

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 Catena	-	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
Paul Klein	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12 (via telephone)
Denise Ranalli-Russell	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services  
Jack Cambest - Solicitor  
Andy Baechle - Allegheny County Economic Development

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. We all 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: Okay. 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?

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: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: All 15 members are present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10086-17.

MR. BARKER: Certificates of Achievement congratulating the 2016-2017 Chartiers Valley High School girls' basketball team for winning the WPIAL Class 5-A girls' basketball championship. Sponsored by Council Member Catena.

MR. CATENA: Thank you, Mr. President.

Would you ladies like to come up here with me?  
Good evening, everyone. My name is Councilman Catena, obviously, and I'm here tonight to present this Certificate of Achievement on behalf of the County of Allegheny, to Chartiers Valley High School basketball --- girls' basketball team, in recognition of a huge accomplishment, the 2016-2017 WPIAL Class 5-A girls' basketball championship.

(Applause.)

MR. CATENA: We commend and recognize each player and coach whose determination and resolve led to this achievement. The team has not only set a positive example of excellence for all of Allegheny County, continuing evidence that this is truly The County and city of champions. This achievement has conferred honor on this county and is an accomplishment which an entire community and all of District Four can be proud of.

Sponsored by myself and all the members of council, on behalf of Allegheny County Council and the citizens of Allegheny County, today, March 23rd.

Congratulations, Coach.

(Applause.)

MR. CATENA: Would you like to say a few words?

MR. SLAIN: Just a couple quick ones.

First of all, it's a privilege and honor to be here in front of you. And again, we appreciate Councilman Catena's acknowledgement of a great accomplishment which, this year, I couldn't be more proud of our players. Okay?

They worked hard and it's nice to see people that sacrifice, sweat. When other people are at the beach, other people are out on vacation, they were in the gym working hard. And again, those results paid off.

It was a great run. It was --- it was an incredible run as far as the playoff itself, and an exciting moment for all of us and something that none of us will ever forget, and also this experience as well.

We want to thank you for having us here. And again, I want to congratulate, though, okay, our team for a tremendous effort this year and again, a great accomplishment.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. SLAIN: Dan Slain, senior --- senior citizen.

MS. M. WAGNER: Mackenzie Wagner, sophomore.

MS. COLLINS: Abbey Collins, senior.

MS. L. WANGER: Lauren Wagner, junior.

MS. FERRELLA: Alexandra Ferrella, 10th grade.

MS. MCCONNELL: Megan McConnell, freshman.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Come up front, here. You're going to be taking a picture.

MS. WEBB: Carleea Webb, sophomore.

MS. DEMUS: Mariah Demus, sophomore.

MS. LEGISTER: Gabby Legister, sophomore.

MS. CHILELLI: Kristina Chilelli, sophomore.

MS. BURKES: Hi, I'm Jordan Burkes and I'm the assistant coach.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PREISDENT DEFAZIO: 10179-17.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation congratulating Ms. Josephine B. Moore upon the occasion of her retirement as the President and Co-Founder of The Neighborhood Academy. Sponsored by Council Members Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: This is Josephine Moore. She was the co-founder and principal in charge of the Pittsburgh office of a regional interior and architectural design firm, and she put her design career on hold to answer a call to ministry.

In the late 1980s, supported by five East End churches, she started and led the Larimer Avenue Youth Club, which was three groups for inner city youth in several distressed Pittsburgh neighborhoods.

In 1998, after six years of partnering with Tom Johnson, in founding and running a successful summer school for at-risk teens, R.K. Mellon Foundation funded her study of successful inner-city schools and the development of the business plan that would become The Neighborhood Academy on September 12th, 2001.

Jodie graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in Russian History and from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with a Masters in Divinity.

Jodie and Pastor Johnson realized that the psychosocial burdens of poverty weighed heavily on these students and they believed that if these young people could be around --- in a caring environment with high expectations, they could grow to lead fulfilling lives.

With generous support from pioneering community

members, their vision evolved into The Neighborhood Academy where she is retiring from.

(Applause.)

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: WHEREAS, Josephine "Jodie" B. Moore, President and Co-Founder of the Neighborhood Academy, will officially retire after more than 35 years of dedicated service to Pittsburgh's youth; and

WHEREAS, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, Moore began her career in Philadelphia as an interior designer and project manager. She arrived in Pittsburgh in 1980 and put her design careers on hold to answer a call to ministry. In the late 1980s --- this is repetitive. In the 1980s, Ms. Moore started and led the Larimer Avenue Youth Club, a ministry working with at-risk youth in several distressed and underserved Pittsburgh neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, after six years of partnering with Reverend Thomas E. Johnson, Jr. in founding and running a successful Summer School for at-risk 7th through 11th graders, R.K. Mellon Foundation funded Ms. Moore's study of successful inner-city schools and the development of the business plan that would become The Neighborhood Academy on September 12, 2001; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Ms. Moore and the Neighborhood Academy's Board of Directors launched the \$10 million Forging Futures Capital Campaign to address both the need for an endowment and for a new facility on 7.8 acres of land in Stanton Heights, providing a college-preparatory education to low-income students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moore graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in Russian History, from the New York School of Design with an Associate degree in Interior Design, and from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate Ms. Josephine "Jodie" B. Moore upon the occasion of her retirement, and we thank her for her leadership in helping to break the cycle of generational poverty in Pittsburgh. 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 and DeWitt Walton, presented this 23rd day of May, 2017.

(Applause.)

MS. MOORE: This is not two pages of remarks. I said it's not two pages of remarks.

