. She knew that providing a higher level of care at the scene would greatly improve access to trauma centers and patient survival rates. Thanks to the perseverance of Ms. Fincke, in September of 1978, LifeFlight, the first helicopter rescue service, took off in Northeastern United States; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fincke became a LifeFlight nurse on June 2nd, 1980, and over her career as a LifeFlight nurse, she completed over 7,000 missions --- wow; and

WHEREAS, by creating LifeFlight and the nurse practitioner program, Ms. Fincke directly and indirectly improved the live of a numerous number of people in Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fincke loved her late husband, Theodore James Fincke, and was a dedicated mother to her two sons, Jason and Jamie, and took special delight in visits from her four grandchildren and one great child --- grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fincke passed from this life on August 27th, 2017 at the age of 90; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Allegheny Council does hereby honor the lifetime of service and accomplishment of Mildred, Millie, Fincke and we offer our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Sponsored this day by Council Members Sue Means and Ed Kress and presented on the 21st day of November. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: Do you want to say a few words, Cindy?

MS. KIRK: Do you (indicating) want to ---?

MS. MEANS: Okay. Jason or Jamie, do you want to say a few words?

MR. JAMIE FINCKE: Sure. I'll say a few things.

MS. MEANS: Okay.

MR. JAMIE FINCKE: Well, first of all, I'd like to --- on behalf of my brother and I, I'd like to thank the Council for this beautiful honor. I know my mother would be so proud.

Also, I'd like to thank Allegheny General Hospital who gave her a second home and became the vehicle in which she could do her work. But mostly, nurses around the world, especially here in the --- in the county and the United States and those folks who served in LifeFlight and continue to do so and save so many lives, she was --- that was dear to her heart and dear to ours. So we appreciate this honor and thank you very much.

MR. JASON FINCKE: And if I could just add, you know, my mother did this without ever looking for any fanfare.

And yet when she passed away, my brother and I, of course, had to go up to the attic and start cleaning out her belongings. And we found boxes and boxes of plaques that she received over the time, that she was very proud of, but just put into her --- into her closet. And then I came across a proclamation that was granted to her by Mayor Sophie Masloff. She had declared Millie Fincke Day on August 27th, 1992 when my mother retired.

Now, you would've thought my brother and I would've known about that; don't you?

But we didn't know. But I mean, that would've been quite an honor as well, but that's the kind of person she was. She did this for other people, not for herself. But as my brother said, we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for extending your condolences and for --- and for this nice honor.

Believe me, her grandchildren and great grandchildren will know about this proclamation.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: I just wanted to say, one thing I read in the obituary was when Mildred presented this idea to her boss, he told her if it fails, you're fired.

MR. JASON FINCKE: That's true.

MR. JAMIE FINCKE: True.

MS. MEANS: And yet she's persisted and she succeeded.

MR. JASON FINCKE: Yes, she did.

MS. KIRK: Want to get a picture?

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10396-17, and the rest of the proclamations will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 10396-17. Proclamation recognizing and thanking Chief Leo P. McCarthy for his 41 years of dedicated public service to the Moon Township Police Department. Sponsored by Council Member DeMarco.

10397-17. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. Joshua Trey Vitvitsky of Boy Scout Troop 4 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

10398-17. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Lauren Freyvogel of the Pine-Richland Girls Golf Team for winning the individual PIAA Class 3A Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

10399-17. Proclamation congratulating Mr. Louis J. Leon, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement. Sponsored by Council Member Futules, and that is all.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Public comment, we have none.

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10400-17.

MR. BARKER: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 26th, 2017 regular meeting of Council.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to make a motion?

MR. MACEY: Make a motion.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 10401-17.

MR. BARKER: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 10th, 2017 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.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Let's see, 10401 --- did we do 401?

MR. BARKER: 401 was the one we just voted.
Correct?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Presentation of appointments, we're going down to 10368-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying a new regulation of the Allegheny County Health Department promulgated pursuant to the authority granted to county departments of health under the Pennsylvania Local Health Administration Law. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere, you want to say ---?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of Council. Mr. President, we met last week and we want to move this with affirmative recommendation from the ---.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any remarks? I guess we'll take the roll. Wait ---.

MS. MEANS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah?

MS. MEANS: Can we have a little background information since the two titles on the health bills are so similar for the public so that they know what we're voting on? Could we have a little background information?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere or someone, do you want to --- John? Well, Mr. Parker --- Mr. Parker?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes, I was going to say ---.

MR. PARKER: There was two of them. One was the hearings regulation and the other one was the amendment to Article 21, which was the air quality regulation concerning sulfur in fuel oil. I'm not sure which one is which, and I apologize for that.

MS. MEANS: I think it's the air --- I believe this might be the air quality one. Is it, Mr. Barker, the air quality one?

MR. BARKER: The sulfur regulation that Mr. Parker referenced is the first one, ---

MS. MEANS: Okay.

MR. BARKER: --- 10368.

MS. MEANS: Okay. Okay. Yeah.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Any other comment?

