

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
Denise Ranalli-Russell	-	District 13

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William McKain - County Manager
Jack Cambest - Solicitor
Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services
Ken Varhola - Chief of Staff

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Meeting will come to order. Will you all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and then remain standing for silent prayer or reflection? But I would like you to keep in mind of all of the serious situations down in Texas before, now Florida, South Carolina, Georgia and anywhere else that suffered all this devastation from the hurricanes and the floods. But after me with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag first.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. 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: Present.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: All 15 members are present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 10291-17.

MR. BARKER: That's a proclamation congratulating the Shaler North Hills Library upon the

momentous occasion of its 75th Anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

MR. KRESS: Thank you very much. Sharon, can you come up? Sharon is our director of the Shaler North Hills Library. And the library, which I attend along with John, is celebrating 75 years.

And I have to say libraries are very important. Throughout history, libraries have been a repository of knowledge. And right now, our library is doing exceptional things. And it's just not about books, it's about internet, it's about serving people.

And since I've been a child, the library keeps growing. We start out very small and we keep expanding. And it's up --- I have to say, we have an excellent director, here. Sharon has been doing a great job. So let me read this proclamation.

WHEREAS, libraries are not just about what we have for people, but what we do for and with people; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better communities, campuses and schools; and

WHEREAS, libraries support democracy and affect social change through their commitment to provide equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, in September 1942, the Shaler North Hills Library opened its doors to the public with 3,000 books, became dedicated to empowering the community through free access to quality resources, outstanding services and dynamic programs; and

WHEREAS, today, the Shaler North Hills Library offers books and so much more, including free access to more than 130,000 items, high speed internet access, award winning programs and outstanding staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby recognize and congratulate the Shaler North Hills Library upon the occasion of its 75th anniversary, and we extend sincere gratitude to its trustees, staff, friends and volunteers, past and present, for their accomplishments, commitment and dedication to Shaler Township and its residents.

Sponsored by Council Member Edward J. Kress and presented this 12th day of September 2017, so thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, just --- just real quick, I'd just like to congratulate the Shaler Library, North Hills Library, on its 75th anniversary. Thank you.

MS. MCRAE: Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

(Applause.)

MS. MCRAE: Well, I didn't know I was going to get to do a speech. That's very exciting.

Actually, the library broke ground on December 7th, 1941 and it --- it --- a lot of decisions were made to continue with the library during the war effort. And since then, we've expanded the space four times to a total of 23,000 square feet. So it's a --- it's a large library, and we do quite a bit for the community. It's an honor and privilege to serve, not just Shaler residents, but all of the county residents.

So I'd like to take an opportunity to thank all of you here in Allegheny County for your strong support of all public libraries and everything that you do for the libraries. And in particular, Councilman Kress, who's been a great friend of my library, as well as to the county libraries. So thank you very, very much for this --- this honor and privilege.

(Applause.)

MR. KRESS: Picture time.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10292-17, and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 10292-17. Certificates of Recognition awarded to the 2017 North Hills Sports Hall of Fame inductees on September the 22nd, 2017. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

10293-17. Proclamation recognizing Mr. Steve Ruscak for his heroic actions on Monday, August 14th, 2017 which resulted in the saving of one adult at the Bethel Park Council Meeting. Sponsored by Council Members Means, DeMarco and Baker.

10294-17. Proclamation congratulating the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company upon the momentous occasion of its 90th Anniversary. Sponsored by Council Members Means and DeMarco.

10295-17. A proclamation congratulating the Crestas Terrace Volunteer Fire Company #4 upon the

momentous occasion of its 90th Anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

10296-17. A certificate of Recognition awarded to David Berdik upon the momentous occasion of taking first place at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference Competition. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

10297-17. A proclamation recognizing the re-branded Schoolhouse Arts and History Center, home of the Bethel Park Historical Society, on the momentous occasion of its 100th Anniversary of the addition made to the original building. Sponsored by Council Members Means and DeMarco.

10298-17. A proclamation thanking and honoring Dr. Kenneth O. Barbour for his years of dedicated services to education and the Hillcrest Christian Academy, as well as recognizing him upon the momentous occasion of his 80th birthday. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

10299-17. A proclamation declaring Saturday, September 16th, 2017 to be "Eula Houston Day" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member DeMarco.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. At this time, we'd have the Chief Executive's quarterly address.

(Applause.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President, Members of Council. It's good to be here again.

We had a big announcement today, and I want to talk about that one just a little bit. I know we were out at the airport today to announce the --- the modernizing and rightsizing of Pittsburgh International Airport. Councilman DeMarco and Councilman Baker were there for the presentation, as were many, many stakeholders who've been part of the support of Pittsburgh International Airport.

I know there are still some people who refer to it as the new airport. Right?

It's still --- still mentioned that way, but it's turning 25 years old. Obviously, it was built for a --- for a system that's no longer in place. It's no longer a hub built for a capacity of 35 million passengers. We hit maybe 20 million or 21 million at our peak, when we were the hub for an airline that no longer exists.

We're now at around 8,000,000 million almost 8,500,000 passengers. And the operating costs have really

risen because we're --- we're heating and cooling and maintaining spaces that are really, just unused.

So Christina Cassotis and the Airport Authority, today, the Board voted unanimously to move forward with a --- a --- a new rightsizing that would eliminate the landside terminal that we have right now, eliminate the people mover. But more importantly, modernize it and make it a better customer experience.

Things are obviously different after 9/11, with how TSA operates. The airport has done some pretty amazing things. The biggest thing, I think, is go from 37 cities that you could get to just a couple of years ago, up to 68. Flights are up. Passenger service is up over six percent, which is pretty good for a --- a market of our size.

We were one of the first in the country to use ride share with Lyft and Uber. It was pretty progressive. And we were the first in the country to allow people to go and shop and greet their loved ones at the gate without buying a ticket with the My Pitt Pass program that was announced last week.