I wanted to thank you all, Allegheny County Council, Denise Ranalli-Russell and our former Allegheny County Councilwoman, Brenda Frazier.

(Applause.)

MS. MOORE: I --- I never realized that retiring could be such an honor. I'm going to skip over a little bit, what I wrote, because I didn't know if you'd know anything about The Neighborhood Academy, but Denise has done a remarkable job.

So I think what I want to say the most to you all is that the good people of Allegheny County care deeply about this region, and you're obviously invested in its success. And nobody can deny that a huge part of that success is a quality education for all of Allegheny County's citizens. So keenly aware of that fact, Tom and I had a vision for what a good education for inner-city kids could look like.

But you know, you can have a vision, but it's difficult to move ahead if you don't have partners, and we had wonderful partners along the way, partners like Rich Fitzgerald, who spoke at the groundbreaking of our new school, which you just heard about, and the groundbreaking was on 2010, and partners like Brenda Frazier, who's a longtime supporter and now a board member at the school.

Together, we have been and still are committed to a high quality, rigorous education that will prepare our students for college, meaningful work, ethical citizenship and life. We share with you the desire that all of our students complete their higher education, and return to Pittsburgh as part of the vibrant economy and qualified workforce that we believe is destined to move this region forward, and of which we're very proud.

In closing, I would like not only to say thank you, again, from the bottom of my heart, for this great honor. Does that mean that I'm thanking you for getting old? I'm --- I'm not sure how that works. But I would also like to invite you to come visit our school and our new middle school addition, which is under construction, so that you can see for yourselves the light on the hill that is The Neighborhood Academy.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with Allegheny County Council as we continue our

commitment to raise the bar for all of Allegheny County's Citizens.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10180-17, and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 10180-17. A proclamation recognizing the Law Enforcement Torch Run Committee and Special Olympics Pennsylvania and declaring Tuesday, May 30th, 2017 as "Be A Fan Torch Run Day" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

10181-17. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the 51 talented young professionals from regional companies and organizations in recognition of their completion of the Leadership Development Initiative XXIV Class. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

10182-17. A proclamation welcoming visitors attending the First Annual Pittsburgh Conference on Overseas Pioneering and Development --- and Developing, hosted by the Chinese Association for Science and Technology Pittsburgh Chapter and the Pittsburgh Chinese Cultural Center, on June 5th, 2017 at the City Center Marriott. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

10183-17. A proclamation recognizing the 75th anniversary of the United Steelworkers of America. Sponsored by Council Members Macey, DeFazio and Walton.

10184-17. A proclamation congratulating the McKeesport Hungarian Social Club upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

10185-17. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Ed and Audrey Giles upon the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

10186-17. A proclamation honoring and remembering the 30th anniversary of fallen Bethel Park Police Department Detective Lynn Russell Sutter. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

10187-17. A proclamation congratulating the Bethel Woman's Club upon the occasion of its 75th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

10188-17. A proclamation congratulating Ms. Nancy Ramirez upon the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of dedicated service to Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Ranalli-Russell and Controller Wagner.

10189-17. A certificate of Recognition awarded to Castle Shannon Borough for hosting a Community Day on May 28th, 2017. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

10190-17. A certificate of Recognition presented to the City of Clairton for hosting a Memorial Day Celebration and Parade on May 29th, 2017. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

MR. FUTULES: Public comment on agenda items, we have one speaker, Patrick Dowd.

MR. DOWD: Thank you. My name is Patrick Dowd. I'm the executive director at Allies for Children. Glad to be back here, talking with you. I'm here in support of proposed ordinance 10192-17.

This is --- as you all know, we have --- we sort of would like to have a goal in this county of further reducing or even eliminating the risk of lead exposure for children in Allegheny County. It's a great goal and we should really strive to get towards it, but we can't do that with ---.

And we've made a lot of progress. I should be clear about that. But we can actually get to, really, the goal of --- of elimination of that threat without good data and really, our understanding what the level of risk is and where that risk lies. And that is exactly why we need an ordinance as is being proposed, the universal blood lead level testing, this proposed ordinance that's before you tonight.

As you know, these types of --- of ordinances can be a little bit challenging. They require careful balance, and that is exactly what the director of the Allegheny County Health Department and the Board of Health has done. They've assembled for you a proposed ordinance that is both smart and practical, and that would move us towards exactly that goal of having a better understanding of what we're dealing with here in Allegheny County.

The --- the --- I won't get into all the details around lead. That, we'll --- we'll save that for another day. I'll say again that this is a smart and practical ordinance. It lays out very clearly a methodology for testing children to see the level of exposure. It proposes a schedule for those tests.

It defines roles for partners, like school districts and healthcare practitioners, and of course, the County. And it takes into consideration perhaps the most important partner of all, parents, and makes sure that



there is consideration of their needs, and their values, and their --- their views, particularly around the exception for medical concerns, for religious beliefs and moral and ethical convictions that are strongly held.

So I'm here this evening just to urge you to --- as you always do, to give this careful consideration and ultimately, to see this as something that --- that can be universally supported by the council on behalf of all children here in Allegheny County. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 10191-17.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the April 19th, 2017 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. FUTULES: 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. Unfinished business, 10110-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of William Sray to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation 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 May 17th, 2017, the Appointment Review Committee convened. At that time, the committee made a positive recommendation. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: 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. Oh, let's see. 10171-17.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2017, submission 05-17. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KLEIN: Klein.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm sorry, Klein.

MR. KLEIN: On May 17th, the Committee on Budget and Finance met to consider an amendment to the Grants and

Special Accounts Budget for 2017. The amendment was approved by the committee and comes before this council with an affirmative recommendation for approval at this time, and I offer a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in --- oh, that's a resolution. Let's take a roll call.

