

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:

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 remain standing for silent prayer or reflection?

After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 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: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: All 15 members are here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10306-17.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation declaring Friday,  
October 6, 2017 to be "David Alan Day" in Allegheny  
County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

MR. BAKER: All right. Thank you, Mr.  
President.

I'm going to call up David Alan. David, if you can join us here? Congratulations.

Just to let everyone in the room and all of my council colleagues know a little bit about David Alan, we became friends about a year and a half ago through American Cancer Society. I was part of the inaugural class of Real Men Wear Pink. And I think for last October, literally wore pink every day. David is in the second year of --- of the program.

But last year, David was nice enough to host the fashion show that raised over \$14,000 for American Cancer Society. And beyond just raising those funds, also brought an incredible amount of awareness, outreach, exposure for American Cancer Society and all the incredible work that the organization is doing.

So he's having the fashion show again, next Friday night. Council members, you're all invited. Friends in the crowd, you're all invited.

Alvin can attest to the fact that I'm going to have a very sharp suit at it, so it's going to be a great event next Friday night. But David Alan is really putting Pittsburgh on the map in a lot of ways, truly giving us a name throughout the country, throughout the world, working with a lot of celebrities in sports and entertainment to make sure that they're hearing about all the good things going on in Allegheny County.

So we're really proud of David Alan who's also using his platform to do good.

Right?

If you go into business and are becoming successful, find a way to do good, and David Alan is definitely doing that, doing that through American Cancer Society and the difference that he's making.

So I'm hoping for a good success for the second year of Real Men Wear Pink. As a member of the inaugural class, I think we're better. But you guys are, I'm sure, doing a very good job as well. And hopefully, the goal is that the organization raises more money every year. And I'm sure that at the fashion show, we're going to have a great time next Friday night, and it's going to be a great success.

So with that, we're going to read the Proclamation, then we'll have David say a couple words. I know we have a lot of his friends and family here as well, just to mention them. Bernadette Speer is here. That's

mom. Hi, mom. His dad, Lawrence Speer, I think right there with the green jacket. Tiffany Alvin, who was nice enough to fit me for my suit a couple weeks ago. Chris Cowan.

Flick --- you might recognize Mike Flick from the radio. He --- he has been on the radio. He was 100.7, now he's down at 92.9. But he was the man in the box for Salvation Army for a number of years, so Flick does a lot of great work.

MS. KIRK: I'll recognize him when he talks.

MR. BAKER: Oh, you'll recognize him when he talks, yeah. We'll have to make sure that after David speaks, you'll --- you will recognize his voice. That is a good point, Cindy.

So we got --- we got Brandon Rumbaugh, Mike Speer, Kate Speer and Jacob --- Jacob Sivastio.

So did I get it right ---? Close enough, okay.

So thank you all for supporting David in his efforts. I know he's got a great team assembled with David Alan, with Flick and Calvin and --- and they're just doing --- doing great --- and with Alvin, they're doing great work. So we're really proud of them.

With that, we'll read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common diagnosis in women in the United States and the second leading cause of death in women. In 2017, an estimated 316,120 new cases of breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is dedicated to helping people who face cancer and determine to save lives from breast cancer by promoting early detection and prevention, funding groundbreaking research and providing comprehensive support; and

WHEREAS, local entrepreneur David Alan founded David Alan Clothing in 2014, and through his work, focuses on raising money for the first American Cancer Society --- raising money for American Cancer Society and helping create a world with less cancer and more birthdays; and

WHEREAS, the Second Annual David Alan Clothing Fashion Show will take place on October 6th, 2017, next Friday at Room 16 where local Pittsburgh celebrities, athletes and business folks will model David Alan clothing on the runway to help raise awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society and the breast cancer initiative; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County Council does recognize David Alan and David Alan Clothing Company for its continuous dedication and effort as they strive to help create a world free from the pain and suffering of breast cancer. Council commends his company's efforts and we urge all residents, schools, businesses and civic leaders to continue David Alan's strong commitment to preventing, treating and ultimately curing breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of Allegheny County Council do hereby proclaim Friday, October 6th, 2017 as David Alan Day in Allegheny County.

