

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. DeFazio	-	President
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Patrick Catena	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5 - (via telephone)
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
Dewitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
Robert Palmosina	-	District 12
Denise Ranalli-Russell	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The 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: We'll have the roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Present.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: 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: We have 14 members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Proclamations. 10700-18 and the rest will be
read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 10700-18. A Proclamation
congratulating H.E.A.R.T.H for five years in their new
facility in Shaler Township. Sponsored by Council Member
Prizio.

10701-18. A Certificate of Achievement awarded to Justin W. Breen of Boy Scout Troop 380 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Prizio.

10702-18. A Proclamation congratulating St. Bernard Church upon the occasion of their 100th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

10703-18. A Proclamation recognizing Colussy Chevrolet upon their 100th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Members Means and Catena.

10704-18. A Certificate of Achievement awarded to Like Francis Brandl of Boy Scout Troop 4 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

10705-18. A Certificate of Achievement awarded to Zachary Thomas Miller of Boy Scout Troop 4 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

10706-18. A Certificate of Achievement awarded to Dakshith Ragupathi of Boy Scout Troop 2 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Members DeFazio, DeMarco, Catena and Means.

10707-18. A Proclamation congratulating the Northland Public Library upon the occasion of it's 50th Anniversary. Sponsored by Council Members Baker and Kirk.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public comment on agenda items?

MR. BARKER: We have several tonight.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. BARKER: First up is Khalid Raheem, who is apparently not here at the moment. Second up is Rasheena Huger. Third up, Michael Pastorkovich.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Are you speaking, sir?

MR. PASTORKOVICH: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. PASTORKOVICH: Thank you. Okay. My name is Mike Pastorkovich and I'm here representing the committee for a civilian police review board for Allegheny County and I'm also chair of the Sierra Club which endorses such --- such legislation. Okay.

It is the foundational principle of Anglo-American jurisprudence that no person can be judge in his own case, meaning in a case in which he has an interest. The reason, of course, is that it is assumed everyone is prejudiced in his or her own favor and would pass judgment accordingly. For the same reason, in a

trial by jury, the defendant's friends and family are not permitted to serve on the jury as it is assumed that they, too, will act in favor of the defendant. And yet, this is the position all citizens and residents of Allegheny County are faced with when they have complaints against police entities in the county other than the City of Pittsburgh police.

In Pittsburgh, there is a citizens police review board independent of the police department and the district attorney's office empowered to investigate allegations of police misconduct and to render a verdict in such cases.

The CPRB leaves a lot to be desired, specifically its inability to assign penalties for police misconduct, but at least it is an independent agency and has done a fine job in spite of limitations imposed upon it. Elsewhere in the county, however those who believe they have been victims of police misconduct have little choice but to take their complaints either to the police department in question or else to the DA's office. Taking complaints to the police department is like the chickens complaining to the fox about raids on the henhouse.

Especially in the smaller departments, those investigating a complaint will personally know the officer being investigated. Furthermore, standards apply to the officer being investigated could at some future time be applied to the investigators themselves. So the investigators will be inclined to be as lenient as possible.

My saying this is not to imply that police are any more corrupt than anybody else. It's merely to imply that they are as human as everybody else. Taking a complaint against the police to the DA is almost as bad. Prosecutors depend upon the police to provide them with evidence they use to obtain convictions, and so it is in their interest not to alienate the police. This usually means decisions not to prosecute, even in egregious cases of police brutality such as the beating of Jordan Miles.

That is why an independent civilian police review board is needed to all of --- for all of Allegheny County. We need an agency which will cover all of the community police departments in the county as well as the county police itself, the Port Authority police and those campus police organizations empowered by governmental

authority to make arrests and to use force up to and including lethal force.

Creation of such an independent agency should not be viewed as being in any way anti-police. The vast majority of police officers are decent human beings doing a difficult job with diligence and often grace, but the community must be protected from the minority who, either through incompetence or malice, abuse the power to harm which we the people have delegated to them.

An independent civilian police review board for Allegheny County is the best way to protect the community. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next?

MR. BARKER: Next is Pearlina Story. Next up would be Benjamin Thornton.

MR. WALTON: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah?