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: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?  
MS. KIRK: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?  
MR. KLEIN: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?  
MR. KRESS: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?  
DR. MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?  
MS. MEANS: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?  
MS. RANALLI-RUSSEL: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10037-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania amending Ordinance Number 23636, as previously amended, to expand the boundaries of a certain geographic area within Moon Township known as

the Thorn Run Transportation Development District, previously determined to be a "Deteriorating Area" under the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, and to extend the time period during which any owner of a property within the Deteriorating Area may apply to and receive a temporary exemption from increases in County real estate taxes due to increased or additional assessed valuation attributable to the actual costs of construction, reconstruction or the improvements made to the property to April 29th, 2026. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President.

This was referred to Economic Development and Housing in --- in February. We held a committee hearing on it in --- in May and it was affirmatively recommended by --- by committee to be supported and passed by the full council. With that in mind, I so move.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10017-17.

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: Representative Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President.

That issue was referred to council again in early --- in early 2017 and we --- we held it in --- held a hearing in the Economic Development Committee and it was voted on and supported by the full committee to --- with the recommendation that the full council supports that, and I so move.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10169-17.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution approving a Project for the benefit of Robert Morris University, a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority by the issuance of the Authority's federally taxable or tax-exempt bonds, to be issued in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount not expected to exceed \$35,000,000, 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. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President.

Again, this resolution was referred to council - -- I mean, referred to the Economic Development Committee. We met and after much discussion, we agreed. It passed. The Economic Development Committee, with the recommendation of the full council, adopts this resolution. I so move.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those --- let's have a roll call vote.

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, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10170-17.

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 of 2017" or such other designation as may be determined by the Authority and the University, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$85,000,000, 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: Representative Walton?

MR. WALTON: Mr. President, that was referred to the Economic Development Committee. We had significant discussion and the committee voted and recommended that full council adopts the resolution, and I so move.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none,  
we'll have 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, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10164-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, granting Open 4 Business Productions, LLC a temporary license to use certain County owned real and personal property in connection with the filming of a television series. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President.

On May 17th we had a --- our meeting --- our --- excuse me.

Our committee met and we discussed this and --- and met with an affirmative recommendation to --- to bring it up here to the full --- full council, and I move --- I make a --- a motion to --- I'll just make the motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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, nos zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10168-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire two parcels of land totaling approximately 15.1346 acres located at 1404 Noblestown



Road in Collier Township and identified as tax parcel numbers 331-F-9 and 9929-X-1134 from Mary Jane Jessep for \$123,500 for the purposes of enlarging Settler's Cabin Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President.

At this time, I'd like to ask Mr. Baechle to come up here and --- and clarify this, please.

MR. BAECHLE: Good evening.

You want me to just talk about the project or did you have questions?

MR. PALMIERE: Talk about the project.

MR. BAECHLE: Okay.

So one of the missions is to connect our county parks to existing trail systems. South Park, we already connected to the Montour Trail.

So we have an opportunity to connect Settlers Cabin to the Panhandle Trail. The Panhandle Trail is 30 miles long.

Phase one of the project was completed a couple of years ago, two to three years ago, by the Park Foundation. It went down Old --- Greer Road and ended at Pinkerton Run. At that point, we had to go --- we had two different choices. Either choice, we had to buy land.

So phase two, we had to buy land. Mary Jessep's property, appraised at \$123,500 in October 25th of 1916. It's 15 acres. We actually tried to buy it back in the 60s and we didn't get it.

And I have a map of Settler's Cabin Park. When you look at the bottom part of Settler's Cabin Park, there's a big rectangle that's missing. That's the part we're buying and that's going to allow us to connect the park. We have parkland on both sides of it and we need to go through that parcel to get to the Panhandle Trail.

And also, it is used as park expansion, also. The trail will be about 5,500 feet in the park, probably another 1,000 along a state road. There's no taxes or liens on the property.

MR. PALMIERE: Does anyone have any questions?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes, Mr. Baechle, can you explain how The County in its wisdom set money aside, years ago, to pay for this type of thing?

MR. BAECHLE: When we looked at the project, we knew some of it was in our control, property we owned, and

some of it wasn't. So when it came to Pinkerton Run Road, there was a choice to go right and buy this land from Mary Jacobs (sic) or a choice to go left, buy a couple other parcels and then build a very expensive bridge across the creek, and we did not want to build that bridge also.

So we --- years ago, we put this money in the budget but it took this long for this --- I've been talking to Mary Jane Jessep for almost seven years, to --- to buy this property. I feel like I know her pretty well.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Catena?

MS. MEANS: Go ahead.

MR. CATENA: Go ahead. I ---.

MS. MEANS: I --- this one other comment was you not only have enough money set aside, a few years ago, to purchase a --- the property, but you also have some money to help build the trail?

MR. BAECHLE: That's correct.

MS. MEANS: So yeah. I just wanted to share it's really good. It's a good thing and it's been a well-planned effort.

Thank you, Mr. Baechle.

MR. BAECHLE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Catena?

MR. CATENA: Thank you.

I just want to concur with Ms. Means. I mean, this is an outstanding achievement. It's in my district, district four, and I hear every day about the municipalities in my district about how happy they are that we're expanding the trails, and actually connecting the Panhandle Trail to Settler's Cabin. So it's a great thing and any more trail expansion out there in that area, we'd be happy to embrace, so I'd be happy to second this, Mr. President.

Thank you.

MR. BAECHLE: Thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: And Andy, thank you. I'm glad we gave you something to do for a while there.