So the proposal talks about spending about \$1.1 billion. And that sounds like a lot of money, and it certainly is. There will be no local tax dollars that will go into that. That is paid for by the fees, the landing fees, the boarding fees, the concessions, by food, parking, the shopping that goes on out there in retail, is what pays for the airport.

The airlines, there's now 16 of them, actually unanimously signed off on it. This is going to be their cost, and it will likely reduce the boarding cost that is paid by the airlines, from about \$12.70 to around \$9.70.

So by investing and rightsizing and modernizing the airport, I think it's going to be a win-win to help us continue to grow, to continue to make us, you know, an economic engine of what we're doing.

Just some of the other announcements that --- that the airport has done this week --- in the last --- in the last month, excuse me. Condor Air, which is flying to Frankfurt, announced that they're going to double the amount of flights in 2018. So they're already seeing success with that.

Delta has added twice daily service to Boston, beginning in October. JetBlue adding extra flights to Boston beginning in October. OneJet adding more service

to Nashville. Again, that's beginning next month. Southwest adding more --- more service to Nashville.

So all these things have been very, very positive. We know with the cracker plant, we know with the Consol deal, that has really, you know, helped the --- the --- the revenues and --- and the finances have put us in a really good position.

So it was a really, really big announcement today, a very exciting announcement. It's obviously going to put a lot of folks to work. I think there's going to be over 6,000 people who are working on the airport in building that out. So I consider that, you know, really, a modernizing for --- for a good way.

And I think that dovetails into the other big announcement that came out last week by Amazon, and they did it in a very, very unique way. They sent out a press release on Thursday morning saying they were looking for --- they call it HQ2 --- headquarters two, in which they want to hire 50,000 people for a city that will get that.

Now, their first headquarters are in Seattle, where they have about 40,000 employees in 33 buildings in about 8 million square feet.

So they are going to be looking at cities. And --- and the --- and the way they have described it, it's going to be a city that has --- and it's really a region, not --- not just a city. But a place that has more than 1 million people within 30 miles of the downtown area, which obviously, we --- we --- we fit into that category, as do many other cities.

But I think because of what our technology, with around CMU and Pitt, our great universities, the quality of life that we're able to attract for --- they're going to need for those 50,000 employees, and also the affordability, both at the office space and at the --- for their --- their workers to live here. This is a great place to live on --- on so many different ways. We all know that, and now it's our job to go sell that to Amazon and why they're --- why they will do that.

I can tell you that we've been in discussion with Secretary Davin, as well as the Governor, and they're very, very support of --- of our initiatives. They'll also be supportive of Philadelphia, and I understand that, being statewide. And we certainly hope it comes to this state.

But I just think it really --- it --- it's good for us. I think it's a perfect fit for where we are right now. As a city that's on --- on the right track and moving in the right direction with all of the arts and culture, and just all the great things that we have here --- that would attract them. So I think it's a very, very good --- a good fit.

And we're going to be working on that. By October 19th, we have to submit a proposal to Amazon. And we'll certainly be working with all of you. Our business community has stepped up, our arts community, our foundations, our universities. I mean, the level of support that want to help in moving this forward has just been tremendous.

And it's one of the things I think we do really well in this community, is we work together. The mayor's office has been, you know, very proactive in pushing this as well. So we're all going to work together to make sure we show them the great sites. We show them the type of partnership that I think Amazon is going to want to have with some community to help them progress over the next couple decades, and I think we're going to become, hopefully, a good partner. We will become a good partner with them and hopefully, we'll be successful in winning that.

I want to talk a little bit about the Port Authority because I know you've probably been reading about the state budget and some of the effects that would happen. I am concerned that --- that if the --- the House plan that --- that's been put out by some, reduces our --- our funding to the Port Authority, that we would have major cuts that would occur.

I sent a letter off to the --- to our entire delegation and to the Secretary of Transportation indicating, you know, what I think the devastating effect it would have on our --- on our economy. And --- and quite frankly, Amazon wants to be --- transit's a big part of where they want to go. So I think some of the gains that we've made over the last couple years when it comes to transit have been important.

And also, to maybe bring up some of the folks who weren't around when we passed the Transportation Bill a couple of years ago, there was a commitment made that for the next ten years, we were going to have stable funding for transit. It was a commitment by Governor

Corbett at the time, as well as both sides, Democrats and Republicans in the House and the Senate.

I think a lot of people made investments thinking that they would have a bus service, whether they bought a house or whether a business located. And I think just --- in just a couple of years, to go back on that commitment, I think would be --- would not be good. So I'm hoping that cooler heads will prevail and that transit --- excuse me, transit funding will continue along those lines.

There have been some good advancements with the Port Authority. The search continues for the CEO, and I think the search committee, which is chaired by Jennifer Liptak on the Board, seems to be moving very well. But one of the things we did last week --- again, we were one of the few cities to do this, one of the few transit agencies to do this --- with a partnership with Comcast providing free WiFi at seven of our stations in the downtown and North Shore areas.

We're only the fourth place in the country that has provided this service, the other ones being Boston, Philadelphia and Southern Jersey. So we're --- you know, again, Pittsburgh is progressive when it comes to communication, when it comes to WiFi, when it comes to, you know, working with the new technologies.

So those are some of the things coming down the line with the Port Authority. And again, we're hopeful that this will --- you know, this will, you know, work out to keep this system moving forward.

One of the great announcements or one of the great honors we got just a few weeks ago, late August, CNN called Pittsburgh. They identified ten cities living in the future. Pittsburgh was number one, number one in the world. Number two is Reykjavik, Iceland --- Iceland (changes pronunciation). Excuse me. And the others were Chicago, San Francisco, Singapore, Washington DC, Seattle, Dubai and Oslo. So that's another thing we can sell to our friends at Amazon. But it's a very --- you know, it's a very important thing.

I mean, I remember when I first got elected to council. The first county executive used to tell a joke. And I know Jim was good at telling jokes, much better than I am. But one of the jokes Jim used to tell was he hopes when the world comes to an end --- or when the world comes to an end, what should you do? You should move to

Pittsburgh, because it will happen five years later in Pittsburgh because they're always five years behind the times.