MR. WALTON: If I --- if I may have a moment of privilege, obviously, a number of individuals that are listed on the public agenda are working their way through security and --- and I'd like the consideration of members of Council to allow them to be heard irrespective of when they arrive if we may do so.

Secondly, there are several individuals that are not --- that are not listed that have requested permission to speak to Council before the evening --- as part of this agenda. I'd like to ask consideration and --- and an opportunity to amend the agenda to include allowing Tim Stevens and William Anderson to be part of the record as well, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. I --- there was a mix-up there. I understand that. Now let's take a quick vote. All of those in favor of that motion, signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Okay. When these people that are supposed to speak come in, someone notify us and we'll let them come up and speak. Okay? Where we at?

MR. BARKER: And Mr. Thornton is not here?

MR. THORTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Thornton is here.

MR. THORNTON: Thank you for recognizing me and thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak. I'm going to reserve any comments to a later time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Paulette Buchignani, I hope. After her would be David Demko. After Mr. Demko would be --- oh, Mr. Demko is here. I apologize.

MR. DEMKO: Good evening, County Council. My name is David Demko. I am the assistant director of Scenic Pittsburgh, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the beauty of the Pittsburgh region.

I'm here to talk about the art installation on the 10th Street Bridge and I'm urging you to vote against it. This really isn't a good idea. It may be art, but it's also graffiti and it invites every graffiti artist in the County to try to memorialize their work if --- if this work is passed.

Second of all, this is a decision for the Pittsburgh Art Commission. The Art Commission has rules and regulations, and we have zoning rules that dictate what can be mounted in a public realm as art, and the Art Commission makes those decisions.

Third of all, art --- art conveys a message. It conveys feelings, emotions and I --- I get that the ducks are, you know, warm and fuzzy feeling, but you know, what if the message is angry, what if the message is hateful, what if the message is racist? This is a slippery slope to go down without any rules. So I urge you to vote against this.

Philip Murray was a great labor leader. The first president of the US Steelworkers, and you know, he led the union at a time when the union hadn't been in the steel mills for many years and this really isn't appropriate for a --- this art installation for this bridge. So please vote against the ordinance. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next speaker?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Louis Berry.

MR. BERRY: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen and members of Council. My name is Louis Berry and I'm a resident of Rankin, Pa. Ironically, weeks before the untimely murder of Antwon Rose, this very group of people assembled here today had already begun work creating a county-wide citizen's police review board.

The beating of Ms. Melanie Carter at the hands of North Versailles police officer Chris Kelly was enough for me to say I had to get involved. It cannot be solely

left up to the boroughs and towns in Allegheny County to hold their own officers accountable. Officers should know they can be held accountable by the very citizens they are sworn to protect. The disconnect between the black communities and the police is not just a figment of our imagination and we will no longer just sit idly blind as men, women and children of our communities are murdered, paralyzed, beaten and harassed by the very people that should protect us.

We need this system in place for the percentage of bad and racist officers who believe black lives are less valuable and can be taken with little repercussions because historically blue protects blue.

So ladies and gentlemen of Council, we strongly urge you to vote in favor of the citizens police review board for Allegheny County. It is a step in the right direction for justice and all men and women with power and authority to take lives are not above the law. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there any other speakers that are on the list that got here late?

MR. WALTON: Mr. Raheem is in the audience, I see.

MR. RAHEEM: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You can come up and speak if you're here.

MR. RAHEEM: Yes, sir. Do I need to identify myself?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. RAHEEM: Okay, yes. My name is Khalid Raheem. I'm a resident of the city of Pittsburgh, the community of the North Side and the neighborhood of Manchester, all of which is in Allegheny County.

I'm here on behalf of the committee for a civilian police review board of Allegheny County, and I have a few things I'd like to read then I'd like to submit some information to all of Allegheny County in particular.

So I'll start off this way. Just to give you some background in terms of how we got to this point. As Mr. Berry had said before me, we represent a group of citizens from Allegheny County who reached a conclusion about two years ago that we need to have a county-wide civilian police review board and we certainly respect and we acknowledged the work of those who came before us, County Councilman Bill Robinson being one.

We've been in contact with Councilman Dewitt Walton and I believe Councilwoman Prizio, we've been in contact with here as well. And so we certainly acknowledge the support of other folks and forces who have been working or who have been pushing that this type of entity certainly needs to be created. But let --- but let me share with everyone here the background.

