

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
Patrick J. Catena	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Dr. Charles J. Martoni	-	District 7
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9 (via telephone)
Dewitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
James R. Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Denise Ranalli-Russell	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

William McKain - Allegheny County Manager  
Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services  
Walter Szymanski - Budget Director

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. 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: We'll have the roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Here.

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?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

MR. DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: We have 14 members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10007-17.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation declaring the month of February as "American Heart Month" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Kirk, Baker, Catena, DeFazio, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Futules, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

MS. KIRK: Hi, I'm Cindy Kirk, and I would like to proclaim with the American Heart Association this month, and thank them for all the work they did, and call up Jesabel Rivera-Guerra from the American Heart Association. I'd like to thank you for joining us. And on that note, I'll read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, in the United States, cardiovascular disease, including heart disease, stroke and high blood pressure, is responsible for one out of every three deaths. It is the number one killer of American women and men, and is the leading cause of serious illness and disability; and

WHEREAS, during American Heart Month, let us recommit to improving our heart health and continuing to fight against this deadly disease for ourselves and our families; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association, along with the organization Go Red for Women's movement, has impacted the lives of thousands of men, women and children in the Pittsburgh area by supporting cardiovascular research, professional and community education and advocacy efforts; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of the 14th anniversary of the National Wear Red Day, red (indicating), on Friday February 3rd, 2017, women across America will wear the color red to signify the fight against the number one health threat to women.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby proclaim the month of February as American Heart month in Allegheny County. And we thank the American Heart Association and the Go Red for Women for its continued efforts to fight this epidemic, and to build a brighter future for the families of Allegheny County. Sponsored by myself and all members of County Council. So I'd like to introduce, again --- if you'd like to talk, Ms. Guerra.

MS. RIVERA-GUERRA: Sure. Hi, everybody, and good evening. My name is Jesabel Rivera-Guerra. I'm community health director of the American Heart Association. And on behalf of the American Heart, I want to thank the County Council and the sponsors for this 2017 American Heart Month.

One in three women die of cardiovascular disease each year. We know that by increasing awareness, speaking about heart disease and empowering women to reduce their

risk of cardiovascular diseases, we can save thousands of lives each year. An example of how we create awareness of cardiovascular diseases here in Allegheny County is Challenge BP or Challenge Blood Pressure.

This is an initiative, a collaborative initiative with Allegheny --- Live Well Allegheny, to encourage community organizations and workplaces to implement one of our free evidence-based blood pressure programs. You can find more information about this initiative at [heart.org/Pittsburgh](http://heart.org/Pittsburgh). Let's create awareness of cardiovascular diseases and let's go --- let's go red to raise awareness. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. KIRK: Perhaps we should have a blood pressure event here one night. And on that note, could we have (indicating) ---?

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10008-17.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Free Store Penn Hills at the Lincoln Park Community Center and its efforts to eradicate suburban poverty one donation and resource at a time. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The person is parking her car, so we'll go through all the rest and we'll come back. Hopefully by that time, they'll be here. So we'll go on to 1009-17 (sic). And the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 10009-17. Proclamation thanking The Honorable Ronald "Huck" Gamble upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 50 years of dedicated public service. Sponsored by Council Members DeMarco and Catena.

10010-17. Certificates of Recognition awarded to the 2016 Allegheny County Police Department retirees and honorees. Sponsored by Council Members Ellenbogen, Baker, Catena, DeFazio, DeMarco, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

10011-17. A Certificate of Recognition presented to Mr. Robert Lancaster for his 50 years of service to the West Mifflin #3 Volunteer Fire Company. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

10012-17. A proclamation honoring film director Michael Schultz during the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's first annual Black Bottom Film Festival on February 24th

through 26th, 2017. Sponsored by Council Member Walton. And that's all we have.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Well, we'll have to come back when the person is here. We'll come back when they get here. Let's move ---.

MR. FUTULES: Well, I know you are --- what, did you lose her?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: She's still coming; right?

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, she's parking.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. All right. Let's move down to 10018-17.

MR. BARKER: Motion to approve the minutes of the December 20th, 2016 regular meeting of Council.

MR. PALMIERE: 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. 10019-17.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the January 3rd, 2017 regular meeting of Council.

MR. PALMIERE: 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. Presentation of Appointments, 9999-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Dr. Lee Harrison to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to Appointment Review Committee. 1000-17 (sic).

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Dr. Edith Shapira to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to the Appointment Review Committee. 1001-17 (sic).