That joke wouldn't work right now because we're always ahead of the times. And I think in the last 17 or 18 years, it's something we can all be proud of that we've become a progressive place where people want to live.

Talking about some of our facilities that want -- -- and some of this I've discussed with you briefly, is emergency services is going to be moving from our Lexington Avenue location to a building out in Moon Township on the airport property.

Again, you know, when I talk about what Christina Cassotis and her team has done, you know, we built --- and mostly, it was a lot of state money and US Airways built a \$30,000,000, you know, communications center --- operations center on airport property. Obviously, when they left here and the merger occurred, et cetera, they were left with an abandoned building. She was able to get that \$30,000,000 building for less than \$2,000,000. I think it was \$1,800,000.

And it has all the modern communication technology that will make it tremendous for us to use, so the county manager has been working on that for some time. The building that we're in, quite frankly, --- and I know many of you have been there --- is not in the best shape. And that's --- that's putting it mildly. You know, it --- it needs an awful lot to bring it up to shape.

It's actually not our building. We lease it from the city. And I think the city would love to get that back on the tax rolls by going out with a developer. Because it's on the busway, there's just a lot of good --- good synergies that --- that --- working with the City of Pittsburgh, that they'll be able to use.

We're also moving our DHS to --- is it Forest Hills, Willy, or Penn Hills?

MR. MCKAIN: Penn Hills.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Penn Hills, I'm sorry. Because I see it on my notes as --- as Penn Hills.

And then the other big move was the county police moving to a building in Greentree. And we invite --- I'm going to invite you to work with the county manager, have the county manager call you. I think it's a tour that you might want to take. I have not been out to the 911 center for many years. I was there when it was

part of US Air. But I was at the county police facility just a couple of weeks ago.

Number one, it's their own building, which is very important. If you recall, they were sharing that building with DHS, so we would be taking witnesses and --- and suspects in violent crimes down the hallway where CYF and children were sharing that.

So we now have --- the county police has its own building with state of the art evidence securing with the video things that they can do, all the good things that they can do, investigations and what our county police are good at, in a very modern building.

So I do invite you to go out there and take a look at it. It's something I think the taxpayers will be very, very proud of --- that your constituents will be very proud of, that we've got a state of the art facility for our, you know, investigations around homicide, drug task force and all the things that they're doing.

Along public safety, I also want to mention is just a --- I guess about a month ago, Councilman DeMarco was here with Congressman Doyle and the US Attorney when we --- when we honored six heroes in law enforcement. Four city police officers, one Port Authority police officer and one sheriff deputy who risked life and limb to --- and were involved in a very violent act against somebody who was an active shooter, and they were given citations by Congressman Doyle.

And again, I think we're so fortunate that we've got, you know, such --- such folks in --- in our community who keep us safe and do these things that --- that we can be very, very proud of.

I mentioned emergency services. And obviously, we'll continue to work with FEMA and PEMA. I think our folks are working in cooperation and any assistance we can give. As Council President DeFazio mentioned about some of the folks and some of the struggles that are going on down in the southern part of our nation, we'll be willing to do that. If you remember a few years ago, we were very active when Katrina hit the folks from New Orleans. And our Human Services and other folks were very helpful working along those lines.

On efficiency, I want to talk a little bit about efficiency. We now use e-signatures to do an awful lot of our contract signing. In doing that, another initiative that the county manager put into place, that's resulted in

over \$30,000 in savings this year, as well as over 900 pounds of paper waste that we have to get rid of. So being able to use e-signatures has been very helpful.

I'm sure you're seeing some of the scaffolding and some of the work going on up on our roof. It's something that we had authorized a number of --- during your last budgetary process. We've got to, you know, protect this building, and starting with the roof is something we're going to be doing. So you're going to be seeing this work go on, you know, really over the next couple of years.

I want to, you know, kind of finish on parks. Last but not least, I mean, the summer has come to an end. But again, I think we've had a very, very successful year when it came to our parks programming, the summer programming, and there's still fall programming. And the books are out. I don't know if you've gotten them as of yet, and Andy can get them to you if you haven't.

But our summer concert series, again, was almost at full capacity. I think the only nights that we didn't have a full house was nights that it rained. The --- the work that Andy and Bill Deese in bringing some of the folks in some of the folks on in, almost 200,000 people showed up. It's a great, great venue that's provided at no charge to our citizens and the taxpayers and I think it's something we can be very, very proud of.

We also had a lot of food trucks and we had craft beer from one of local breweries this year, and brought in over \$40,000 in revenues from some of that. So we're able to put some of that money, obviously, back into the parks and people are enjoying themselves and, you know, it's just a great night out.

We've started the online reservation program, just a while a back. And now over 50 percent of the reservations that are made in our parks are made online. You know, remember the days when you had to show up with a money order or a cashier's check and stand in line? Again, we're trying to make it easier for people to do those things.

We cut a number of ribbons this year. I know some of you were at the pickle ball courts and tennis courts ribbon cutting we had up at North Park, Councilwoman Kirk's district. That's gone very, very well.

The Parks Foundation had a wonderful event just a couple of weeks ago, a twilight picnic, and then last week, had a Pour in the Park event with a lot of craft beer and food and a bands. And it was a really festive night and they're doing some really, really terrific work and we're appreciative of the work that they're doing.

We had the Deer Lakes Portal ribbon cutting with --- Councilman Kress was up there, earlier in June. That's been very --- and Deer Lakes has had a wonderful, wonderful summer with the spray park, the playground, and for nothing. I'm sure, Councilman, you probably could hear from more --- you know, more of the constituents, since you represent that area. But it's gone very well.

And then we opened up the Hartwood Acres Pavilion, the wedding pavilion at Hartwood Acres. It's beautiful. The gardens up there, just --- we're just very proud. And I'm sure you hear, and I hear an awful lot of folks that are very pleased at how our parks have improved over the last couple of years.