Sponsored by myself and presented by council on this 26th day of September. Congratulations, David Alan.

(Applause.)

MR. ALAN: First of all, thank you all for allowing us this opportunity.

You know, whenever we started the idea two and a half years ago, three years ago, to actually build a business --- and we wanted to make it more meaningful than just a business. And the American Cancer Society has fortunate --- fortunately been that platform to really help us out.

Cancer, to me, is one of those things that everybody in this room, you can look around and somebody's probably been impacted in some way. It doesn't matter race. It doesn't matter how much money you have. It doesn't matter if anything. It attacks, and attacks, and attacks.

And last year at the inaugural event for our fashion show, to be able to raise almost \$15,000 in a few hours was absolutely incredible. Our goal this year is to hopefully double that. And we have a lot more kind of in our sleeve for this year and --- and I hope everybody can make that.

We can't thank everybody for the support that Pittsburgh has given us. I made a --- a staple to stay in this town. We have a few things that we're trying to do to really change this area from a manufacturing standpoint over the next 24 months. And truly, this is home for us and home for our team and --- and the people that have believed in us since day one.

So we can't thank everybody enough. We hope to see you all October 6th, Room 16 in the Strip District.

Once again, thank you on behalf of all of our team and family. We appreciate it.

(Applause.)

MR. BARKER: Do we want to hear Flick's voice real fast?

Flick, do you want to --- I mean, Flick's working with the company now.

MR. FLICK: This is --- this is the strangest thing I've ever emceed.

I've been fortunate enough to work with David over the past about year and a half. And he's an incredible guy and I --- I've worked with --- I've done a ton of charity work myself throughout the city for different organizations. And I can truly say that not only is he a keen businessman, but in everything that he does, he's looking for an opportunity to give back and --- and push the ball forward in the community.

So I would like to commend David for that, and for building the great team that we have here and --- and like Tom and David both have. And thank you, Councilman Baker, for inviting us here today.

We'd love to see you all on October 6th down at the fashion show. It's going to be an amazing event.

And David, congratulations again on the proclamation. You deserve it.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: So we'll grab a quick group photo.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10307-17, and the rest of the proclamations and certificates will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: We actually had one change. 10318-17 is now going to be presented. That's a proclamation declaring the week of September 24th through 30th, 2017 to be "Adult Education and Family Literacy Week" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member DeMarco.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President.

Could I ask Marie Scott and Nancilee Burzachechi from CCAC to please step up here?

Thank you, ladies. Good to meet you. Good to meet you.

This proclamation is to recognize Adult Education and Family Literacy Week.

About two weeks ago on September 13th, the Post-Gazette had an article in which they talked about the changing demographics in Pitt --- the City of Pittsburgh. And what they talked about, they were ranking Pittsburgh against numerous other cities across the country.

And while we --- while we were ranked 63rd in population, we were ranked 18th in the number of people in our city who had college degrees. Forty-five (45).7 percent of the residents in the City of Pittsburgh or here in Allegheny County, have college degrees. So that's great news there. But for the rest of us, it doesn't mean that it's too late.

Okay?

The National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week takes place on September 25th through the 30th, 2017, and is an excellent opportunity to show your support for this important work.

Adult education serves adults 18 years of age and older who no longer are enrolled in school and who are functioning below the 12th grade level. Services include teaching foundation skills in reading, math and English, coupled with college and career readiness skills that lead to employment or the transition to post-secondary education or certifications.

Public schools, community colleges, libraries and community-based organizations offer programs at the local level. The demand for more educated workers continues to grow. By 2020, 65 percent of all jobs will require some level of postsecondary education. Yet nearly half of the U.S. workforce, about 88 million of 188 million adults aged 18 to 64, has only a high school education or less and/or low English proficiency.

By next year, only ten percent of jobs will be open to those who fail to complete high school and only 28 percent will be open to those with only a high school diploma.

Finally, according to the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, of the 11.6 million American jobs created since the great recession ended in late 2010 --- excuse me, 11.5 million, 99 percent, went to workers who had at least some post-high school education.

In a recent survey, 92 percent of business leaders thought that U.S. workers lacked necessary skills.