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Dr. Ellen Stewart to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to Appointment Review Committee. 1002-17 (sic).

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of State Senator Randy Vulakovich to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to Appointment Review Committee. 1003-17 (sic).

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Oliver Byrd to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 1004-17 (sic).

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry. For the previous one, to Appointment Review as well?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. That will go to Appointment Review.

MR. BARKER: 10004-17. Approving the appointment of Michelle Pepitone to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to the Appointment Review Committee. 1005-17 (sic).

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Lynn Helbling Sirinek to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2019. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to Appointment Review Committee. 1006-17 (sic).

MR. BAKER: Approving the appointment of Lisa M. Story to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. FUTULES: Before we go to unfinished business, she's here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What?

MR. FUTULES: She's here. Before we go to unfinished business ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, we could do it now.

MR. FUTULES: Before you get to unfinished business.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. We'll do it right now, because we passed it up.

MR. FUTULES: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's go back to 1008-17 (sic). They're here. Yeah, read it.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Free Store Penn Hills at the Lincoln Park Community Center and its efforts to eradicate suburban poverty one donation and resource at a time. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. Here we go. Well, ladies and gentleman, I don't get to come up here too often, because well, I'm always busy. But I have two young ladies here this evening that are very special to the community of Penn Hills. I met Heather basically through an e-mail. She had thanked me for my support in the Penn Hills Free Store, and she invited me to come to the store in Penn Hills with my little daughter.

So I responded back to her, and then I realized after I responded to her that she was e-mailing my son, Nicholas Jr., on Twitter. So I said, well, you know what? I'm his father, and I'd be more than happy to come to your store and see what you've got, and I did.

And I met Heather, and I went up to the store at the Lincoln Park Center. And it's a mimic of another store at Wilkinsburg and I believe Braddock.

MS. HOPSON: Yes.

MR. FUTULES: It's a free store where they gather clothing, and it's free. So the people come in on Mondays and Saturdays, and they're allowed a specific amount of items.

And this is such a wonderful thing that these two young co-founder ladies, here, Janica Estes and Heather Hopson, have co-founded. And I'm so proud of them. I want them to talk and tell us a little bit about what they do before I read this proclamation because if I do, it's going to tell you everything in it that she wants to tell you. So I would like to have you girls say a few words on behalf of your store.

MS. HOPSON: Thank you, and thank you so much for inviting us here today. The power of social media, his son is very active, so I'm trying to pull him along. I work as a communications director by day.

So Free Store Penn Hills, as he said, is a consignment store minus the price tags. As my five-year-old says when she explains it to people, it's a place where you can go and get anything, including lots of toys when it's not Christmas, and everything is free.

And we really want to thank our sponsors, and donors, and volunteers and shoppers, because without them, we could not keep our doors open. As he said, we're located within the Lincoln Park Community Center, and it's within Penn Hills. And Penn Hills, as many of you may know, has experienced an increase in suburban poverty. I'm a fifth generation resident and wanted to do my part to not complain about the changes in some of the income levels of our community. Rather, embrace our new neighbors and provide a safety net.

Because many of us, as you know --- even if you are middle class, many people are just one crisis away from landing in poverty. So we want to, through mutual aid, really come together and welcome our neighbors. And our theme at the store is love your neighbor. Love your black neighbor, your white neighbor, your Mexican neighbor, your Muslim neighbor, your gay neighbor and really embrace one another. And provide not only free things, but resources and workshops as well.

So we invite everyone to follow us on Facebook at Free Store Penn Hills, or on Twitter at FreeStorePH. We recruited one of the County Council members, so we hope you do the same and really spread a message of love and mutual aid. And with this, I would like to pass it to Janica. They always volunteer me since I used to be a television reporter.

MS. ESTES: Well, I would like to say thank you very much for recognizing us today. When we started this, we really thought that we were going to just be helping our neighbors and the people around Allegheny County. But it came back to the fact that we've been blessed abundantly because of something that we thought was going to help other people.

It just feels good to know that people come to us and say, well, I didn't know how I was going to buy medicine, buy clothes --- I mean, buy food, and I needed to buy shoes and clothes for my kids. But they can go to the free store and get those things, and it just feels good to know that we can help people. So I'd like to have this continue. I'd like everybody to put the word out there and come up and see us. And maybe bring some donations if you'd like.

MS. HOPSON: And volunteer.

MS. ESTES: And volunteer too, yes. And we'd just be happy to see everybody up there at the Lincoln



Park Community Center, and just again, thank you very much for recognizing us. We appreciate it.