And then finally, on programs. Just a couple of years ago, 2015, we had 35 programs. We ramped that up to, this year, over 150 programs in our parks. And in 2015, we had 813 people that participated. This year we had over 9,000 people participate in our programs. So there's a lot more people using our parks. I'm sure if you go through them, you see that both anecdotally and all the things that are going on.

So that's really what I had to talk about. And I certainly want to open up to any questions, Mr. President, that any Members of Council may have.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, I'd like to ask a question first.

I think we have a very possible serious situation with the stable funding of the transit. You said that we had an understanding, a few years ago with Governor Corbett. What kind of an understanding? Was there any kind of an agreement or ---?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, I think the commitment was that they had funded it with the revenue sources. We provided a \$5 fee a couple of years ago.

And the commitment was, because if you remember at the time, Mr. President, we weren't fixing bridges. We were actually falling behind. Not a lot of improving things, but we --- the Liberty Bridge, the Greenfield Bridge. You could go on and on about all the roads and

bridges that were underfunded and how we would --- had fallen behind.

And transit was one of those areas we had made some significant cuts. I know we did a series of cuts in 2011, right before I took office. And I think there was another series of cuts, either in 2007 or 2008. So we went from over 200 bus routes at our peak, to --- we're now at a 102. So almost half of the bus routes went away.

Some of it probably, we rightsized it and there was efficiencies that the Port Authority was able to garner. But if we cut it even more, we're going to be leaving people, you know, kind of out in the cold.

So the commitment was made. I don't know if it was made written. I can't answer that, Mr. President. But I know we all stood, the governor, the leaders in the legislature, the leaders of PennDOT, the transportation department, that now we've got stable funding for the next ten years, and we do.

But if that gets raided by putting it into the general fund, I guess, you know, that's the problem I think we have.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have a lot of possible good things happening. If something would happen here, that would throw a monkey wrench into Amazon and everything else, in my opinion. I think we got to make sure --- find a way to make sure that this doesn't happen.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, if we can communicate with our representatives in Harrisburg, both in the senate, in the house, and weigh in with the governor's office, that this is an important function that we've got to continue. So that --- yeah.

And I've done that and I'm asking everybody to do that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thank you.

Who else had their hand ---? Wait a minute.

I think --- go ahead, Representative Macey.

MR. MACEY: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of Council and Chief Executive.

Having been on the Airport Authority during the reorganization of US Airways and through the 9/11 situation that we just, I guess, had an anniversary of, so to speak, I just think that the airport has done so much to make this area a destination of choice for many businesses, as well as visitors.

But on the other hand, I think we have an airport that can be equally utilized in many cases, such as education. It can be a hub for maintenance and also, a reliever airport, which it is, and that's the Allegheny County Airport.

I've seen a tremendous amount of work and reconstruction going on at that airport, and I certainly want to thank the Airport Authority. And I think with your leadership, a lot of that has --- has come about.

I believe that we, in Allegheny County, are blessed with two wonderful airports, and I was wondering if you could shed a little light on the Allegheny County Airport and what's going on in my neck of the woods, so to speak.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, Councilman, I don't have some of the details. I know they've put some --- done some investment on refurbishing. I've seen some of the work. I've been out to see it. I don't know --- and I think, you know, we've had good cooperation with the West Mifflin municipality as well as the West Mifflin School District on making sure we can stabilize hangars, rentals and leases and things from the corporate community over there.

It's obviously not a commercial airport for the general public. It's a private --- in some ways, a public airport, but for private businesses, corporate jets, et cetera.

So I'll have to get you some of the information. I don't know if there's any plans in this master plan that will specifically talk about the county airport, but I'll pass that on to Director Cassotis and we'll try and get that information for you.

MR. MACEY: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I think Representative DeMarco was next, then we'll go down this way and back that way. Go ahead.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. County Executive, thank you very much for the way you phrased that when you talked about potential cuts in the Port Authority funding. Because I agree any type of cuts would be a significant issue.

But having read the newspaper articles that were released yesterday, and seeing the report on WTAE, I did reach out to the legislators in Harrisburg who are part of the group that are looking to try to structure this

budget. And I believe, as you said, cooler heads will prevail, because they've assured me that there are no cuts planned for public transportation here.

And they talked about the budget that they're looking to, where these funds are coming from. They said for every one of these specific funds, there's both a savings account and a checking account. And they are not looking at taking anything from the checking account or anything that has funds that are committed to anything at this point in time.

So hopefully, what they've told me is accurate. And when we --- they finally come up with something here, we're going to be fine in Allegheny County.

And I appreciate the way that you phrased it, that it's --- if this occurs. And we don't get folks, you know, worked up over something that hopefully, will not occur.

So thank you very much for that and all your hard work.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: No, I thank you, Mr. Councilman. I appreciate those words.

And I'm hoping you're accurate. I hope what you're saying is --- is the case. I've heard different things in talking to different folks. Some are optimistic and some are not so optimistic, and that's probably people's nature.

It would be very hurtful, I think, as --- in a region that's really growing again. So I hope --- again, we'll see how it comes out.

We don't want to overly undue --- unduly alarm folks. You're right. Let's see how it all plays out.

We know these budgetary issues in Harrisburg have been kind of an annual thing that goes on and we worry about, whether it's human services or transportation or education, et cetera, et cetera.

So we'll see where the dust settles once they finally arrive at something ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's go down this way. Go ahead, Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: Good evening, Rich Fitzgerald, County Executive.

I was wondering, are we making any progress in the opioid epidemic in Allegheny County, and what are the plans to curb the tide? And have we made plans and

preparations to protect our police officers from accidentally getting exposed to fentanyl or opioids?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, as you know, most of the police officers that are out there walking the beat and on the front lines are municipal police, other than probably Wilmerding and maybe a few other places. We kind of go in --- are part of task force and investigations.

And I know our folks are working, without putting too much out there. And we don't want to compromise any confidence. But I know they're working in collaboration with the U.S. Attorney's Office, with the State Attorney General's Office and with local police.