In 2015, the FOP, Fraternal Order of Police scheduled their 100th celebration and convention in downtown Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and they scheduled it on the same day as the one year anniversary of the killing or murder of Mike Brown up in Ferguson, Missouri, and I'm sure we all know that the murder of Mike Brown touched off a series of days of rebellion and resurrection throughout Ferguson and St. Louis County.

In response, the political party that I represent, New Afrikan Independence Party, we began calling for an organized opposition to that convention coming to downtown Pittsburgh, and we had our reasons. Numerous groups and individuals came together to organize what we called the National Mobilization against Police Brutality in the FOP.

Since those protests, we came together to address not just police brutality issues on a national level but what we thought was most important here for us as residents of Allegheny County. And one of the things that we decided to do was to work full speed ahead in trying to create a different vehicle, a civilian police review board for all of Allegheny County.

So we are a group of individuals, organizations and associations that are interested in generating and organizing community discussions concerning this particular board. Our statement of purpose is to educate and engage the community, that is the citizens and residents of Allegheny County, concerning police misconduct and ways to remedy that particular situation.

We also see ourselves as serving as advocates for the creation of such a board and we also see ourselves as people who will facilitate the process for its creation and to make sure that such a board is empowered with all the necessary instruments needed to hold police accountable such as investigatory as well as subpoena power. We want to advocate and demand that such board composition is also representative.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Try --- try to wrap it up in a sentence or two, okay?

MR. RAHEEM: It's also representative of those communities which have been disproportionately impacted by police brutality and misconduct, and we are willing to work with all the necessary community, legislative, executive and judicial bodies to create and empower such a board. So that's who we are and that's why we're here. We want to call upon Allegheny County Council to step up and to step forward and to create and to empower a civilian police review board for all of Allegheny County.

We also recognize that there are some legal challenges and some structural challenges that have to be addressed. We definitely see ourselves as being part of that discussion. We will continue to organize, we will continue to mobilize and we will continue to advocate.

If you go online, we have an online petition. We have approximately 800 signatures. And here, what I'd like to present is about 400 signatures that we'd been able to collect shortly before the murder of Antwon Rose, Jr. And so we can present those to the Board as well for your review. These are all citizens of your County and all are --- are members of your particular districts.

So we want to do this the right way and I would be very honest. We've also talked about doing it the right way and the hard way which means we may have to get that --- what, 20,000 signatures to put it on the ballot. Whatever we have to do is what we're going to do. We have to move County policing out of the 19th Century.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You know what?

MR. RAHEEM: And move it into the 21st Century.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You were way over.

MR. RAHEEM: I know, but you know what --- you know what, killing people has been way over, too.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, I understand that.

(Applause.)

MR. RAHEEM: So --- so what we're saying --- okay. Okay. So we're straight. So we're going to present this and I'll give it to whoever I need to give it to.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, give it.

MR. RAHEEM: Make a copy, okay. And we greatly appreciate your time and your patience, sir. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. Any other speakers come in?

MR. WALTON: Tim Stevens is here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Tim, want to come up? Where is Tim?

MR. RAHEEM: Thank you, appreciate it.

MR. STEVENS: Thank you, everybody. I will be sending this letter to all of Council at least by tomorrow, but I wanted to share it with you. I write on behalf --- I'm Tim Stevens, Chairman of B-PEP, Black Political Empowerment Project.

I write on behalf of the Black Political Empowerment Project to thank Allegheny Council Members Paul Klein and DeWitt Walton for having the wisdom to initiate a process that will hopefully lead to the creation of a county-wide citizen police review board and to urge passage of today's proposed motion, to take the first step in this process of helping to bring about a possible new level of accountability for those who are paid to protect and serve regardless of what city, borough or township they serve.

It was during my first year as office --- in office as President of the NACP that 31-year-old black business men Jonny E. Gammage died of positional asphyxiation at the hands of suburban white officers from Baldwin Borough, Brentwood and White Hall within the city limits. Not one officer served time for the death of unarmed Jonny E. Gammage.

The protests around the death of Jonny Gammage, some of which were led by Khalid Raheem and some of which were led by me helped energize with help from then Councilman Sala Udin the movement to create the independent police citizen --- citizen police review board for Pittsburgh. The presence of the citizen police review board provides the private citizens another vehicle, in addition to the office of municipal investigations through which any complaint about a police officer from Pittsburgh can be addressed.