So we believe adult education is also a smart investment because low skilled adults are two times more

likely to be unemployed, three times more likely to be in poverty, four times more likely to be in poor health and eight times more likely to be incarcerated. Educating adults creates stronger communities, and that's what we're here for.

Higher education levels are correlated with lower rates of chronic diseases like diabetes and asthma, and a mother's education level is the highest determinate of a child's academic success. Inmate participation in adult education reduces recidivism by 29 percent.

Folks, this is why we wanted to take and recognize this week officially here in Allegheny County, and we've prepared a proclamation. And I've asked these two wonderful ladies here from CCAC, because what better place do we have here in Allegheny County to help provide secondary education, to join me here.

WHEREAS, more than 36 million Americans can't read or write at the most basic level, while 60 million lack basic math skills as well as the credentials and skills necessary to succeed in postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, every year, one in three young adults drops out of high school; and

WHEREAS, the American Action Forum estimates that by 2020, America will be short an estimated seven and a half million private sector workers across all skills levels; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping Americans --- Americans move along the continuum in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and get prepared for career and college; and

WHEREAS, adult education programs in high schools and adult schools, community colleges and community centers offer low cost, high value programs that upgrade the skillset of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the National Educate and Elevate Campaign which helps our citizens learn about all of their adult education options to attain their professional and personal goals; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the need to raise public awareness about the need for and value of adult education and family literacy. Its goal is to



leverage resources that support access to basic education programs for the 36 million United States adults with low literacy skills. Allegheny County Council urges everyone across Allegheny County to use this opportunity to elevate adult education and family literacy nationwide, with policy makers, the media and the community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the members of Allegheny County Council, do hereby declare September 24th through September 30th, 2017 to be Adult Education and Family Literacy Week in Allegheny County.

Sponsored by County Council Member Sam DeMarco and presented this 26th day of September, 2017.

Thank you very much, ladies, for bringing this to our attention ---

(Applause.)

MR. DEMARCO: --- and for encouraging this wonderful cause.

Would you like to say a few words?

MS. SCOTT: All right, I sure would. Thank you.

MR. DEMARCO: Sure.

MS. SCOTT: Thank you, Councilman DeMarco. Since he covered the stats, and I think pretty much all of us can relate to that, I just wanted to give you a little background, and perhaps you'd like to (indicating) give some information as well.

The program that I'm involved with at CCAC is the Bridge to College and Career Pathways Program. It's a long name, but it really does encompass what we do.

Just today, I was meeting with some of our other literacy and workforce partners downtown, and that includes the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, and Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania. And let me tell you, there are some very, very dedicated folks in adult education.

We not only help those that are trying to achieve their secondary school diploma, we also work to give them the academic skills, the career planning skills, the --- what we call the soft skills necessary to be successful in the workplace.

What does that mean in terms of our region? We have just a great group of individuals working diligently to make Pittsburgh a robust regional player in the market. I urge any of you that know anybody that needs academic enrichment or needs their high school diploma to just get

on our website and put in adult education, and we would be more than happy to service those people.

Just as a little side note, just as a personal note, my personal passion is literacy. I was a paralegal for 25 years. A little late in the game, I got my graduate degree in public policy. And I always tell people, my number one public policy, because you can't do it all, is literacy, because it empowers people, it empowers communities and it can empower our nation.

So thank you very much, Councilman DeMarco.

(Applause.)

MR. DEMARCO: Nancilee, would you like to say something on behalf of CCAC?

MS. BURZACHECHI: Thank you, Councilman DeMarco. Thank you, Council people for recognizing this and elevating the visibility of all the great work that Marie and her team are doing. And CCAC is proud to serve as a resource for education for the county and beyond.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. DEMARCO: Pictures.

MS. SCOTT: Absolutely.

MR. MACEY: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes? Go ahead.

MR. MACEY: Point of personal privilege. I just wanted to ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What's your point?

MR. MACEY: I just wanted to say a little bit about the community college.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. MACEY: You're never too old to learn. I got a degree from community college at 50 years of age.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: It was a couple years ago. My middle daughter, Melody, used to take two buses to community college, south campus. She now has a Master's degree, so ---. And my son, for all intents and purposes, ended up getting a GED at community college. He now has 13 years with U.S. Steel.