(Applause.)

MR. FUTULES: Well, you certainly are two humble young ladies. And in fact, she said she was a television reporter in the Cayman Islands, and she came to work here in the United States, working at Channel 11 News; correct?

MS. HOPSON: Yes.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, she did. And she's been recognized on KDKA-TV. They had a feature story with Kristine Sorensen, if I'm not mistaken?

MS. HOPSON: Yes.

MR. FUTULES: I saw the article. You were in the Trib, you were in the Post-Gazette and Channel 11 news as well. So the people in the area have recognized the store as a great thing. And I'm so proud of you two. She told me about the actual store, which I found touching. Her father actually went to school at that school, and that was his classroom. So full circle comes back, and here she is with the same classroom helping the community. How touching --- for me. So I'm going to read the proclamation.

MS. HOPSON: Please do. I'm going to cry.

MR. FUTULES: WHEREAS, inspired by Free Store in Braddock and Wilkinsburg, on November the 19th, 2016, co-founders Heather Hopson and Janica Estes, along with the past and present Penn Hills residents, established Free Store Penn Hills with a theme of love your neighbor to eradicate suburban poverty, one donation and resource at a time; and

WHEREAS, the Free Store Penn Hills receives surplus and donated goods that are made available at no charge to the neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, located at the Lincoln Park Community Center, 7300 Ridgeview Avenue in Penn Hills, Free Store is open to shoppers and donors on Monday and Saturday, 10:00 until 2:00, hours that aligned with the center's food pantry schedule. In addition to the food bank, the center is home for the Head Start class, and branch of the Penn Hills Library, and other family-oriented agencies; so

WHEREAS, Free Store Penn Hills has created a warm and inviting space for visitors and offers Saturday workshops for the community on subjects including breastfeeding, financial literacy, positive parenting and community wellness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County does hereby recognize --- applaud Free Store for the efforts to combat suburban poverty for the meeting of needs to the community. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9953-17.

MR. BARKER: Before proceeding, please let the record reflect that Mr. Klein is now here.

9953-17. Approving the reappointment of Roxanne N. Sewell to the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2019. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

DR. MARTONI: So moved.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, wait a minute. Representative Kress, do you mind?

MR. KRESS: Sure, Mr. President.

DR. MARTONI: Sorry about that.

MR. KRESS: Don't worry about it, Dr. Martoni. On January 18th, the Appointment Review Committee convened. At that time, they made an affirmative recommendation. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

DR. MARTONI: 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. 9954-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Tim Stevens to the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. On January 18th, the Appointment Review Committee convened. At that time, they made an affirmative recommendation. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

DR. MARTONI: 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. 9956-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Wayne Fargotstein to the Allegheny County Property

Assessment Appeals and Review Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2019. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. On January 18th, the Appointment Review Committee convened. At that time, they made an affirmative recommendation. I would like to make a motion to approve.

DR. MARTONI: 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.  
9958-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Ann Ogoreuc to the Allegheny County Port Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire on September 17th, 2019. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. On January 18th, the Appointment Review Committee convened. At that time, they made an affirmative recommendation. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

DR. MARTONI: 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.  
9959-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Representative Harry Readshaw to the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority for a term to expire on December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. On January 18th, the Appointment Review Committee convened. At that time, they made an affirmative recommendation. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

DR. MARTONI: 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.  
9960-17.

MR. BARKER: 9960-17. Approving the reappointment of the Honorable Jan Rea to the Allegheny

County Airport Authority for a term to expire on December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Okay. On February 1st, Jan Rea, our former colleague, appeared before the Appointment Review Committee. And at that time, we made an affirmative recommendation. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MS. MEANS: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?  
Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: Just a quick comment, Mr. President. We had a really good meeting there. And the one thing that came up --- I had mentioned that a few years back I had gone to an Airport Authority Board meeting and it was a good experience. So Councilman DeMarco mentioned that it would be a great idea for Council to go to an Airport Authority Board meeting at some point.

So we are actually going to set up --- I set up a Board --- with Christina Cassotis and former Councilman Vince Gastgeb. We're going to set up a time for council to go visit the airport. There's so many good things going on. But I thought it was just a nice occurrence that came out of that Appointment Review Committee meeting. And I'll be sure to get the information out so we can all go and see all the good things going on at the airport. And I support Jan Rea, of course.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Did we vote on that?

MR. KRESS: No.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You made the motion?

MR. KRESS: I did. Somebody interrupted the rhythm.