Unfortunately, in various municipalities throughout Allegheny County, such a citizen-based board simply does not exist. That must change. The Black Political Empowerment Project and the Greater Pittsburgh Coalition against Violence urge this Council to pass a motion of Council to host meetings throughout Allegheny County to gather very useful information to assist in the drafting of an ordinance which will lead to the creation

of an independent police review board for the County of Allegheny.

My computer is sticking. It must mean it's tied into the system. But we're also asking, as I end, that the leaders of Allegheny County --- Pittsburgh and Allegheny County and the surrounding areas consider legislation, consider finding funds, be it through federal government, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, corporations, foundations that can assist these very small, poor boroughs and townships, in how they train on use of force, deadly force, training in cultural sensitivity, implicit bias and the rest. That's important. This is the moment.

The death of Antwon should not go --- this should be the moment that urges all of us a red flag, and when the DA says East Pittsburgh does not train its officers, that should be a red flag to all of us. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other speakers that were on the list?

MR. WALTON: William Anderson.

MR. ANDERSON: Hello. My name is William Anderson. I live at 7035 Charleston Street. I am the executive president of the Pennsylvania coalition of Young Democrats and I'm also the executive director the PA Democratic State committee, Black caucuses but more importantly I'm a black --- young black male that lives in Allegheny County.

And living in Allegheny County, I am faced with tremendous hurdles that I have to deal with with the diversity problem in Allegheny County. One thing that you don't realize if you live in the city and if you're black that once you leave the city, there aren't many African Americans left. There aren't many --- we complain about the diversity of the Pittsburgh police department, but it's a thousand times worse in these little municipalities.

So as a black male, it is very, I would say, dangerous for me to drive outside of the city of Pittsburgh through all of these municipalities because I have to worry about so many different police departments that have so many different regulations, that have so many different training process --- or lack --- lack thereof of

training of dealing with a person like me and because of the news and all these things, we are looked at as a threat. And what happened to Antwon Rose is just the tip of the iceberg of the problem in Allegheny County.

And within the city of Pittsburgh, as my entire life, I've been dealing with police officers and have been --- had, you know, mostly negative encounters with the police department. Now, thanks to the work of Tim and the NAACP, we have a civilian police review board.

So as I transitioned into the positive life --- and I still get harassed by the police department very frequently. So I am able --- because of that I have an avenue to file a complaint with the civilian police review board that automatically lets me know that my concern is being handled. And I've filed so many complaints with the civilian police review board on --- about the city of Pittsburgh Police Officers that, you know, it's very hard --- it has to be to almost a rookie now to basically --- I don't know if they have my picture in the police car or something like that, but --- but you know, we demand that the County follow suit because there is no avenue with these hundred and something different police municipalities for a person --- not just a person of color or a woman or a minority, but any citizen of Allegheny County to feel that there is an open and transparent process for them to file their complaints so that we can build community and police relationships, not just with the city of Pittsburgh police department, but with the --- all of the municipalities from Allegheny County.

So we're demanding and asking at the same time because I know, you know, all of the County Council people, you know, personally as I've grown up, you know, in politics my entire life and know you all to be good people and know that you are willing to do the right thing not just for your own children, but for the children and the citizens of Allegheny County.

So I, you know, ask that you pass this motion, you hold these hearings and you move forward with the Allegheny County civilian police review board. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is that the speakers? Is that it? Wait a minute, are you on the list?

MS. VIESCA: I believe so.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What's her --- what's your name?

MS. VIESCA: Erica Viesca.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is she on the list?

MR. BARKER: No.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Now, you just can't get up and speak. We have rules on that, strict rules on that. You can't get up and speak.

MS. VIESCA: I thought I signed up.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Did she sign up?

MR. BARKER: The only remaining individuals I have are Paulette Buchugnani, and I apologize for that pronunciation, Pearlina Story and Rasheena Huger.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: In my opinion, we'll let her speak.

MR. BARKER: Absolutely.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. VIESCA: Is that okay? Oh, I appreciate that so much. Thank you very much. Hello, Council members. I really appreciate you letting me get this time. I have a few questions to start off. Hold on, let me get my papers because there is --- I want to stay on track.