And I know that is a concern of our Health Department on the opioid and they've been working very collaboratively with a lot of partners.

I can't say that we're going to have better numbers this year than last year, because we didn't have better numbers the year before. It's a scourge of this country right now that's happening everywhere. We're like everybody else trying to deal with it.

We certainly want to protect our law enforcement officers for some of the dangerous narcotics that are out there and going around.

And I think some of the training that we've done around Narcan and some of the rescuing that --- that has gone on, I'm actually very proud of the work that some of our local law enforcement have been able to do.

We're very fortunate that they do this. But this is one of those challenges that law enforcement is going to be part of it. The medical community is going to be part of it. Treatment and getting folks off of the addiction is going to be part of it. So this is one of those very, very difficult challenges that I think all of us are going to have to work together to try to solve.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Going back down there. Representative Catena?

MR. CATENA: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. County Executive, thank you for your leadership and vision, obviously. We had some exciting news about the future of the airport today. What do you think the future looks like with the transit situation out there, with the whole airport corridor? Obviously, we're primed for economic development throughout that entire corridor, but

the transit situation might not be the best. So how do we make it better? What are your ideas? Obviously, you can't look into a crystal ball. But what do you think we can do to possibly improve it?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, there were people sitting in your seat, a few years ago, that asked me what we could do at the airport to get more flights. And I think the best thing I could do is maybe bring somebody in that knows a heck of a lot more than me about doing that.

And the Board went out and did a search. The search was led by, at the time, Economic Development Director Dennis Davin, who's now Secretary Davin. He hired a search firm and we found somebody that's really moved that forward.

This time, we have Jennifer Liptak chairing that committee. She hired the same search firm that we used to find Director Cassotis. And I'm hoping when we get this dynamic director, that they will be --- you know, have some innovative ideas. Transit, technology, everything's changing and --- around, you know, driverless vehicles and ride share and you know, all the things that are going on.

You know, and you mentioned the airport corridor. We've got a cracker plant that's going to be coming online, employing thousands of people, an airport corridor that's growing jobs that's happening as we speak.

So to be able to get folks to there, and to be able to promise businesses who want to locate there that they will have a transit line that will be provided for them, is a good economic development strategy.

And I know when Director Hurley and I go meet with companies, they really bring up two things. They bring up --- transportation and transit being one of them, and workforce development. You know, worried about having enough skilled workers over the next decade.

So anyway, we're hopeful that this new director will come in and give us some guidance, and give the board guidance, and give all of us in the community and work with all the stakeholders.

One of the things I think Director Cassotis did when she came in is, she met with so many people in the community, met with our universities, met with our Allegheny Conference folks, met with community leaders, met with the convention, VisitPITTSBURGH. So all of the stakeholders that were brought into the mix, helped her

put a strategy together that's --- that's, to this point, has been very successful.

So I'm hoping this new director is also very, you know, very communicative and works with, say, the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, and the Airport Chamber of Commerce, and all the different stakeholders throughout the community that would benefit from improved and efficient transit.

MR. CATENA: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you, Mr. President.

Chief, I have a couple issues I wanted to discuss with you. One is, you know, it's great stuff getting all the jobs and stuff that's being done here. But as you well know, transportation has become a major thing. And the thought of 50,000 more people in the city, I don't even know. I mean, I think that some thought needs to be given.

When I had come to this meeting from Brentwood, it took me five minutes to get from Brentwood to Becks Run and 50 minutes to get from Becks Run to the courthouse.

Being the relationship that you have with the mayor, I think one of the things might be some old school traffic cops, just during the rush hour, at some of these major intersections. Like, that 10th Street Bridge is a nightmare, what's going on there during rush hour. So that might be some thought.

And the thought of --- I know for years, they talked about buying some right-of-way along the river to the airport, to try to take some of the congestion off of the parkway there, too. So that might be a thing.

As you all know, I'll be finishing up my 10th year in my final term at the end of this, and I don't know if I'll have an opportunity to see everybody at the same time.

And one of the things that we had discussed for years was my idea of the walk of fame. And I was wondering, you know, have you given it any thought? Is it ever going to, you know ---?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: That's part --- that's part of the discussion we have had with the --- the architectural firm, how we're going to be redesigning --- not redesigning, you know, updating the courthouse.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Okay.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: So as we modernize the courthouse, this beautiful, beautiful structure, obviously starting with the roof --- but that's one of the things that we've already discussed with them, to figure out a way to honor some of the great individuals who have made our history so great, whether they're industrialists, whether they're artists, whether they're educators, public servants, et cetera, et cetera. So I think --- no, that's something that I --- I talk to them and the manager does, all the time.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Good.

One other thing, and it's --- you know, as the Public Safety Chair, I'm always trying to think out of the box. And one of the things I probably won't get a chance to complete, but I'd like if you could give some thought to the fact that a lot of the police officers that --- carry these Narcan. But I saw an article on the news the other day about a police officer, I think it was around Sharon, that saved the young lady's life who had an allergic reaction to some kind of a spider or a bee sting, and they say she would've died.

And I always thought it would be a good idea considering that the officers are carrying opioid --- or Narcan pens, that maybe an EpiPen wouldn't be a bad idea in a police car also. Because like I said, they had it on the news that this woman clearly would've passed away.

That being said, you know, getting ready to finish up. I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to allow me to participate in some of the successes that have happened in this county in the last ten years.

And I'd like to take a minute that you have your whole staff here, to thank Mr. McKain for all the tolerant aggravation that I've given him over the years in trying to get some things done. And to the rest of your staff, your directors and your chiefs, I'd like to thank you personally for --- you and your staffs for all the work and trying to make me look good, and some of the things that we've been able to accomplish. As the Public Safety Chair, Chief Superintendent of Police, the Emergency Chief, thank you for your professionalism.