So I think it's important for people to understand what education can do for you. And we have the premiere institution in Allegheny County to help everybody, not only in technical trades, but in a variety of different --- in especially the medical trades.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. Come on.  
(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 10307-17, and the rest of the proclamations and certificates will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 10307-17. Certificates of Recognition awarded to the North Hills Community Outreach 30th Anniversary Awardees. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

10308-17. Proclamation celebrating the 30th anniversary of the North Hills Community Outreach that was celebrated on Sunday, September 17th, 2017. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

10309-17. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Andrew Vislosky upon the momentous occasion of being invited to the New York Times and Energy Intelligence Oil and Money Conference in London. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

10310-17. Proclamation congratulating Beta Epsilon chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated on its 80th anniversary of its charter and recognizing the positive and productive impact that its members have had on each other and the greater Pittsburgh area as a whole. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

10311-17. Proclamation congratulating Fat Head's Saloon on its 25th anniversary and recognizing its impact on the community as it serves as a steadfast and dedicated business in the City of Pittsburgh and across Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Catena and Klein.

10312-17. Certificate of Recognition awarded to the Masonic Village at Sewickley for holding their 2017 Community Festival on Saturday, October 7th, 2017. Sponsored by Council Members Baker and Kirk.

10313-17. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Mimi Johnson upon the momentous occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

10314-17. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Ruth Murdy upon the momentous occasion of 54 years of dedicated services as a school crossing guard for Shaler Township. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

10315-17. Certificate of Recognition awarded to the Township of South Park for holding their annual Community Day on Saturday, September 16th, 2017 at the

South Park Fairgrounds. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

10316-17. Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 25th through October 1st, 2017 as "The National and 5th Annual Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

10317-17. Certificate of Recognition awarded to Tim Butler for his 40 years of dedicated services to the McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

10319-17. Certificates of Recognition honoring the 2017 Legacy of Caring Award Honorees. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

And 10320-17. Certificates of Recognition awarded to Mt. Lebanon's Unity in the Community art contest winners. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public comment on agenda items?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Liaison reports?

MR. MACEY: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of council and everybody in Allegheny County.

You've heard me say over and over again how important our first responders, especially our volunteer fire companies are to our communities, and how we save \$64 million a year in resident taxes by our --- with our volunteer fire companies.

We've had a hard time trying to recruit new members and volunteers. And I've also mentioned in the past about the program that we have in Allegheny County, if you dedicate five years of your volunteer service to a fire department, you can get a free college education at CCAC, since we've been talking about CCAC.

I just think it's a --- it's a great opportunity for people, and especially young people. But it isn't just for young people.

But on the other hand, I can tell you that October the 14th at 3722 Rodeo Drive, West Mifflin Volunteer Fire Company Number 3 will hold its Super Cruise. Now, there's a lot of food, a lot of libations, a lot of wonderful antique cars and specialty cars that you can view, and just enjoy the fun. Our famous DJ, Glenn

Raymer from WKFB 770 will be there. And there's music, fun and just a lot of food, great food, affordable food that you can have a complete dinner for \$6. And where can you get that anywhere?

Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Sue?

MS. MEANS: Mr. President, respectfully, we've kind of jumped out of the agenda. Is that okay if we move forward with the ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We can go back to the --- you talking about going back to ---?

MS. MEANS: Yes, approval of the minutes. Yes, and then we could do liaison later? Is that all right? You want to just --- do it now?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: Okay. All right. Thank you very much.

Well, I wanted to share with the public, it's exciting, RAD Days are here. They started this weekend and there's a lot of --- we have --- we live in Allegheny County. We have wonderful museums, the children's museum, the aviary. And during RAD Days, you can attend these museums and activities for free. So if you want to see all the different events, it goes through October 15th. You just visit --- RADworkshere.org. That's, R-A-D, the word works here, and dot org.

The other thing I wanted to do was I wanted to thank the University of Pittsburgh for hosting a very successful elected officials retreat on September 14th and 15th. It was very informational. I was able to attend on Friday, so was --- Councilman Klein was there as well.

And we got to hear from a variety of speakers. One was a conversation on civility by Rabbi James Gibson and Imam Abdul Wajid, Dr. John Wallace and Bishop Zubik all had talked about encouraging civility. It was very informative.