Okay. So my first question, who do you file a complaint with about an officer in East Pittsburgh police department besides the chief? Because when my sister went into the police station to do that, she was --- the officer who she spoke with gave her a card under the --- and she was under the assumption that she was speaking to the chief. So the card said the chief's name so there was nowhere else to --- she couldn't get any information from the chief. I looked into the mayor. That's the chief's father. I figured I wouldn't get far. I didn't think it would be effective.

So I really didn't know where else to go. I called ACLU because of the pending criminal charges. I have a story, you know, we can get there but the police basically stun-gunned me 12 times in my home after they illegally entered in front of my children to the point of unconsciousness. I was rushed to the hospital for cardio problems due to that, wasn't arrested until I turned myself in the week later because then they turned around and charged me with all these bogus charges, aggravated assault on a police officer and all of that, when it's --- it was none of that that happened.

So they charged me, they planned to convict me for something I'm not guilty of while they violated however many of my constitutional and civil rights, just basic human rights, the way they treated me and my family. They traumatized my family. I'm so sorry. I apologize. There are other people, as you hear out here, that have these same types of complaints. So another question would be, who oversees their paperwork because this officer and caseworker came to my house. They're going to come to court and be sworn under oath to tell the truth but they're going to have to lie under oath to even have a case because I didn't do it, but there's no one for me to, you know, call about trying to, you know, get them to put the correct paperwork and fix it.

If you don't have a proof - like if you're going to sit there and lie. If I --- I want to be held accountable as a community member and I would like to see the same thing for the police, and that's, you know, after they violated my family. My 13-year-old son is a witness to this so whenever they do come to court to say, my son is going to have a different version and is going to tell the truth.

I need somebody to hear me because I have --- I've been --- I have been shut down everywhere I've tried to turn. In case you're wondering why there is a disconnect community and police that's --- that's exactly why because if my son that's 13 years old has to go sit and testify in court and he's watching the police officer just blatantly lie, what type of lesson is that teaching our children? That's why our children grow up and are so scared of the police, that's why they run like Antwon Rose, Jr. My son would have done the same thing, he would have ran, too.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Could you wrap --- could you wrap it up in another sentence real quick?

MS. VIESCA: Yes. Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MS. VIESCA: I feel like if we have a civilian police review board in place to monitor complaints, paperwork and just be allowed to call the officers on the abuse of the paperwork and authority, we would have a lot more officers acting under constitutional regulations and know their local protocol. There would be more order in the police work and less of a feeling of fear for the people in the community knowing that the police will not

be able to get away with these types of abusive power anymore.

I also believe if the said committee was already in effect, we much --- we may have possibly prevented the tragedy and murder of Antwon Rose, Jr. because this has been going on way too long and I'm not the only one. I thank you for your time. You know, they can't go around acting as if they want to pick out whoever they want and write up paperwork and do whatever they want to people, you know, this isn't the wild, wild west. We need somebody to pay attention to the people in the community. I thank you for your time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Going down to
10708-18.

MR. BARKER: I apologize, 10710, the approval of minutes?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, yeah.

MR. BARKER: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 5th, 2018 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
10708-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Judi Neufield to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization for Hartwood Acres for a term to expire on July 11th, 2020. Sponsored by council Member Prizio.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Prizio, do you --?

MS. PRIZIO: Thank you. I'd like to make a motion to appoint Judi Neufield as a member of the Council of Friends as Hartwood Acres for a term to expire on July 11th, 2020.

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.
10709-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Eric Carter to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization for South Park for a term to expire on August 31st, 2020. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means on the phone?

MR. BARKER: She is.