MR. BAECHLE: All right.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Seeing no more questions, we'll have to take the roll call.

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, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison reports. Mr. DeMarco, Representative DeMarco, first.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President.

This Monday, May 29th, is going to be Memorial Day and while many folks are going to take and celebrate the day, you know, with picnics, hamburgers, hotdogs and things like that, I think that we shouldn't lose sight over the reason we have this federal holiday, and it's to honor the men and women of this country who have died in service to the Armed Forces of the United States.

On Monday, Soldiers and Sailors Hall is having a Memorial Day celebration from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Now at 11:00 a.m., there will be a special ceremony for the fallen Pennsylvania service members from the war on terrorism, and then there's a bunch of activities.

So for children's activities, they'll have a bouncy castle, face painting. They have a 3WS radio

personality, Mike Frazer. There will be skills, sports challenges, quizzes like that, raffle and auction prizes including rounds of golf at Seven Springs, overnight stays at the Doubletree and much, much more.

There will be a musical tribute by the ensemble and residents, the Brass Roots. So I highly recommend, if you have the opportunity while you're celebrating the day with your children, to take the opportunity, if you can, to stop by Soldiers and Sailors Hall to understand what this holiday is all about, and the sacrifice made by the men and women to provide it for you.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

Representative Means?

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

I just wanted to comment, join Councilman DeMarco and --- and thank all the veterans who have served in our country. We live in a wonderful country, and we enjoy these wonderful freedoms because we have people who volunteer to serve. And we also have members of our community, our country, who have given the ultimate sacrifice and not only did they sacrifice their lives, their loved ones have sacrificed as well.

So I just wanted to thank all the veterans, take this opportunity to thank everyone for their service and to contemplate, too, it's not only --- it's all the wars and to think how precious our World War II veterans are.

I did a little bit of math and realized that every day, we lose another World War II veteran. If you were 18 in 1945 when you joined the war effort, you would now be 90, and if you were 18 in 1941, you would be 94. So if you do the math, you can see they're precious and we won't have them much longer.

And World War II veterans are --- are just wonderful. I've --- I've had nurses say they love to care for them in the hospital because no matter how sick they are and what they're suffering, they always just take it on the chin and --- and they just do what they need to do and they don't complain.

So thank you very much for recognizing me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President.

Speaking of sacrifice and families, I attended, as an honorary attendee, commencement at CCAC last

Thursday night at the Peterson Center. There was about --- I think there was about 2,000 --- a little --- yeah, a little more than 2,000 students who were graduating and 600 and some showed up that evening to get their certificates.

And I want to tell you, the place was just jumping because there were so many families, and there were people so proud of the accomplishments of their --- their children and their loved ones. It was just a --- a real honor to be there.

And it's really something to --- to watch the diversity of student body. You have people coming up there with walkers and canes. You have people --- young kids coming up there flipping and flopping up the steps. It's amazing how everybody just was --- it was just a --- the place was just electric. It --- it was really a --- an honor to be there and --- and I just wanted to share that with my colleagues.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Seeing --- Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: Thanks, Mr. President.

Not to steal anyone away from Councilman DeMarco's event that he'll be at on Monday, but --- and if you want to come visit us in Ross, we have a nice event, a really nice event for Memorial Day. Sorry, Councilman.

Every --- every year, and it's at noon, it's at --- at the Sergeant Caskey Lodge right in Ross Township. So if anybody wants to come to that, please come on down to Ross.

I do want to mention that earlier --- or about five days ago in this room, we actually had the Allegheny County Diversity Awards and I just happened --- happened to be there. One of my fellow council members from church council, actually, was one of the honorees that was for high school students.

And I definitely think it would be a nice thing --- I don't think we, as council, are generally invited to that event, but I think we should be and I think it would be great for us to be there. And I think this was the first time they were ever doing it, so it's still a very new event, but hopefully for next year, we can have more of council there.

I just, again, happened to be there because she goes to --- to church with us, but it was a great event.

Really inspiring to see the wonderful, wonderful work that a lot of our teens are doing here in Allegheny County.

Wanted to do an invite as well. If you've always dreamed of running the bases at PNC Park, you wouldn't get to run, you'd get to walk around with a torch. Tuesday is our kickoff for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, which is an amazing organization that we've gotten to be involved with for a lot of years. And as council members, if anyone wants to --- to walk the torch from base to base, I'd love to have you. They'd love to have you. So if anyone's interested, please definitely let me know.

And I just wanted to congratulate two different --- the last two Fridays, Senator Vullockavich had a wonderful Senior and Disability Expo last Friday that was fantastic, had a great crowd, a lot of good resources. To his residents, it was a lot of fun.

I got to pick the raffle tickets and they had me pulling the raffle for the shingles vaccine, which I thought was interesting, so people actually got to win all kinds of different prizes. That's what they had me pull, though, so it was --- it was quite the event. Big crowd, very, very --- that's --- that's the --- honestly, the truth. So congratulations to the senator on a wonderful event.

And I did want to congratulate Light of Life Rescue Mission. Erin and I got to walk 17 miles with Tunch Ilkin and Craig Wolfley since our last meeting. And their actual big, big event is coming up on this Saturday and they get hundreds of people together to raise funds for Light of Life.

So there's always lots of good things going on in our community and if anyone is interested in any of those events, please let me know and I'd love to have us go together.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing me.

I forgot to mention that this Monday, Bethel Park will celebrate Memorial Day with a memorial service at the Municipal Building at 8:00 p.m. and then a parade at 9:00 p.m., which will end at the Bethel Park Presbyterian Cemetery where they'll have a --- they're going to be honoring a --- a marine who served in

Afghanistan, and she'll be speaking at the Municipal Center and also at the Bethel Park Presbyterian Cemetery.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more, we'll --- we'll move on.