And I know --- you know, I know that the guy who got the toughest job in the room is the warden. I know that now. Thank you for your professionalism and --- and the hard work that you do. And some of the guys they come up with, Deputy Director Thompson, Director Reardon,

Director Tyskiewicz, you know, thank you guys for all the hard work.

And Dr. Williams and Dr. Hacker, thank you for tolerating my aggravation, too. And thank you to the rest of you, also. I don't want to take ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, Councilman, let me just --- this isn't my last time here this year. I'm going to be ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Well, I don't know if I'll ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Oh, okay.

Well, I'll be here in a few more weeks with the budget address and then I'll be back in December.

But let me just say, absolutely, a lot of successes over that last ten years, you've been a big part of and ---

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: --- the support that you've made. And again, you know, I've made light of the, you know, Jim Roddy joke of a decade and --- or so ago. And there was a lot of truth to what he said. We were, I think, in many ways behind the times. And I think where we've come as a region is something we can be very proud of.

And I think, quite frankly, having a progressive government, changing the three commissioner system form of government to having a county council and county executive form of government that represents people in every corner of this county. That did not happen for decades and ---

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: --- decades. And I think, again, it's improved the culture, if you will, and I think that you've been a big part of that, so ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Well, thank you. I just wanted to say when I think about it, and I hate to admit this publicly, when I think about some of the fights you and I have had over the last ten years, there's a lot of the stuff that you were right. And thank you for giving me the ability to think out of the box.

I hate to say it, but if anybody ever heard me and him ---

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Could you call ---?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: --- when we go at it ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Could you call my wife and tell her, like there's --- there's times that I'm right?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No. I ain't getting in the middle of that one.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Looking down to my left, Representative Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, Members of Council. I just wanted --- Rich, I wanted to thank you, personally, for all the --- all the issues and all the problems that we had down at South Park over the years, and I know you were instrumental in coming down there and watching and looking over things on Corrigan Drive and the problems we were having down there with traffic. And I'm really proud of the fact that the --- the county, we've been very proactive.

I'm down there just about every week. And the traffic, I want to tell you, is so much better, so much slower. People come up now, and there --- I've never seen so many crowds down there as I have this summer. It's been great.

And Andy and Clarence, I wanted to tell you, too, the parks never looked better. Whoever's putting those flowers and the flower boxes and all that down in Corrigan, it really looks beautiful. And I'm proud to be able to go down there.

And most of the time, I have people accosting me about this or that or the other thing. Now all of a sudden, they're saying, boy, you know, this really looks great. This is a nice idea. This was wonderful, where before, when we initiated all that, they were ready to hang me. So --- so I'm ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, that's nice to hear, Councilman. And really, you mentioned it well.

Andy and Clarence and the team down there, they spend a lot of time talking to folks, hearing what the community has to say. They take it to the county manager and then he sees if he can implement, if we have the resources to do some of the things.

But we've tried to work in that park in particular, with the folks from Bethel Park and South Park Township, because they represent those areas. That's their communities. And I think they've been very --- it's been a good collaboration, as it has been in other communities throughout the county. So we want to continue that partnership.

Again, that's the kind of thing that's going to sell an Amazon, why to come here. You got wonderful, beautiful parks. That's just one thing that we've got that I don't think other communities have to the level that we have.

MR. PALMIERE: And I thank you again. Thank you, guys.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Chief Executive, for coming down today.

I just wanted to point out, I was handed this paper by our county manager showing that the revenue increase when we rent out our venues --- we're renting out the court house for weddings and different things. In 2016, it was \$5,000. Now, it's up to \$29,000 for this year.

So it's good that we're actually making our assets more marketable for people to come here and utilize our assets, but also bringing money into the county instead of going to taxpayers. So I think to say that's --- it's a great thing that we're doing here at the county. I'd like to thank your administration.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, I know that's something, Councilman, you've talked about for a number of years, and you were very supportive of us doing that.

And I got to give, you know, a lot of kudos to Kevin Evanto and the marketing department who have really gone out and sold --- weddings are here, you know, many, many weekends, almost every weekend in the parks. We're really trying, again, be proactive and do some of the things in a way that makes sense.

And I think, you know, the folks that want to have weddings here in our courthouse, it's a beautiful setting to have it. Now up in Hartwood, to --- to do that. I know that's something Councilman Futules, a number of years ago, suggested that we do.

So you know, all working together, I think we can continue to move forward. Those numbers are impressive that you mentioned. That's quite an increase. And if we can continue along that path, it will be --- it will be good for the taxpayers and good for the citizens of this county.

MR. KRESS: That's great. And also, I just want to say, too, about the Deer Lakes Park. I'm actually getting a lot of compliments from people who don't even

live in my district, from people like in McCandless, Richland Township. The word is spreading about how nice Deer Lakes is now, since we've put all that money into the park. So thank you again, for all the good work.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more, thank you very much.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President. We'll see you in a few weeks for the budget address. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public comment on agenda items?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have none. Approval of minutes?

MR. BARKER: Also none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: None. Appointments? We'll go down to 10278-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Margaret McCormick Barron to serve as a member of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for a term to expire on May 23rd, 2019. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Sure. I'm going to defer this to Councilman Palmiere who actually held the hearings for me.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Kress and --- and Mr. President. It was Margaret McCormick Barron, these people --- last week, we had the hearing. And they are some of the most qualified people I've seen coming down there in a long time for these appointments. And I move that we --- for approval.

MS. MEANS: Second.

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. 10287-17. Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Councilman Palmiere, can you handle this one, too?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes, thank you. Again, Amy is --- I'll tell you, it was --- it was really great.

And anybody that can make those Appointment Review Committee meetings at some point in time, I really suggest that you do that because it's a wonderful opportunity to meet the people that are so qualified and so dedicated to what they're doing. It was --- it's a --- it's been a revelation over the past year, for me to get down to this many meetings.

And I just want to move for approval for ---.

MR. MACEY: Second.

MS. MEANS: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify ---. Go ahead.