MS. MEANS: Yes, I am.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. MEANS: Yes. Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. President. I would like to make a motion to approve the reappointment of Erin Carter to serve as a member of the Council of Friends of South Park for a term to expire on August 31st, 2020. Erin Carter is a very hard-working member and she's been a great asset to the friends of South Park.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: She made a motion, there's a second. Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
10712-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Nicholas Futules to serve as a member of the Sports and Exhibition Authority for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10713-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Brian R. Burley to serve as a member of the MBE Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10671-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Richard C. Snipe to serve as a member of the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review for a term to expire on July 1st, 2021. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco, did you ---?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. On July 5th, the Committee for Appointment Review met and we spoke with Mr. Richard Snipe and there was a unanimous

recommendation to appoint Richard C. Snipe to serve as a member of the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review. I'd like to make a motion that we appoint him.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: 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.
10 --- 10672-18.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the continued use of the house on Chipmunk Drive in the County's Harrison Hills Park as an Environmental Learning Center by the Friends of Harrison Hills Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. We met a week ago and we're sending this up on an affirmative recommendation and I move for approval.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll take a --- have a roll call vote on this.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

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

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10673-18.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the use of grounds near the historic Mansion in the County's Hartwood Acres Park for refurbishment and construction of sculpture garden in collaboration with the Allegheny County Parks Foundation. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. We met a week ago on this issue also and recommended to the full Council with an affirmative recommendation and I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none ---.

MR. BAKER: Mr. President, the only thing I would just --- if it's okay, I would just chime in. A couple things that I thought that came up at the meeting that were particularly good is the opportunity for field trips to be taken to this. Once it's developed and continued I think that would be a really positive for students in our community.

There was some good feedback, I think, from the Parks department about ways that it could be utilized as well before some of the concerts that go on at Hartwood Acres. There's going to be a big crowd, for instance, this Sunday night. So in the future, hopefully people can really utilize and make sure that they get to --- get to see a little bit more and it sounds like our park rangers will be active with making sure there's activities there.

The only thing that I think that was even discussed a little bit during the meeting was that --- that there would be a focus on making sure that Allegheny County businesses would be utilized to the best of the

ability of the Parks foundation and the administration and it sounded like there was definitely work being done so that --- I thought it was a great committee meeting and there is a lot of potential for this certainly and I'll be voting in the affirmative.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Any other remarks? Seeing none, we'll take the roll.

MR. BARKER:	Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Catena?
MR. CATENA:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Martoni?
(No response.)	
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Pالموسينا?
MR. PALMOSINA:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Did we do 10673?

MR. BARKER: Just now, correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We just did it?

MR. BARKER: Uh-huh (yes).

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, okay. Let's go to

10698-18.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance authorizing Tim Kaulen, artist, to replace an existing public art display located on the north face of the south tower of the South 10th Street Philip Murray Bridge after the bridge repainting by the County's contractor is completed. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. The Committee on Public Works met on July 5th and this particular ordinance was sent to the full Council without a recommendation.

MS. KIRK: Off the record, did you put a motion in?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No one put a motion yet.

MS. KIRK: Oh, oh.

MR. MACEY: There was no recommendation so there's no motion.

MS. KIRK: Oh.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, you can make a motion.

MR. MACEY: Well, you could.

MS. KIRK: Make the motion, I'll second it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You don't have to.

MS. KIRK: You want me to motion?

MR. MACEY: I thought you were going to send it back?

MS. KIRK: No, not me. I want to make a positive one that ---.

MR. MACEY: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Are you just going to let it go?

MR. MACEY: No, I'm not going to let it go. I'm going to make a motion to accept.

MS. KIRK: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Under remarks? Seeing none.

MS. MEANS: Mr. President, I would like to make some remark.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: Oh, thank you. Well, I attended the Public Works meeting and to be honest, I'm pretty concerned about the artist, Mr. Kaulen's, safety. When this bill was introduced a week ago, they shared that it was timely and I realized during the committee meeting that it is timely because the subcontractor has to give permission to Mr. Kaulen to use the scaffolding to reapply

his painting, his artwork when --- after the artwork is removed when they refurbish the bridge.

So I don't think it's safe for him to go up there, and I also understand that several entities, including the state and the sub-contractor have to give him permission but I think this is a \$25 million rehab project. I think that when he did it 23 years ago it was graffiti, and he did not have permission to do it. And I'm really concerned that we are memorializing graffiti and encouraging other artists to go up on our bridges and put their lives in harm's way.