Then, we also heard a very informative talk about gerrymandering. And there was a really good discussion, and there were two different presenters that gave two different sides of the issue --- was David Thornburgh of the Committee of Seventy. And the President of Duquesne University spoke, Ken Gromley (sic) --- Gormly --- sorry, I blew that one. But it was very informative.

And the last speaker on Friday was Amy Mitchell, the Director of Journalism and Research at the Pew

Research Center, and she also talked about the role of media.

And what I learned, a lot of my --- I always thought senior citizens weren't going on Facebook, but they are. And more and more citizens are learning --- getting their media and reading their media reports and they're reading it from the internet. They're going online. So here, I thought us old folks weren't doing that, but we are. I thought that was really informational.

The other thing I wanted to share was I attended the Board of Health meeting with Councilwoman Kirk. And we --- it was very informative. And we're going to share a little report. She's going to give her part, but I just wanted to share that in sometime in 2018, we're going to be getting some legislation from the Board of Health regulating hot tubs and private pools.

And it's just a --- you know, but --- the Board of Health has to come up with the update in the language, and they'll be working with hotel owners and people that own private pools and hot tubs, and get a general consensus before they bring it to us. So that was good.

And I wanted to also thank and congratulate the County Executive and Ruth Byrd-Smith, Director of the Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise for a wonderful, wonderful open house they hosted last week. And it was very informational.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: Thanks, Mr. President.

Just a couple good updates from District One. Actually, Councilman Catena and I were both together at the flu shot clinic that Representative Kulik had. That was great.

Representative Dom Costa had an amazing shredding event last Saturday. It was a good --- a good workout for sure. But the dump, I should --- I should say the --- the sheriff's dump program is there as well and filled up the whole back seat of his car with --- with drugs that were dropped off, which is always good to see people doing that in a --- in a safe manner.

We had the Fall for Your Library event in North Fayette, which was a real big success. I want to thank Councilwoman Kirk for her support of the North Hills

Community Outreach 30th anniversary event, which was a really, really nice evening.

We kicked off --- I was the opening keynote speaker for the MANY Conference, Mid-Atlantic Network of Youth, and did some Allegheny County welcoming, but then also some Allegheny County trivia, which was a lot of fun. And they were --- I don't know if these are good representations or not, but they were giving out little buttons. Nebby, n'at, Stillers, so they were trying to make sure that everyone felt very comfortable and happy in our county.

The Hall of Fame ceremony for North Hills High School for --- for athletics was Thursday and Friday, those were both terrific events. And we made history, it was actually technically in Councilwoman Kirk's district. But at Avonworth Elementary School, last Friday, we made history. We were the first --- four out of the five communities to go there. And the found of it's from Ben Avon, so that's how I got involved.

But we were --- it's the first school in all of America to be a one tree per child school, which was amazing. So we had folks there from Australia, the founders from Australia. And every child there was --- was involved in that.

And for those who were at my town halls over the --- the summer, a young man named Santiago would speak with his mom at the events and he did a great job. They're both from Ben Avon and --- and just did amazing with that.

And the last thing I should say is, botanic garden, I sent you all an invite to that event. I think Councilman Catena, Councilman DeFazio were on the host committee with me for that event. October 16th, we'd love to have you there to get a tour. It's a legislative breakfast. It should be a --- a good event.

So thanks, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Cindy Kirk.

MS. KIRK: Hi, thank you.

Once again, as Sue mentioned, Councilwoman Means, we were at the Department of Health meeting along with --- I don't see Michelle here. Where'd she go? And Michelle, one of the staffers, she was there also to help document the meeting.

Two other points that went over was when we did the universal lead testing and we approved that, that will

take effect January 1st of '18. And also, the Health Department applied and received four grants that will help them monitor and rehab the places. So they're doing a lot of work there to provide for that.

The other issue they covered at length was the Narcan, the opioid crisis. And they're applying for grants for that also. And they were able to provide training to over 1,000 individuals already in 35 organizations, including like the county police, all their staff, School of Pharmacy at Pitt, public school nurses, North Hills Community Outreach. They've all had training in the use of Narcan through our Health Department.