MR. MACEY: Yeah. I --- I would just like to say that I personally know Amy Schrempf, and this will be her last term. And she has served the PAAR Board exemplary. I mean, she's just been great. And if anybody has a problem, she's always approachable. It's not like she's hiding from those individuals who have issues with their property assessments. So you know, I certainly appreciate her work. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Seeing no other comments, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
10276-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Townsquare Live Events, LLC to use the outdoor space adjacent to and behind the structure known as the Amphitheatre in the County's Hartwood Acres Park to conduct an event entitled The Glow Jack-O-Lantern Experience. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere, you ---?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President.

We also, last week, had the parks meeting on this issue.

Mr. President, last year --- or they were here earlier, and we were hoping to get this accomplished for this year. But unfortunately, they were unable to do this. So we approved this for the future, for next year, and I move for approval.

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. Liaison reports? See ---.

MS. MEANS: Point --- point of order.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What's your point?

MS. MEANS: Don't we usually take a roll call for legislation, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, this here is --- it's an ordinance. You're right. So we should --- we should take a roll call. We'll do it. It's an ordinance. So go ahead, take the roll.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve bill number 10276-17, 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: Okay. Again, Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: We're on liaison reports?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes, liaison ---.

MR. MACEY: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of Council.

I just want to advise everybody that on September 16th at 3:00 p.m., there's going to be an event held at the Carrie Furnaces. And that will be held in Rankin, and it's called Mon Valley Sizzles. Now, this organization has been put together by seven different nonprofit agencies who will benefit from the profits, or the net income from the event.

There will be bands, beverages, food. There's going to be plenty of malted beverages for those who like that. And it's just going to be a great opportunity, not only for you to hear bands and to interact with other people and the nonprofits, you'll also get a chance to see what steelmaking was all about back in its heyday.

So that --- so don't forget, that's September 16th at 3:00 p.m. at the Mon Valley Sizzles. And that's at the Carrie Furnaces in Rankin. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. Who else? Okay. Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: No, Ms. --- Ms. Means.

MS. MEANS: Oh, thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: Go ahead. You were first.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Flip a coin.

MS. MEANS: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: I just wanted to thank Bethel Park on their successful community day, which was a parade which was on Saturday the 9th. It was a great success.

And also the new municipal manager of Bethel Park held a town hall meeting on August 31st, which was also very successful. And in attending, we heard from the EMS service and we also heard from the chief of police about the opioid crisis, and what they're doing there in the South Hills. And it was very disconcerting to find out that the price of Narcan has dramatically increased, and even tripled.

So that was very distress --- you know, that is putting a tax on our police, on our EMS services, that the

medication to reverse the side effects of an overdose is increasing. And also, they shared how the EMS services are being financially strapped also, because they may --- they have to respond to emergency, and they may or may not be reimbursed by the --- you know, from the event that they go and they rescue.

And then I want people to also --- and to thank all our first response --- all of our first responders; police, firemen, paramedics, everyone that rushes into danger to protect our citizens and to help our citizens. So I so much appreciate it.

And I think so much of what's going on in Florida and Texas. And again, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, all those places where our first responders really put their lives on the line to help our fellow citizens.

And then to make --- and I know I made a comment two weeks ago, but I want to remind people. When you give to a charity, think --- look at their overhead. Brother's Brother Foundation, every dollar you give to the hurricane effort for Harvey and Irma, every cent is going to go --- there's no overhead --- to help the people. And also Samaritan's Purse is \$.98 cents out of every dollar goes straight to help the people. So there's a lot of good organizations out there, but check and make sure they're legitimate.

And again, our hearts and our thoughts and our prayers go to the people who've been harmed, who've lost their jobs, who've lost their cars, their houses. And we're with you and we hope you're going to come back soon.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, Members of Council.

A couple of things, Mr. President. I just wanted to acknowledge that I had the pleasure and honor --- walking in --- with the Labor Day --- at the Labor Day parade, this year. It's one of the biggest, if not the biggest in the United States Labor Day parades. It was just wonderful to be down there and get a chance to see a lot of friends, a lot of people. And it was a beautiful day and I just wanted to, you know, make mention of that.

And also, I want to give a shout out to the South Park Township's community day coming up this coming Saturday. Okay?

And I don't have any more particulars about that, but South Park Township, a beautiful area out there. Just get out there. I'm sure you'll find --- you'll be able to find your way to --- you know, for the festivities.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Hi, thank you. I'd just like to congratulate the town of McCandless for their successful community day, also on the 9th. They had a parade.

And what was nice was they had the booths where --- like I was able to provide resources that the county offers people, like the senior book we have. And many people were interested in that. It lists all the resources that our citizens can use. And they're also very interested in the parks book that we had. People love it, and I could see a lot of comments positive about the parks that day. So thank you for that.

And also add the Knights of Columbus is another organization where every penny goes. And as a matter of fact, they're still in Haiti helping those people. They never left. They're still getting limbs for the kids who lost their limbs. They never left, that --- anyone is left, helping. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We'll go Representative Baker, then to ---.

MR. BAKER: Thanks, Mr. President. As the county executive mentioned, today really was a historic day in district one, in our county. It was --- it was really amazing. I was reminiscing on the drive away from the airport today. Just thinking back to the announcement event that we had a couple years ago with Christina Cassotis, and just how far along the airport and the region has really come with her addition, and just the incredible work and collaboration that's taken place. So it was a great day. I'm glad that Councilman DeMarco and I were there for that.

I will say we were there, last Friday, at the Chamber Legislative Breakfast. And I will inform my colleagues, we were asked questions this year. Last year, I think Sam and I got maybe one or two questions. But this year, we actually --- we stepped our game up. And a

lot of times, it --- the state reps and the state senators get the --- the most of the questions. But it was great as always, to be involved with that event, for sure.

We had a nice taping of episode number six of our public access show in Moon Township, if anyone's ever tuned into it. We had Coach Andy Toole from Robert Morris basketball, Ray McCutcheon from Coraopolis. Our good joint friend, Anita Kulik was on the TV show, Stacy Riebach from Senator Reschenthaler's office and Rob Harper from the Moon School Board.