10192-17.

MR. WALTON: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah?

MR. WALTON: Under new business, I'd like to move that we amend Council's agenda to adopt a --- an ordinance amending the Administrative Code.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none --- it's a motion?

MR. WALTON: Yeah. Yes.

What I'd like to do is two things. Under the Administrative Code, a number of years ago, a position for the Chief of Staff for County Council was eliminated. This ordinance that I'm proposing reinstates that position under the Administrative Code, Article 305 entitled Council Support to clarify the organization of the Allegheny County Council.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: So what's that --- it is a motion then?

MR. WALTON: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

MR. WALTON: So we'll distribute --- we will now distribute that ordinance.

And I'd like to take this opportunity to also offer a motion that we amend Rules of Council to waive the second reading.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor of waiving the second reading, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

Okay.

MR. WALTON: What we're doing, again, simply put, is we're reestablishing the language for Council that was there previously.

There are --- there is one modification, that it is --- we have two modifications. It is broken out into three components. Under the previous --- under the previous language, it was two documents and it entitles and empowers Council --- exactly what --- as it was previously in the document.

And I'll entertain any --- any --- any concerns or discussions that any member may have, with your permission, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I was not at the Executive Committee Meeting here, the last one, when all of this was discussed, but I'm looking at Section B, ---

MR. WALTON: Yes, sir?

MR. DEMARCO: --- and at the end, the last sentence there, it talks about the County staff shall report to and be supervised by the Chief of Staff. However, nothing contained with this --- within this article shall be construed or interpreted to --- excuse me --- to prohibit any Council staff member from directly seeking the advice and/or action of the Executive Committee Chair when appropriate or necessary.

Was that discussed or debated in that Executive Committee meeting?

MR. WALTON: What we discussed, Mr. --- Mr. DeMarco, was reestablishing the language as it was there, as it was previously. And I'm going back to Section 305-01, Section B. That is a modification. County Council shall employ a ---.

Previously, the language read County Council shall employ a County Council staff to assist the Chief of Staff in all matters and things to be done and performed in the Office of County Council. County Council staff shall report to and be supervised by the Chief of Staff.

MR. DEMARCO: Could I ask why we're adding this, specific to just the Chair? Because I would assume that the Chief of Staff position, representing and reporting to Council, would already have the ability to consult the Chair of the Executive Committee or any member of Council with an issue?

MR. WALTON: We wanted --- we wanted to explicitly provide that language to ensure that there is



no ambiguity in an opportunity for members of staff to have those kinds of conversations.

MR. DEMARCO: Does that open up any ambiguity from the staff in regards to whom they actually report to?

MR. WALTON: No.

MR. CATENA: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Mr. Catena. Representative Catena, go ahead.

MR. CATENA: Mr. Walton, when did --- when did we add the last --- honestly, I don't recall talking about the last sentence.

MR. WALTON: Well, there has to be a protocol to ensure that there's open and --- open and consistent communication between staff, Chief of Staff and the Executive Committee. Ultimately, all members of --- all members of --- of the Council staff report to the --- the Executive Committee.

MR. CATENA: Uh-uh (no).

MR. WALTON: It doesn't change. It doesn't change the intent. It doesn't change the operation of the --- of --- of Council staff.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: I'm --- I am concerned about that phrase as well because staff members work for all of us ---

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MS. MEANS: --- and that's clear that they work for all of us, so that's my concern.

MR. WALTON: So where does --- where does that language, in any way, shape, form or manner, indicate that staff doesn't work for the entire council, Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Because it specifically states the Executive Committee Chair. So is this the language that was removed and then reinserted word for word?

MR. WALTON: In response to the first component of your question, there has to be, in my opinion, the ability of the staff to resolve to --- to be able to communicate openly and honestly, either with the Chief of Staff or the Executive Committee.

The Chair of the Executive Committee, whoever that individual may be, has to have the --- has to have the ability to address any concerns that may arise between members of staff and the Chief of Staff. That's not to say that the Chief of Staff will --- or the staff member may have a position that is just ---.

MR. CATENA: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. CATENA: If I could make a motion, I'd like to make a motion to amend this.

MR. MACEY: We're not done here yet.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

We'll wait until we ---.

MR. CATENA: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead. Go ahead. Representative Macey was next.

MR. MACEY: Well, Representative Kirk wanted to speak.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Was she --- okay.

Representative Kirk.

MS. KIRK: Well, the only thing I will say, I -- - I can see there is a purpose for that line, because if the --- let's say if the Chief of Staff is not acting appropriately with the staff, you want a staff member --- it says not --- not on a routine basis. It says when appropriate or necessary. And we might have a time when it's necessary for someone to bypass the Chief of Staff and go to --- feel comfortable, like it's okay to break rank.

I don't think that would be a daily event or a weekly event, but I think you need --- it's like --- a safety valve is what I'm seeing it as. And maybe that's why --- that's what I'm interpreting. That it's not something like --- not the Chief of Staff or the Executive Chair. I think it's the Chief of Staff, but if there is a problem, they have to have some recourse.

If their problems aren't being addressed, they have to know who to go to. So I think if that's what the intent is, then I --- and I support that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Wait a minute.

Let me get Representative Macey and then we'll ---.

MR. MACEY: Yeah, thank you, Mr. President.

I just think that the --- the Chairman of the Executive Committee resides --- or presides over those meetings. I don't think that the Chairman of the Executive Committee runs the office. I think we have to realize that if we have a Chief of Staff, he runs the office --- or she runs the office.