MR. DEMARCO: Was there a question ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, I think that was the only one.

We'll take the roll.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?
(No response.)
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
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: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10369-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations pursuant to § 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of Council. We met last week on this issue also, and it's coming to the Council with affirmative recommendation. Move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?
Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. President.

I wanted to thank Councilman Palmiere and the county administration because this is a --- a piece of legislation that we looked at earlier in the year, and there were some issues with it. And they took it back, and they rewrote it, and they addressed all the issues.

It has to do with the appeals and hearing process for plumbers or restaurant owners, and I greatly appreciate that the --- the issues were addressed. And I wanted to thank the administration again, and Councilman Palmiere for holding the bill and having it sent back, and the members who all supported in that effort. So thank you very much.

It's --- it's been looked at by the Restaurant Owners Association and they've have --- are fine with the changes. So I'm very comfortable supporting this legislation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no other remarks, we'll take the roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

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: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison reports?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of Council. I just want to acknowledge, I've had --- on a personal note, I've had quite a week. This past week, my wife was operated on last Tuesday. And I just want to --- I just want to recognize the wonderful staff and members of Allegheny General and the Allegheny network over there.

The nurses and everyone have just been wonderful. And you know, and I --- I was over there for about 14 hours on Tuesday and I watched people work, and I mean, really work, and so dedicated. And I was so impressed with the dedication and the determination that they showed, and afforded my wife the opportunity to hopefully --- she's in rehab now --- and hopefully, get back on her feet again.

So I just wanted to acknowledge that, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anybody else?

Seeing --- Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: Thank you again for recognizing me, Mr. President --- sorry.

I just wanted to point out that on December the 1st at South Park at six o'clock will be the --- they'll have a light up ceremony and Santa will come. It's sponsored by the Friends of South Park, so it's always a very nice event.

And I also wanted to --- wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving, and I wanted to read a little excerpt from a Thanksgiving proclamation given by John Fitzgerald Kennedy on November 5th, 1963, just a portion of it.

A proclamation by the President of the United States --- over three centuries ago, our forefathers in Virginia and in Massachusetts, far from home in a lonely wilderness, set aside a time of thanksgiving. On an

appointed day, they gave reverent thanks for their safety, for the health of their children and for the fertility of their fields and for the love which bound them together and for the faith which united them with their God.

So too when the colonies achieved their independence, our first president in the first year of his administration proclaimed November 26, 1789 as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by the acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, and called upon the people of the new republic to beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue and generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

So again, President Lincoln had a proclamation. Again, this is part of President Kennedy's proclamation.

And so too soon, in the midst of American tragic civil war, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November 1863 as a day to renew our gratitude for America's fruitful field and our national strength and vigor, and for all our singular deliverances and blessings.

So I won't read the rest of it. But just to help everyone reflect that we live in the greatest nation in America and we are very grateful and thankful to Almighty God for his many blessings. And just everyone, if you get a chance, just Google the many presidents and their Thanksgiving proclamations.

And I thank you, Mr. President, for recognizing me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd just like to give a shout out to the Thomas Jefferson School District.

I was privileged to attend a Veteran's Day ceremony that they had for their assembly. And what they did is they brought into the auditorium veterans from throughout the community as well as the students' choir and that. And they had a number of veterans get up and explain their experiences or talk a little bit about it -- speak to them. I was privileged to be one of those veterans to be able to do so.

And I want to applaud Principal Chris Sefcheck for arranging this. They've been doing it for the last

number of years. It is very well received in the community. They encourage the students to reach out to veterans that were in the audience, be able to talk to them about their experiences. So I want to recognize that.

I would also like to recognize, for Council's benefit, that Council Member Denise Ranalli-Russell, it's her birthday today. So we appreciate her going above and beyond in coming here to this council meeting tonight ---

MR. FUTULES: You ---?

MR. DEMARCO: --- on her birthday.

MR. FUTULES: You 29 ---

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, ---

MR. FUTULES: --- again?

MR. DEMARCO: --- Mr. President.

MR. FUTULES: You 29?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Thirty-nine (39).

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other?

MR. MACEY: Happy birthday.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more liaison reports, 10402-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the County to accept twice yearly donations of Naloxone kits for a two-year period from November 15th, 2017 through November 14th, 2019 from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for use by the Allegheny County Health Department. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll refer that to the Committee on Health and Human Services. 10403-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of 26 self-contained breathing apparatuses and two rapid intervention team systems for use by the Allegheny County Fire --- Academy --- I'm sorry. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll refer that to the Committee on Public Safety. 10404-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing South Park Theatre, Incorporated to use a structure on Brownsville Road in the County's South Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll refer that to the Committee on Parks. Okay. 10405-17.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution approving a project for the benefit of UPMC to be financed by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt revenue bonds, in one or more series, to be designated Allegheny County Hospital Develop --- Hospital Development Authority, UPMC Revenue Bonds, Series 2017D, or such other designation as may be determined by the Authority and the University, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$500 million, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Bonds, and declaring the financing of such project as desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people in the County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll refer that to the Committee on Economic Development and Housing. 10406-17.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution approving a project for the benefit of Carnegie Mellon University to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt revenue bonds, in one or more series, to be designated Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority, Carnegie Mellon University Revenue Bonds, Series B of 2017, or such other designation as may be determined by the Authority and the University, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$180 million, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the Bonds, and declaring the financing of such project as desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people in the County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll refer that to the Committee on Economic Development and Housing. 10407-17.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Capital Budget for 2013. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That we'll refer to the Committee on Budget and Finance. Okay. At this time, I believe we have a motion to add an item to the agenda. Mr. Klein, you have a motion you want to say?