DR. MARTONI: It was seconded.

MR. BAKER: I'm sorry, Councilman Kress. It's a good thing, though.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's all right. Kind of confused, we're not used to this.

MR. BAKER: Sorry.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
9967-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Daniel Styche to serve as a member of the Allegheny County

Human Relations Commission for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. On February 1st, the Appointment Review Committee convened. And at that time, they made an affirmative recommendation. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MS. MEANS: 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.  
9968-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Donald Smith to serve as a member of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for a term to expire on May 23rd, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. On February 1st, the Appointment Review Committee convened. At that time, they made an affirmative recommendation. I would like to make a motion to approve.

DR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?  
Representative?

MS. KIRK: Mr. President, I'd just like to point out that I will be abstaining from this vote because my husband works with Don Smith.

MR. KLEIN: Oh.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Right now I want to --- I want to read this off. I have a letter here, saying please be advised that I am designating Council Member Samuel DeMarco III to serve as an ex-officio member of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum Trust Board of Directors. Normally, they say for me to put it in. But I think properly, we should --- I'd like someone to make a motion so the whole council ---.

MR. FUTULES: I'll move.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there a second?

MR. KLEIN: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Okay. All right. We're down to 9991-17.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2017, submission number 01-17. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein?

MR. KLEIN: On January 25th, the Committee on Budget and Finance made an affirmative recommendation --- recommended an affirmative recommendation to the full council to approve amendments to the Allegheny County 2017 Grants and Special Accounts Budget, all set forth in attachment A.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Would you take the roll?

MS. MEANS: I second it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. I'm sorry. You made second? Okay. Under remarks? Seeing none, let's have a roll call.

MR. BARKER:	Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER:	Aye.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Catena?
MR. CATENA:	Aye.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO:	Aye.
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?
(No response.)	
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?  
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ayes, 14, noes, zero. The bill

passes.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Mr. President, I think I did hear Mr. Macey say yes, like the ---.

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MS. MEANS: He did, so that would be all 15.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. 9947-16.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance approving the sale of approximately 8.2031 gross acres, 7.9993 net acres, of County property bordering McIntyre Road in Ross Township, Pennsylvania, 15237 identified as a portion of Lot and Block number 612-S-64 known as the John J. Kane Regional Center --- Ross Township, to Regional Development Partners LP, a Pennsylvania Limited Partnership for a sale price of \$1,250,000.00. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. On January 25th, 2017, the Committee on Economic Development and Housing heard the ordinance. And it was affirmatively --- it was unanimously voted to refer to full council for approval.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you make a motion?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. You second it. Under remarks? Go ahead.

MR. BAKER: Mr. President, I just wanted to thank Commissioner Jack Betkowski for being here tonight. He's the commissioner where the Kane is located in Ross Township. And I just had a chance to introduce him to our county manager, William McKain. And I'll have to make sure to introduce him to the Hurley early team as well, afterwards, the economic development team. But we just appreciate the work with Ross Township and think that this will do a lot of good. We would just continue to hope that the county keeps working collaboratively and cooperatively with the township as they're planning to do.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any more remarks? Seeing none, let's take the roll.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?  
MR. BAKER: Aye.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?  
MR. CATENA: Aye.  
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, 15, noes, zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9963-17.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County Council of Allegheny County enacted pursuant to Section 6930.5 (7) of Pennsylvania Tax Increment Financing Act declaring that the County of Allegheny will not participate in a Tax Increment Financing District for the proposed "The Block at North Tax Increment District" located in the Township of Ross. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, again, Mr. President. On January 25th, 2017, the Committee on Economic



Development and Housing heard the ordinance --- or read the resolution, rather. And because of the rules, the council has specifically declared that they will not participate in that TIF. And so as a result, it was unanimously recommended to bring that to Council with that --- declining. And so I move that we adopt that --- adopt that position.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIDO: Under remarks?  
Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: Sorry, me again. It's Ross Township. Just mentioning related to this, we had some good meetings between the county, the schoolboard and the commissioners, related to this, leading up to this. While it's not going to happen this go around with the retell, I think there are going to be continued discussions with the second phase of what's going on at the Block in North, which is going very well. But I think we're going to continue having some discussions with the other development happening there.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any more remarks? Take the roll.