So I --- you know, I'm a little --- this seems to be a little ambiguous, but --- and I agree with

Councilwoman Kirk. If we reach that point where there's not a decisive decision, then yeah, we need to go to the Executive Committee.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. I want to get you, but he hasn't talked yet. Go ahead, Representative Klein?

MR. KLEIN: I --- I would --- I would agree with Councilwoman Kirk as well.

I --- I think that, first of all, I think the Executive Committee does speak for all of us. And I think that, you know, there's a very real possibility that there might be times when a member of staff feels that he or she has been treated unreasonably or unfairly. And so I think that you've raised it well by saying that this provides something of a safety valve in the event that there is some level of dissatisfaction.

I think in many respects, it's an attempt to find some kind of internal relief in the event that we have a --- a staff member who feels that he or she has not been --- being treated fairly. So I think the language is --- is clear. I think that rather than having a staff member wonder who they might turn to and contact 15 council members, this seems to be a check on that and provides them with a reasonable expectation that there might be some recourse or another possible option, if some kind of review is --- is being sought.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I think I --- I agree with what Councilwoman Kirk, the intent of what she's saying, and with Councilman Klein. I guess what I'm looking at, where it says Executive Committee Chair, I would just feel more comfortable if it said just Executive Committee.

MR. MACEY: Correct.

MR. CATENA: That's the motion I'm --- I'm proposing.

MR. DEMARCO: Because the Executive Committee is --- Councilman Klein said represents us. You know, so I think if the Executive Committee represents us in making the personnel decisions, then it's clear that the staff who represents Council works for the council or the committee who's --- who's handling it, as opposed to a specific individual.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Representative Catena, now. Go ahead.

MR. CATENA: That was the point that I was making with my --- I make a motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. There's a ---.  
DeWitt?

MR. WALTON: With all due respect to my fellow members of Council, I believe it is really important that as we consider protocol that we have, the protocol that we are about to establish, that we have a launch point.

No one is attempting to abrogate any authority of the Executive Committee, but there needs to be some place to start. And I believe that if we use the phrase the Executive Committee, that that --- that diffuses and also confuses ---.

MR. CATENA: Uh-uh (no).

MR. WALTON: --- the process. We have to start somewhere. We have to --- we have to have some order, so I --- I think the language is clear. I think the language provides us an opportunity to evaluate the issues when they arise. And if the issue needs the --- the attention of full Council, then --- or full Executive Committee, then we have to make those evaluations.

So anyway, that's my opinion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Hold on a minute.

Did you have a question first or am I coming back down there?

MS. KIRK: Cindy, I had something.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, go ahead.

MS. KIRK: The --- the one comment I would make is if it does go directly to a chair, hypothetical --- so what if it was a woman staff member who feels uncomfortable talking to the Chair, who could be a man, and you would decide whether or not it would go further?

If she would talk to you, then there's no other recourse for the person. Just so that --- you know, there's --- that's just something I would throw out. It'd be an Executive Chair Member who then, would be responsible for going to the Chair to discuss it.

Which we would be easier to talk to one on one, as opposed to having a staff person who might be --- feel their job was threatened, whatever, or feel like maybe you're friends with the person who might be harassing them or whatever, and so we have to build in those safeguards.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Any other questions?

Well, go ahead, Representative ---?

MR. KRESS: Attorney Cambest, can you speak on to this matter?

MR. CAMBEST: Yeah.

I --- I don't think there's a question of ambiguity. It's just a question of policy.

So of course, you always want to direct --- you always want your staff to be able to know exactly who they're going to go to, so if you have five Executive Committee members, does the staff then pick and choose who they want to go to?

Now you raise a good point. If a female has an issue that she feels uncomfortable in talking to the male chair, then I would suggest in that instance, if that would ever arise, that you do just as we do in all public bodies where we have a female and a male. You bring a female in. And so the female and the male talk to --- to the female in that specific instances, but --- so that can always be accomplished.

I think the bigger issue here is there seems to be a --- a difference of opinion as to do we go to the Chair or do we go to the whole committee? So there's a good rationale to go to the Chair because that's a direct line of communication. You know that.

If you feel you'd rather go to the Committee, that just raises a question of do I pick and choose? Do I judge shop who I go to, you know? So that's the downside.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you.

And I need to share with everybody again that a chairman of a committee presides over the meetings, presides over the committee. He or she should not have the right to make a decision. It should be based on the Committee's decision. So it's important that we continue to base our decisions on the Committee and not the Chair of the Committee.

Thank you.

MR. CAMBEST: So the simple way to do that then is the Chair gets the complaint and the Chair calls the Committee to order and the Committee reviews the complaint. That's a simple way to do it.

MS. KIRK: But what if it's a woman and ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wait.

MS. KIRK: --- the woman doesn't feel comfortable going to the chair?

MR. CAMBEST: In that instance --- in that instance, then you have the --- a female member of the Committee meet with the male member, meet with the complainant. Then, as Bob said, then that issue is taken back. Maybe the female or the male make the decision. The Committee does.

MS. KIRK: But that's ambiguous, because you're saying you have to go to the Chair.

MR. CAMBEST: Well, it's not ---

MS. KIRK: Because that --- that ---.

MR. CAMBEST: --- it's not ambiguous. You go to the Chair if the female person feels whatever --- whatever the reason ---

MS. KIRK: For whatever reason.

MR. CAMBEST: --- she can request the Chair have a female member of the Committee sit in on the meeting. Not ambiguous.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let me ---.