MR. KLEIN: Yes. Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

I'd like to offer a motion this evening on behalf of Council Member Walton to place the attached

resolution on this evening's agenda, and Mr. Barker will read the resolution item.

MR. MACEY: Second motion.

MR. BARKER: And I believe Ms. Roka has the copies for distribution to the Council members. Would you like me read the title now?

MR. KLEIN: Yeah.

MR. BARKER: Okay. A Resolution approving a project for the benefit of Allegheny Health Network, a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be financed by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority by the issuance of one or more series from time to time of the Authority's Health Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2017 to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1 billion, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the bonds and determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

It is sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. KLEIN: Is there a second?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I ---.

MR. MACEY: I did.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Okay. 10408-17.

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry. Was that bill to be referred to committee?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, yeah. That goes to --- Economic Development. Where we at ---?

MR. BARKER: That would be the bill that was added to the agenda, refer to Economic Development and Housing?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. BARKER: Okay. Got you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. What are --- we are on 10408-17?

MR. BARKER: Correct. Motion of the Council of Allegheny County urging the General Assembly to undertake amendment of the Municipality Reapportionment Act in order to allow for the establishment of fair, fully transparent,

impartial and depoliticized processes governing the decennial drawing of County Council districts, with all deliberate speed. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going to refer that to Government Reform Committee.

MR. KRESS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah?

MR. KRESS: Just brief comment ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. KRESS: Yeah, just this is one of these --- the motion here is basically going back to what we did at the state level, trying to have an independent bipartisan committee and just like here. So why not --- if they want to do it at the state, why not do it here at the county? So that's all, just trying to keep things consistent. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 10409-17.

MR. BARKER: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County directing that the Allegheny County Law Department prepare research into the feasibility of filing one or more lawsuits against major drug manufacturers and/or distributors in order to recover current and future damages to the County taxpayers resulting from the detrimental effects of opioid pharmaceuticals. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going to refer this to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

MR. KRESS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes?

MR. KRESS: May I please speak? Okay. What this has to do with is a lawsuit against the pharmaceutical companies.

And we had a report yesterday that was issued by the White House Council of Economic Advisors stating that the national economic cost of the opioid crisis in 2015 was more than half a trillion dollars. This is completely out of control.

Last year, we lost 650 people in this county to drug overdoses. Now you're going to say, well, how did this all happen?

I have a piece of paper, and on this paper, this is where it all began. There was a study done in 1980 by Jane Porter and Hershel Jick, and they had studied people in the hospital, 40,000 some people. And basically, what

they found out, the headline says addiction rare in patients treated with narcotics.

However, these people are in a hospital. They're in a hospital stay setting. And they suffered from acute pain, but they were under the supervision of doctors. This wasn't for chronic pain.

So what happens, though, the drug companies --- the pharmaceutical companies take this report and they misrepresent it, saying that these drugs, these narcotics which doctors had been afraid to prescribe to their patients because they were afraid of addiction --- because back in the 19th century --- early 20th century, we had also an opioid epidemic which was eventually curtailed by the Harrison Act that was passed in 1914. So doctors were afraid to pass these --- prescribe these pills to patients because they were afraid of the addictive potential.

However, pharmaceutical companies take this report, misrepresent it. They start marketing to doctors. Hey, doctor, this isn't addictive to your patients. And pretty soon, doctors were prescribing it to their patients and people were walking out the door. And that's how this whole opioid epidemic began.

And Purdue Pharmacy actually pled guilty to misleading consumers back in 2007. They paid about \$600 million to the Department of Justice. So there's other counties that are suing right now, other states. And this is a thing, other --- they're settling right now.

And the thing is, I think Allegheny County and even all the municipalities within Allegheny County need to pursue lawsuits against these pharmaceutical companies because I don't believe innocent taxpayers should be --- basically have --- bear the brunt of trying to solve this opioid epidemic. I mean, there's so many costs involved. And I think we need to allow the wrongdoers, which are the pharmaceutical companies, to pay these costs. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, I referred it to the committee.

MR. KRESS: Yeah, I just wanted to say something.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Notification of contracts, we have none?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public comment on agenda items, we have none?

MR. BARKER: Also none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to make a ---?

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to adjourn.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
Meeting adjourned. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:45 P.M.

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