MR. BARKER:	Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Catena?
MR. CATENA:	Yes.
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 15, noes, zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9989-17.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of the donation of three thoroughbred horses for adoption by the County for use in the Allegheny County Police's Mounted Unit. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I had a previous engagement that evening, and contrary to what people believe, these were not horses I lost money on and that's why I didn't want to serve. But Mr. Klein was kind enough to chair the meeting for me, so I'll refer that to you, Mr. Klein.

MR. KLEIN: Oh, wow. So this is an ordinance of Allegheny County authorizing the acceptance of the donation of three thoroughbred horses for adoption by the county to use in the Allegheny County Police Department's Mounted Unit. And consistent with what Councilwoman Means said at that meeting, we wouldn't want to look a gift horse in the mouth. And really, we wouldn't want to look three of them in the mouth. So a recommendation was made to affirmatively accept our recommendation on that evening and we ask for the support of the full council in doing so.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Go ahead, Sue.

MS. MEANS: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to say this is just --- we are being really blessed with --- Bright Futures has identified Allegheny County as one of 200 agencies across the United States that they're going to donate thoroughbred horses to. And they're four or five years old, so they still have at --- they'll live about 25 years, but they have at least ten years of service. And they're going to take care of their pre-adoption, all their medical needs and if anything goes wrong in the first six months, they'll take them back.

But we are really, really being blessed with fine horses.

And they've gone through training, and they're just going to be a great addition. And I'm just so excited to have them be in parades, and they're great for crowd control. After all, who wants to mess with a horse? So thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Any other remarks? How about Sam, Representative DeMarco, then Ellenbogen.

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. President, thank you for recognizing me. I'd like to echo what the other members have said, that this truly is a win-win situation. In this day and age, I think many folks have seen the horror stories where racing animals, whether they be dogs or horses, at the end of their useful life in racing, are put out to pasture, euthanized. You have some terrible things happen.

And here is an opportunity where an organization expressed that --- has stepped up and said, hey, we want it taken care of for these animals and put them in a place where they can be productive and live out and serve useful lives. So I think this is a wonderful thing. On behalf of them, the county, we're blessed to participate in this. And I couldn't tell you how excited I am to move forward in this partnership with these folks going forward. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to say as a horse person, I only hope that if someone has to chase someone with these horses, that they're Santa Anita and not from Mountaineer. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other?

MR. BAKER: The only thing --- oh, sorry, Mr. President. The only other thing I would note, and we talked --- it was a really good meeting. It was a good learning, I think, exercise for all of us that were there at that meeting. I would just encourage the administration, when we do have the three new horses here working with Kevin Evanto, working with the county manager, I think having some sort of a celebration would be a nice thing and just to invite council out to that would be a great way to celebrate the kind donation. It really is going to be a great value added for the community.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Seeing no more remarks, do you want to take a roll?

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?  
MR. BAKER: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?  
MR. CATENA: Yes.  
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: Aye.  
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 15, noes, zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9962-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance delegating to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Secretary of Transportation the right to acquire in the name of Allegheny County right-of-way necessary for a Locally-Owned Multi-Bridge (Bridge Bundling) Project, and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey, can you hear? Do you want to take that?

MR. MACEY: Yes, sir. We met and it was sent to the full council with affirmative recommendation. And I make a motion to approve.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: So properly seconded. Under  
remarks? Seeing none, you want to take the roll?

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Aye.

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 15, no zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9990-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, extending the grant of a temporary license agreement to Riverlife, in conjunction with Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, for the purpose of maintaining a light display on the Rachel Carson Bridge, the 9th Street Bridge, in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh's Bicentennial Celebration known as Pittsburgh 200 through December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee met and the situation was well vetted. And everybody thought that we'd continue to highlight the bridges with lights. I make a motion that we approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

MR. BARKER:	Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Catena?
MR. CATENA:	Yes.
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 15, noes, zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Reports. Seeing none --- oh, wait a minute. Okay. We'll go back. Start with Representative Baker.

MR. BAKER: Okay. Just a quick one. This Sunday, we have an amazing Ross Township student named Monica Snyder that's having an event at Jergel's. It's to

raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. As some of you might remember, I was up for their man of the year last year. We raised over \$330,000 as a group. Students now are involved with it. She's having Chris Jamison, who was a finalist on the Voice and North Hills alum, as well. If anyone would love to come with --- Erin and I would love to have you as our guests. It's 2:30 to 7:00 at Jergel's.

I just also wanted to mention that the African-American Chamber breakfast next Friday is Dr. Hamlet from the Pittsburgh public schools. This Friday in district one in Moon. The county executive will be giving his state of the county address in Moon Township, so that should be good with the Airport Chamber. And finally, I want to congratulate the mother of the groom, Councilwoman Cindy Kirk, on her big weekend. Her son Chip Kirk, Captain Kirk, got married on Saturday, so congratulations. She has lots of cookies for you.