He said he would indemnify the County and all the entities, but we could still be sued by his family if he would fall to his demise. Thank you for recognizing me, I will be a no vote.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any --- okay, let's go down to Representative Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Initially I was at that same meeting and I had a lot of concerns about the legal and liability issues which the manager's office will take care of and then I started doing little surveys everywhere I went. And although I was not real familiar with the geese or the dinosaurs as some of the people call it, I found out a lot of people are including my own daughter. She remembers it from when she was a kid and saying, oh, the dinosaur bridge. I remember always going over it and she still looks for them when she's in town now because she lives in New York. And talking to other people, it does bring smiles to some people's faces. So for that case, now it is an iconic thing for that bridge so I will be a yes vote.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. President, thank you for recognizing me. I was torn on this because I was considering, you know we got a number of e-mails and phone calls from people in support of this talking about what art meant to them. And I thought, well, if that art meant something to them, why not open this up and allow other folks to weigh in and potentially propose putting art on other bridges or other public buildings or things like that, and I think that that because of the urgency here that may not be practical.

But again, we're spending \$25 million of the County taxpayers' money. I understand that this art was up there, this unauthorized art was up there, but that's

because we didn't have the money or the wherewithal to put someone up there and to remove it or clean it off before. Just because something is there, people see it, they think it's nice. People loved going by the Civic Arena. That was a landmark as well. It's no longer there because times change and they move on.

I find it difficult to support, again having spent \$25 million of taxpayer money to redo and complete a bridge and then offer access to basically a graffiti artist to go up and repaint something, you know that's being removed here that's going to last or --- into perpetuity here. So for that reason, I'm going to be a no as well. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other remarks? Seeing --- Cindy, go ahead.

MS. KIRK: I just wanted to add one addition. My only qualifier would be that everyone mentioned, they'd like it to look the same. They don't want it fancied up or looking really like geese. This is what everyone I talked to really liked, just how it is. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And you want to take a --- take a roll?

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: 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 12, nos 2. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison reports.

Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. Mr. President, I just wanted to reiterate my gratitude to the members, yourself included and Council Members Prizio and Ranalli-Russell and of course the County Executive and his --- and Jen --- Jennifer Liptak is Chief of Staff for --- I wanted to thank all of you for coming out on the 4th of July parade.

It was hot, it was really a difficult time, but there was thousands of people out there, and I know they were really glad to see all of you. And it was my honor and pleasure to be able to host that and hope --- hopefully do it again next year and I just wanted to acknowledge that, Mr. President, because it was --- it just turned out to be a great day. Thank you very much. Oh, and one other thing. And a former Council Member Ed Kress was there also and that was really nice of him to come. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: All right. Thank you, Mr. President. I --- that does not surprise me that Ed Kress was still there that --- that is good to hear, though. Just a couple quick updates from District 1. We had a good 4th of July in Moon Township, a great celebration there. The airport Chamber of Commerce Gala is going to be this Thursday evening which should be excellent. My fourth annual town hall meetings will be taking place this summer. July 30th will be in the airport area in North Fayette for that event. Councilman DeMarco, this is the fourth annual event of having these town halls, but Councilman DeMarco, this will be our second year collaborating and co-hosting those events together. So July 30th in North Fayette, August 14th at Stokes on McKnight Road in Ross Township which should be great again.

Before our next Council meeting, we've got community days in North Fayette on August 4th. We've got Finley weekend on August 18th. The 50th anniversary of the library, I'm guessing Councilwoman Kirk will be at that one as well with us on August 12th. It's to recognize them for 50 great years of Northland Library. I will be filming the 10th episode of my public access show in District 1 in Moon Township later this month which should be great. If anyone from Council, the administration or community --- I know we have a lot of community leaders, a lot of people involved here in the room and watching online.

So if anyone ever wants to get the word out to Moon residents about the good things you're doing in the community, always feel free to let me know, and we'll get you on our public access show. That would be --- that'd be great. And finally, I just want to say happy anniversary to my wife. It's our 14th wedding anniversary. I'm very happy to be with all of you but I also would just like to wish her happy 14th wedding anniversary. And we got married when we were 12. That is not actually true.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other --- any other reports? Representative Kirk?