And they also have distributed 8,000 doses of Narcan which, by the way, it expires in two years. So it'll be interesting to see what happens, you know, a year and a half from now. We've passed all the --- out this Narcan and it expires.

So thank you ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President.

I'd like to make a --- a comment about an article that appeared in the Post-Gazette this past Friday. They were talking about how since 2006 in Allegheny County, 98 folks who were immigrants legally here in the country inadvertently, through a faux pas or mix up at PennDOT's DMV, registered to vote and actually voted in the presidential and municipal elections here in Allegheny County.

This story was prompted because of an investigation that's occurring in Philadelphia where they identified a couple hundred of these at this point. Now, all of these were self-reported. These people weren't, you know, attempting to do something wrong or anything like that. But it's uncovered a bit of a problem.

I had the opportunity to speak with Commissioner Al Schmidt of the Philadelphia Election Commission, and he told me that they reached back out to the Department of State.

And under the Department of Motor Vehicles, when someone registers, when they go into the DMV for a license, the software would ask them, are you a citizen? You hit a button. Well, it was prompting them to take and just to go ahead and register to vote, so many of these folks thought that they could do it.



But there'd be an INS marker on the data record. So they went back to the Department of State and asked them to do a cross check between the DMV record, which has this INS marker, and the voter registration files because it has a driver's license number. On their first pass through, they had 100,000 hits. Now, that doesn't mean in any way, shape or form that there's 100,000 of these out there. But if many of these people may have gotten a license in January, became a citizen in July or something like that.

But the Philadelphia Inquirer has put forth a --- a --- a data team that they've put together and they're prepared to sue the State of Pennsylvania for that information. And Chris Potter of the Post-Gazette is also taking and pursuing this, and he was going to talk to the Post-Gazette about possibly piggybacking with them.

I just thought it appropriate to comment, being that it was just in the paper, and I just wanted to explain what had occurred.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Catena?

MR. CATENA: Thank you, Mr. President.

I would just like to congratulate Carnegie on a second year of Open Streets Carnegie. The pleasure of the County Executive was there. He was actually riding his bike through the streets of Carnegie. It's a great event overall.

Basically, it opens up the entire length of our main business district in Carnegie. People can participate, get healthy. So many events, so many people participated. It was an overall nice event and a great even for Carnegie overall for --- this was the second year that they had it.

Collier Fest, very well attended event. Had the pleasure of being there as well, this past weekend. Can't say enough good things about all the development going on in Collier and South Fayette.

Council of Governments, I also attended this past week. I know Councilman DeMarco and Councilman Baker have attended with me in the past. The Council of Government is basically, for those of you that don't know, is we --- I belong --- or where my district is, is the Char-West COG. And it's basically a --- a collaboration

of the different municipalities in the Southwest area, like McKees Rocks, Carnegie, South --- so on and so forth.

But anyway, they come together and talk about very important issues that are affecting municipalities as a whole. And one of the things that we've talked about, obviously over time, is any way we can improve communications, whether with the county, between municipalities and what have you.

And I'd actually like to applaud the administration because of something they've done. They're being very proactive and obviously work --- public works, specifically, and being proactive and notifying municipalities of the public works projects and everything coming on in their municipalities. And it's been especially helpful and all of the municipalities in the COG are very much appreciative.

So thank you. I just wanted to thank you all in the administration for doing that, moving forward. So thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

One second --- go ahead. Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: I apologize. Thank you, Mr. President.

I also wanted to comment. On Thursday evening, I had the opportunity to attend the North Hills COG annual dinner, and they did a great job. It was very successful. It was held out at the Holy Trinity Center out there at the McCandless Crossing. And it was a --- a very well attended and a very well-managed, great event. I want to congratulate the North Hills COG on a very successful annual dinner.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes. I forgot to mention that on October 8th, this is going to be a really big day in Bethel Park because at 10:00 a.m. at the Schoolhouse Art Center, they're going to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the addition to the school. And it is a school that my father attended and I attended, too, but it wasn't 100 years ago. But I did go to that school.