MS. KIRK: Could I just add something real quick? I just wanted to say and the wedding was at Soldiers and Sailors, that Sam's on the board, and it was a wonderful venue.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Anyone, DeWitt?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll be brief. This past Thursday, a group of five individuals, State Representative Jake Wheatley, State Representative Ed Gainey, State Councilman Daniel Lavelle, City Councilman Ricky Burgess and myself, conducted a press conference, a city council post-agenda hearing and a community forum, that is a result of six months of work that we've done hosting community forums across the city of Pittsburgh to deal with the issues of disenfranchisement and poverty in minority underrepresented, underserved communities.

That report is available at [pbeoc.org](http://pbeoc.org) and there are a host of issues that laid out in that document. That we are going to have meetings with the county executive, the mayor and state government in an effort to continue to address the disparities in the African-American community. I urge everybody to read the report and to provide support --- and provide support to us to address those disparities in our communities. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Seeing no other --- Representative Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to say that I wanted to congratulate Councilwoman Kirk personally, because it's really cool, as a Star Trek person to be able to serve with Captain Kirk's mom.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other liaison reports? Seeing none, we will go to 100113-17 (sic).

MR. BARKER: An ordinance delegating to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Secretary of Department of Transportation, the right to acquire in the name of Allegheny County right-of-way necessary to rehabilitate Pine Creek Bridge No. 8, and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: It will go to Public Works. 100114-17 (sic).

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing rules, regulations and rates relating to the conduct of certain activities held on and about the Courthouse Grand Staircase, Gallery and Courtyard and the County Office Building lobby. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to Public Works Committee. 100115-17 (sic).

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2017, submission number 02-17. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to Budget Finance Committee. 100116-17 (sic).

MR. BARKER: 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 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 will go to Economic Development Committee. 100117-17 (sic).

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, approving the first amendment to the Shannon Transit Village Tax Increment Financing Plan. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to the Economic Development Committee. New business motions, any? I don't see any hands raised. So we'll move down to notification of contracts.

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Have none. Public comment, we have one. That would be Bill Godshall.

MR. GODSHALL: I'm back again. I want to thank Sue Means for sending me the web link on the council's website, for the public to sign up to comment at last night's public hearing on the proposed vaping ban. For the past three weeks, I wasted several hours every day surfing through the Council's many different web links, searching for a notice for the public hearing and for instructions to sign up to speak. That critically important information was never posted on the Council's website despite my repeated requests to Councilman Palmiere and to Jared Barker, to post it.

It was ironic that some Council members asked the expert panel opposing the vaping ban about their funding sources last night. But nobody asked the panel supporting the vaping ban about their funding sources even though the American Lung Association and the American Association of Pediatrics have received massive funding from big pharma to lobby for vaping bans and for vaper bans. And even though the --- UPMC and the University of Pittsburgh and the Allegheny County Health Department have received funding to oppose vaping.

Although the County Solicitor --- the County Solicitor, and I can't pronounce his name, correctly stated that the PA Clean Indoor Air Act doesn't preempt this ordinance during his presentation advocating the vaping ban, he failed to disclose that the Pennsylvania Crimes Code preempts local governments from enacting new crimes that differ from Title 18 statutes. Which ironically is probably the reason why the Board of Health didn't include a vapor ban product sales to minors in this

ordinance, because it would have been inconsistent with Title 18 statutes that ban tobacco sales to minors.

By turning 30,000 to 50,000 Allegheny County vapers into criminals for vaping on their --- in their own workplace, and by turning tens of thousands of employers into public --- and public place managers into criminals for failing to enforce the vaping ban, the proposed ordinance would essentially create a new crime and new criminal penalties in Allegheny County that are inconsistent with existing Title 18 statutes.

Thus, Smoke Free Pennsylvania will seriously consider taking legal action challenging this ordinance if it's enacted by council. This entire issue reminds me of the TV show called To Tell the Truth. As members of this Council must decide who's telling the truth about vaping and who's lying about it? Hopefully, the Council will recognize that vapor products have saved millions of lives, have not addicted teens to nicotine and pose no harm to non-users. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Would someone like to make a ---.

MR. DEMARCO: Motion to adjourn.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. We will now, on a personnel issue, meet in executive session. Thank you.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00 P.M.

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