So I'll have to send out some links for our TV show that we have in Moon. It's on their public access channel there. It's kind of like Wayne's World for local government and for doing good. But it's --- I hear that people watch it and like it in Moon, so that's a good thing.

We had an amazing ceremony on Friday at Robert Morris University. You know, a lot of people did a lot of different things in memory and in honor of everyone --- in memory of everyone that passed away on 9/11.

Last Friday, I spent a couple hours with the students at Robert Morris. They put in a flag in the ground for every person that passed away on 9/11. And to see 50, 60 students out there just putting flags in the ground, it was inspiring. It was touching.

And the speech that I gave to them before they started putting the flags in --- you know, I was asking just how old were you guys when 9/11 happened? And to --- to think about, you know, a lot of them were like, in preschool and in first grade. And it was just amazing to hear their experiences, and the fact that care so much, and that they were a part of that. It was just --- it was really special.

And the final thing I'll mention, it's a joint event that we have coming up on September 27th. The county executive and I are doing a joint state of the county event, and it is almost sold out. We only have nine seats remaining for that event, and it's at the Northland Public Library.

This is Love Your Library Month. We'll be falling for our library this Saturday night at the Western Allegheny Library in North Fayette. So if anyone has friends or folks that want to come to that, that should be a really good event, so the county exec and I can have a sold out crowd. It should be a nice night.

So thanks, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Representative Catena?

MR. CATENA: Thank you, Mr. President.

Turn on my mic --- just a few things this evening.

First, I'd like to congratulate Robinson Township on their Autumn Fest. They had an outstanding Autumn Fest this weekend, highly well attended, probably in excess of 5,000 people there. It was a great event overall, and I enjoyed being part of it.

Secondly, we're --- everybody up here, we're part-time legislators. And we depend upon our staff very heavily because we get lots of questions on a daily basis, lots of different things, lots of opportunities for us to interact with our municipalities and our constituents.

But I would like to say that our Chief of Staff, Ken Varhola, has been with us for a little while now and it's a great pleasure to have him in that position. He's made things much easier and basically helped out immensely in getting things done and making sure the trains run on time, especially for me. I don't know about the rest of my fellow council members, if they feel the same, but he's been of great help. So again, I'd like to applaud your efforts, Mr. Varhola. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. CATENA: That's it. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Seeing no more hands ---.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, I just want to know how old was Councilman Baker in 2004?

MR. BAKER: I was in college. I was in college with the gentleman in the back in the white shirt, actually.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Moving right along, we'll go down to 10300-17.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into Health and Human Service Committee.

MS. MEANS: What ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. What?

MS. MEANS: Shouldn't it go to parks, Mr. ---?

MR. PALMIERE: I was going to say, Mr. President, ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, yeah, I'm sorry. I thought --- yeah, it does go to --- yeah. That goes to Parks. Wasn't --- that was John?

MS. MEANS: Yeah, yeah.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, I said ---.

MS. MEANS: Yeah, Parks --- Parks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Okay. Yeah, I got it. I meant --- yeah, he's on both --- okay.

10301-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Mon Valley Express Drum & Bugle Corps, also known as Mon Valley Express, Incorporated, to use a structure on Brownsville Road in the County's South Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That would also go to Parks --- would be Parks Committee. Okay. And then we go down to 10302-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office to accept a donation of a 2017 bi-fuel Chevrolet Tahoe, Vehicle Identification Number 1GNSKFEC6HR287917, Model K15706, by Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC, subsequent to their purchase of the vehicle in accordance with, and in support of, the PNG Clean and Green Project promoting the reduction of carbon emissions. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That would go to Public Safety Committee. Then we go down to 10303-17.

MR. BARKER: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing the President of Council to conduct public hearings, pursuant to §801.05 of the Administrative Code on Tuesday, November 14th, at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 15th, at 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 16th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Gold Room of the Allegheny County Courthouse. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein, do you ---?

MR. KLEIN: As chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, I offer this motion authorizing the president to conduct public hearings on the budget on the

aforementioned dates. And do we need council approval on this, a vote on this? Yeah.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, just make a motion ---.

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. KLEIN: I'm making a motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: He made a motion --- second. Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
10305-17.

MR. BARKER: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County to confirm Sarah Roka's promotion from budget assistant to budget manager, effective today, Tuesday, September 12th, 2017. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President.

We have spent a significant amount of time going over a review process, changing the position description, posting and interviewing candidates to fill the position vacated by Walt Szymanski.

I'm really pleased to put forth this motion confirming the selection, our selection of Sarah Roka to become that --- to fill that position.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?
Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: I'd like to be added as a cosponsor to the motion, and I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Sarah Roka for a wonderful interview the last weekend. Certainly deserving. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative --- who was it, Denise?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Thank you, Mr. President. I also want to congratulate Sarah. She's done a tremendous job in the interim and she is well deserving of this position. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes. At this time, I'd like to also be a sponsor and anybody else that wants to be ---.

MR. KRESS: Yeah, we can all just ---.

MR. MACEY: Ditto.

MR. KLEIN: Yes, all of us.

MR. BARKER: Does anyone not want to be added? Maybe that'd be the better way of doing it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Who doesn't want --- okay. Everybody wants to.

Okay. Represent ---?

MR. BARKER: Looks like everybody? Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to say that Sarah has been a tremendous help to me personally, with a lot of the work that I do that she --- I just give it to her and not think about it again. So congratulations. I wish you a lot of luck. You're going to do a great job.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. I haven't talked this much in, Jesus ---.

Sarah, I just wanted to congratulate you and wish you well in your future endeavors here. We're really glad to have you aboard.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. At this time, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
10304-17.

MR. BARKER: Communication summarizing approved Executive Actions from August 1st through August 31st, 2017.

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

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Public comment on agenda items, we don't have any.

MR. BARKER: We have none.

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second?

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:30 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

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