But it's really exciting. They put a lot of work into the building, new windows and --- it's --- it's --- it's going great. And it's also going to be the

celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company. So everyone's welcome at 10:00 at the Schoolhouse Art Center.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more, we'll go back to approval of minutes. 10329-17.

MR. BARKER: Motion to approve the minutes of the August 22nd, 2017 regular meeting of council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Okay. Over to 10330-17.

MR. BARKER: I apologize. Were we going to do presentation of appointments next?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Where we at here? Okay. We're at 10321 ---

MR. BARKER: Okay. I just wanted to make sure I wasn't lost.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: --- 17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Ed Sperling to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review for a term to expire on January 1st, 2021. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We going to send that to Appointment Review Committee?

MR. KRESS: Right.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 10322.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Bernadette Fincke to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization for South Park for a term to expire on November 18th, 2019. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Sending that the Appointment Review Committee.

MR. KRESS: No --- no. You're going to ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, no, we're going to vote on that one. Okay.

MS. MEANS: Mister ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Sue.

MS. MEANS: Yes, I just wanted to mention that Bernadette Fincke has been an outstanding volunteer member

of the Friends of South Park, and she's always --- goes to all the meetings and she always participates in the fundraisers. And I'm just really excited that she has volunteered and willing to serve again on the Friends of South Park.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You making a motion?

MS. MEANS: I make a motion to ---.

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.  
10323-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of William Brooks to serve as a member of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for a term to expire on May 23rd, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Appointment Review Committee. 10324-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Toni Silva to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Appointment Review Committee. 10325-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Barbara Parees to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Appointment Review Committee. 10326-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Abass Kamara to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. 10327-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Austin Davis to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. 10328-17.

Approving the appointment of Sarah Roka to serve as a Member of the Retirement Board of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31st, 2017. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. MACEY: Could we waive the second reading for the --- on that? Because I think we need to get someone on that board as soon as possible.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You could if someone would make a ---.

MR. CATENA: I'll make a motion.

MR. FUTULES: Second ---.

PREASIDENT DEFAZIO: First of all, let's get the first --- get the motion started.

MR. MACEY: Okay. I want to make a motion that we waive the second reading and committee meeting.

MR. CATENA: Second that motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: First of all, make the motion --- first of all, make the motion approving the appointment first.

MR. WALTON: So moved.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFZIO: Okay. Now before I start with the remarks, do you want to go --- go with your waive the second reading?

MR. CATENA: I thought --- I thought that's what we just did.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah --- that's what I said. We're going to vote on the --- go ahead.

MR. BARKER: Just very, very briefly. Because there is no second reading requirement for an appointment, the motion to waive the second reading is actually unnecessary. You're --- you're getting to the same point B ---.

MR. MACEY: Yeah, it's the same thing.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: So we'll just vote on the motion.

MR. BARKER: Correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there any remarks?

MR. KRESS: Well, no. I just have a question. Is this just to --- we're not actually voting on for confirmation right now. This is just to ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. KRESS: --- waive ---. Okay.

MR. WALTON: We are voting for confirmation.

MR. MACEY: This is until December of this year.

MR. BARKER: Correct.

MR. KRESS: Oh, it is --- we're voting --- okay.

Well, then my question would be addressed to the parliamentarian if --- is there any legal problems with this by just waiving everything and just voting on this, by not having a committee hearing?

MR. VARHOLA: So this is for the appointment?

MR. KRESS: Yes, I just want to make sure.

Yeah, I just want to make sure that there's no problems here. Because normally, it goes through the committee process. I'm --- I'm assuming that there's no problems with this as far as I know ---.

MR. VARHOLA: No, not --- not this appointment.

MR. KRESS: Okay. That's fine.

So we can vote on it?

MR. VARHOLA: No need to waive the second reading.

MR. KRESS: I'm saying, but --- that doesn't need to go to committee?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.

MR. KRESS: I just want to make sure.

MR. VARHOLA: Correct.

MR. KRESS: Okay. All right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there any other remarks?

MS. MEANS: Mr. President? I just --- I think if someone could clarify, I think that's part of her job description as budget manager, that she is to sit on this board. Can somebody clarify this in the rules of council ---?

MR. CATENA: It's in the rules of council, Ms. Means ---.