MR. CAMBEST: But Bob, I think Bob wants --- whatever the issue is, whoever it is, the final decision is made by the Committee ---

MR. MACEY: Committee. Thank you.

MR. CAMBEST: --- not the Chair. That's all.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: One --- one second. I'll get you.

Representative Walton, in your opinion, now you're saying go to you. But the decision, would --- would that go to the Committee? The decision making effort goes to you.

MR. WALTON: There --- there is no intent --- there is no intent to abrogate the authority of the Executive Committee. There never was.

My only desire in this is that whoever has that responsibility, has the ability to listen and --- and offer any response. And if there's action that needs to be taken, by all means, it should always be taken by the body and not by the Chair. There's no --- there's no --- there's nobody --- there's no effort to usurp anyone.

MR. CATENA: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead. Go ahead. Let me --- let me ask you first before we're going to ---.

Sam, do you want to let him go or you want me to take you because you were next?

MR. DEMARCO: I --- I just wanted to say that Mr. Cambest's point about sending them directly to the Chair so that there was a single point of accountability, I guess the thing that concerns me isn't about that.

It's that if we have a problem inside Council or with staff, you know, I want to know about it. And what happens is sometimes, that if you just designate one person, then you put that one person in charge of determining whether they take and bring it to the Executive Committee or whether they bring it to the rest of staff.

And I think your point is right on about, hey, you don't want to be ambiguous and just say the Executive Committee. You do not want to say that. But we can always add a process, which we can add to the employee manual or handbook, that describes here's the process that any of the employees must follow in reporting any of these issues. That's where I'm coming from.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Catena?

MR. CATENA: No, I --- I concur with Councilman DeMarco.

I mean --- the --- I think when we discussed this, we talked about being more general in nature, and I'm surprised to see this is more specific in nature and I think the Policies and Procedures Manual would be specific in addressing such a case. So I --- and again, I'm offering the motion to the --- a motion to amend.

MR. MACEY: I second, again.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

It's already been motion seconded, so we have to act on that first. And all you want to do is change it from the Chair to the Committee?

MR. KRESS: Correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. You better take a hand vote.

MS. MEANS: No, voice, voice, voice.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: My hand?

MR. KRESS: Roll call.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, roll call.

MR. BARKER: Okay. On the motion to amend ---  
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: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?  
MS. KIRK: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?  
MR. KLEIN: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?  
MR. KRESS: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?  
DR. MARTONI: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?  
MS. MEANS: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?  
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: This is to --- this is

to amend the entire code?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, the one word.

MR. BARKER: To amend the bill to remove the  
word Chair.

MR. WALTON: No.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos one. The amendment  
passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Now --- now we go  
with the main motion.

MS. MEANS: An ordinance. Right?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, it's an ordinance.

MR. FUTULES: As amended.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: As amended, right. So we'll  
take ---.

MR. BARKER: There actually has not yet been a  
motion made to approve the ordinance, as amended.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Let's have  
someone ---.

MR. PALMIERE: So moved.

MR. MACEY: Second.



PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Under remarks?  
Seeing none, let's 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: No.  
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 1. The bill, as amended, passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10192-17.

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry. 10194-17?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10192-17.

MR. BARKER: Oh, I'm sorry. I lost my place.  
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, 16 P.S. §§ 12011 - 12028. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to the Health and Human Services. 10193-17.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2017, submission number 06-17. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to Budget and Finance. 10194-17.

MR. BARKER: A motion of the Council of Allegheny County urging the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission to act with all deliberate speed to authorize pursuit of the completion of the Mon-Fayette Expressway project. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You want to say something?

MR. MACEY: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President, members of Council and those people in the audience.

I just think that it's --- it's very important that we complete the Mon-Fayette Expressway. I mean, you wouldn't build a house and not put your --- put your bathroom in there. This is just a completion of something that has been in the --- the works for quite some time.

And you have to look at --- we have the parkway north, parkway south --- I mean, parkway east and parkway west. We don't have a parkway south, and parkway south would be the completion of this Mon-Fayette Expressway.

It's --- you know --- and people talk about, you know, it's going to take forever. But you know if you look at what President Eisenhower put together as far as the national highways are concerned, you know, he didn't get to see it in his lifetime. And I may not see the parkway south, as I put it, or the completion of the Mon-Fayette Expressway in my lifetime, but it has to be done.

Because what it does is it opens up a lifeline for people in the Mon Valley, not just the Mon Valley, but from West Virginia all the way to Monroeville. And what it does is it helps people in those communities of the Mon Valley, and the Turtle Creek Valley, to have the opportunity to create jobs. There's going to be 20,000 jobs created just by this construction and there's going to be thousands of jobs created by this Mon-Fayette Expressway extension. It's so important.

You know, people say, well, you can get off in Jefferson, but you --- you have over 31 red lights to get to Pittsburgh. That's going to take forever to get to Pittsburgh. However, if you have the Mon-Fayette

Expressway completion, it will help create that beltway around all of those congestive areas.

So all I'm saying is that we need the support of the communities. We need the support of Allegheny County Council and certainly, we want everybody to reach out to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and tell them that this is important to the lifeblood of the Mon Valley and Turtle Creek Valley area.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Did you make that --- a motion?

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to ---.

MR. FUTULES: Approve.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah, I'd like to say something if you can hear me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: You know, I --- the one good thing about leaving, you can pretty much say what you want to say and you don't have to worry about getting reelected again. So --- and I think Councilman Macey's probably being a little nicer about this than --- than he probably should be.

But if you look at this county as a whole, and in the last ten years I've always tried to represent the whole county, and I have a lot of relatives that live in the Mon Valley. I will say that. But if you look at the north, and --- and the south and the west, how they've developed over the years, and it's been all positive, and corporations and companies.