MS. MEANS: It's in the --- is it in the rules of council?

MR. CATENA: It's in the rules of council.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Hold --- hold on.

Hold on. It's in the rules of council, talking about the --- the financial person, the --- the director.

Okay?

MS. MEANS: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And she's the manager.

Okay?

MS. MEANS: Uh-huh (yes).

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Technically, it should be her --- her job unless the rules were changed.

MS. MEANS: Yeah.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: So we're all right to vote on it.

MS. MEANS: Good. Well, I just wanted to clarify that for the public and everyone, that that's part of our job description. So I'm all for this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. Are there any other remarks?

MR. CATENA: I'd like to be added as a sponsor.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anybody else? I'd like to be added as ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I would like ---.

MR. MACEY: You'll --- you'll --- you'll do that by voting.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Don't matter. Okay. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed --- opposed? The ayes have it.

MR. MACEY: Overwhelming; isn't it?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. New business. 10330-17.

MR. BARKER: Ordinance of the County of Allegheny authorizing the transfer of custody of miscellaneous items of County personal property to the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania to allow for its maintenance and preservation at no cost to the County under preservation guidelines established by the Society of American Archivists and for public access to the miscellaneous items of County personal property at the Senator John Heinz History Center. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And that'll go to the Committee on Education for that. My next one is blanked out a little bit. What is it, 10331?

MR. BARKER: Correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, 17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the disposition of county-owned TASER X26 units with holsters and accessories by the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office to the Gateway School District School Police Department for use in providing a safe and secure learning environment for the students, faculty and staff. Sponsored by Sheriff Mullen.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, we're going to put that in the proper committee tomorrow. Okay? 10310 --- I'll take care of it tomorrow (indicating). 10332-17.

MR. BARKER: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing the establishment of a County Council Returnship Program, to identify candidates who have suffered from long term unemployment for temporary employment with the Office of County Council. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Executive Committee. Notification of contracts?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public comment on general items.

MR. BARKER: We have three individuals signed up to speak.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Do you have the list? Do you want to ---?

MR. BARKER: Yes. First up would be Kathryn Bashaar.

MS. BASHAAR: Hello, my name is Kathy Bashaar. I live in Baldwin Township and I'm a member of Fair Districts Pennsylvania of Southern Allegheny County, and Eileen Jacobs of our organization is here with me.

We came to ask County Council to pass a resolution in support of Senate Bill 22 and House Bill 722 in the Pennsylvania State Legislature. We came because we thought the resolution was on this evening's agenda. But since it isn't, I'm going to urge council to consider such a resolution.

The bills are aimed at improving the redistricting process in Pennsylvania after the 2020 census. The districts created after the 2010 census were created by politicians. They packed Republicans into some districts and Democrats into others. So the politicians picked their voters instead of the voters picking them. That is classic gerrymandering, and Pennsylvania has been rated as one of the most gerrymandered states in the country.

Many citizens of Allegheny County are concerned about gerrymandering because it effectively disenfranchises many voters in the gerrymandered districts. It also tends to lead to the extreme partisanship that is of concern to so many of us. It's bad for our democracy, and it's fundamentally unfair.



SB 22 and HB 722 would put the redistricting in the hands of an impartial citizens commission, taking the politicians out of it. The Senate bill has 13 cosponsors. The House bill has 96 cosponsors. It's the second most sponsored bill in the legislature, but both bills are stuck in committee.

A resolution from Allegheny County would help persuade the state government committees to bring these bills to the floor. Please help ensure that voters in Allegheny County can select state and federal legislators who truly represent us by passing a resolution in support of these bills. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Next?

MR. BARKER: Next, is Arlene Levy. Apparently, she's not here. Last up would be James Sheuermann.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: He didn't want to do it?

MR. MACEY: He didn't answer.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right.

MR. WALTON: Motion to adjourn?

MR. CATENA: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. CATENA: Just for clarification, where did you send the TASER?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We didn't send it yet. I'm doing it ---.

MR. CATENA: We didn't ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I have to check on something.

MR. CATENA: Oh, okay.

MR. WALTON: Motion to adjourn, Mr. President?

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing --- no, there's no remarks on that anyhow. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:51 P.M.

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