And now that His Honor, across the street, wants to clean out all of the riff raff out of the city, guess where they're all going? They're all going down to Mon Valley.

And we just opened another county police station in Wilmerding. The Turtle Creek Valley and the Mon Valley are taking all of the garbage out of the city. It's down there and these folks have like no hope.

So I think it's important to say, and it's important for everybody to realize, that a road that would help companies grow and help companies, you know, stay in the Mon Valley, move into the Mon Valley, they need transportation. It's so important.

Now, we're going to have this huge county and all these folks in the Mon Valley where this, not only this county but this country was built during the war, is in that Valley, you know. For them to be treated the way they've been treated over the years, I think, is an abomination, and I think it's important for them to start to rebuild and I think transportation is probably one of the most important things in re-growing.

Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. President.

Week before last, I was happy to stand along with many other members of Council, with County Executive Fitzgerald, former County Executive Dan Onorato and former County Executive Jim Roddey, as they talked about proposing legislation in Harrisburg for voluntary disincorporation.

Now why was this even brought up? It was brought up because many of the municipalities in Allegheny County are not doing as well as others. And when some of these folks look to the future, they have a declining tax base. The population is moved out. The real estate property values have dropped and they have some significant problems.

When I talk to folks at the Allegheny Conference in the Pittsburgh Chamber and I talk about how do we attract additional development and investment in the region, they talk about the need to have infrastructure. When I talk to urban planners, they talk about the need for Pittsburgh to have a beltway around this city.

Now I don't know what the future holds, and I'm not going to listen to anybody else who says, hey, listen. If we build this and it takes 20 years, well, nothing's going to happen in the Mon Valley. Because no one foresaw Uber and Ford investing \$1 billion here in Allegheny County.

What I can tell you is if we don't move forward with this investment, these people certainly have no chance because no company is going to move into the Mon Valley if they don't have the infrastructure to be able to move their products or services to market. So this is a lifeline to that area, that state legislature saw fit to build it into legislation that they passed.

I fully support Councilman Macey in this motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President.

I just wanted to mention again, that, you know, we're looking at communities that are struggling and the only way that they can make it is they have an --- an opportunity to get their product to the marketplace, an opportunity for people to transverse the area to get from point A to point B.

And it's not just about the Mon Valley. It's about the Turtle Creek Valley. It's about Monroeville. It's about getting people from point A to point B.

And I'll just reiterate, we have the east parkway. We have the west parkway. We have the north parkway. The only thing we need now, to make it complete, is the south parkway.

Thank you.

MR. WALTON: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Representative DeWitt Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, sir. I have to share what I --- what I think I just heard. While I'm --- I'm cognizant of the challenges that south county faces in terms of access and terms of transportation, I have to take umbrage with my fellow member, Mr. Ellenbogen.

I --- I think --- I'd like to think that Mr. Ellenbogen just made a poor choice of words when he said that the Mon Valley has taken all of the garbage from the city. I think that disrespects, in a significant way, if that was --- if that's what he really meant, that it disrespects a huge swath of our population that is being forced out of the city by gentrification and the explosion of rent that is emerging in East Liberty and the North Side and across this community.

And the --- and --- and the --- and the --- and it also points out the absolute necessity that we operate with real sensitivity, and character and dignity that we swore to --- to uphold when we assume this office. So I'm going to say that in his --- in his support and his vigor, that he just made a poor choice of words.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: And Mr. President, can I clarify, please?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah.

In terms of what Councilman Walton said, I --- I think that --- I apologize for not thinking of that aspect of it. To be honest with you, when I made my statement, I was only thinking about the crime and the criminals.

But you're right, I --- I absent-mindedly forgot about --- gentrification of --- of poor folks that have had to move into that valley. And for that, I'm sorry. I wasn't thinking about them. I'm just so angered by the drugs and by the criminal element that had moved down there, that I absentmindedly forgot that. And thank you for clarifying that and bringing that to my attention, Mr. Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. WALTON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. All right. Go ahead.

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

I support Councilman Macey's motion, as well. I think that what we have in the Mon Valley is what has been described in --- in many parts of the country, many regions, as, you know, what is effectively a --- a transportation desert, which means that we have large populations that are living in isolation.

So the creation of the parkway south gives people who --- who live in that part of the county, access to --- to the mainland, if you will. And I think it's --- you know, it's a step that will take many, many years, perhaps decades, to unfold. But it's a start, and it's important, so I support him in his motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

On the motion --- oh, Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I just want to say I think it's fairly obvious that the --- the growth areas in Allegheny County have been out toward the airport, the western region and northern region, and the reason is 279 north and all the --- all the transportation and the parkway leads to the --- to the new airport. That's where all the building and --- you know, all the businesses are moving to because of access. Because they can move their people and they can move their goods back and forth because they have wonderful roads there to --- to --- to, you know, to be able to do that.

So I think this is a no-brainer to --- I support Mr. Macey's motion here, whole-heartedly, because again, I --- I --- I just feel we have perfect examples of why we have to do this.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

With that, I'd like to try to do a voice vote. There was Representative Macey's motion, a second. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Do we have any public comment?

MR. BARKER: No, not on general.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does someone want to make a ---?

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second, somebody?

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

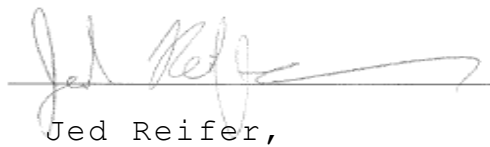
(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The meeting is adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20 p.m.

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