MS. KIRK: I was at --- with the Leetsdale parade on the 4th of July, and that's a wonderful little parade. It goes through the neighborhood so it's a little bit different. People were throwing food to me as opposed to throwing all the candy out. So it's a nice little event if you ever --- a lot of people from all over the County and mainly the Sewickley Valley show up for that parade. It's really nice and it supports their fire hall there. And if you don't mind, I'd like to just take a moment and give thanks that all those boys and the coach from Thailand are all out safely now and they're being reviewed in the hospital and that was just such a good demonstration of how things can happen when people from all over the world cooperate, and we got all those kids out safe and that's amazing.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: I also wanted to comment about the 4th of July. It seems that somewhere around seven, eight o'clock at night, it ended in a bang, not just fireworks

but the storms that have been continually coming through Allegheny County. First, it was the South Hills then it was the North Hills and in the northern part where my district, Verona, ended up with four foot of water. Businesses were devastated, trees were down. Oakmont Country Club ended up on Hulton Road.

It's something that --- Mother Nature is hard for us to control, obviously. The force of water is greater than the atomic bomb. Nothing is greater than water. It'll move a mountain. But I think this Council, Allegheny County, should look into what possibilities of these flood-prone areas can be re-mitigated so that things like this cannot happen in the future.

Lives have been devastated, people without flood insurance, landslides. This has been the worst year for weather I can remember in my entire life. My heart goes out to all of these communities that were devastated over this last year and hopefully, that we can have discussions here on this Council about what are the possibilities of helping these communities in the future not happening again. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Real quick, I'd like to give a thanks to John Palmiere. He was a great host and the greatest coordinator, whatever --- whatever you wanted to call it. I also attended that parade out in the Brentwood and Whitehall area, and he did a great job and I thank Representative Prizio and Russell --- Representative Russell, Rich Fitzgerald and --- what's her --- Jennifer. Thank you. Okay. Let's move on. 10714-18.

MR. BARKER: A Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing Council Members DeWitt Walton and Paul Klein to conduct up to four public information sessions at locations to be determined throughout Allegheny County in order to aid them in gathering information to be used in evaluating the potential for drafting the ordinance relating to the creation of a County citizens police review board. Sponsored by Council Members Walton, Klein, Prizio, DeFazio, Ranalli-Russell and Futules.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeWalt Whitman (sic).

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm really privileged to be able to sit here and represent not only my constituents but what I truly believe is the sense of what needs to occur in Allegheny County. My

predecessor, Bill Robinson in 2012, tried this but he wasn't successful. I believe that while he did the right thing, that we have a different makeup of Council. We have a different sense of responsibility in that we have an opportunity to move forward. It is an issue whose time has come.

Martin Luther King said that the measure of a man, and being gender --- and being, you know, correct by gender or woman --- the measure of man or a woman isn't where they stand during times of calm and convenience, but the real measure of a man is where they stand during times of crisis and controversy. These are some challenging times. Nationally, there's been a history. Locally, there's been a history. We cannot ignore that. We must act.

I'm pleased to say that my friend and member, Paul Klein and I, have had a bunch of discussions and a significant amount of Council has decided it's the right thing to do and co-sponsored this legislation. Again, it's an issue whose time has come.

We understand on the front side that our ability predicated on home rule charter is limited. We cannot mandate boroughs, municipalities to opt in. We can't even force the Sheriff's department to opt in. But what we can do is work with the legislators to create an environment that corrects the problem and moves us forward. Senator Jay Costa has introduced legislation to talk about mandating greater training and sharing of information across municipalities relative to prior histories of police officers.

My friend and members of the Pittsburgh Black Elected Officials Coalition, Jake Wheatley, Ed Gainey and our friend from the Mon Valley, Austin Davis, along with the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus are talking about introducing legislation that begins to license police officers as much as healthcare professionals are licensed, hairdressers are licensed that teachers are licensed so police officers should also be licensed.

This is not an attack on police officers, but an effort to ensure transparency and integrity of the system and to make sure that all citizens are protected. I think we should embrace, endorse and continue to work --- and I understand the outrage, and I urge all of the protestors to continue to protest, continue to push and demand

justice and equality and integrity of the system. Thank you, Mr. President.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein? Dewitt, I know him like I know my own name. I was recently over the Walt Whitman Bridge and I called you ---.

MR. WALTON: You my dog, Johnny. You my dog.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. Three weeks ago a young man, a young black man, Antwon Rose, was killed in the streets of East Pittsburgh. As we gather here this evening, we live in the shadow of that tragedy. It is a tragedy that has become all too familiar in too many communities across this country. The rituals that attend these woeful episodes are all too familiar as well, shock, outrage, assigning of blame, the endless rationalizations, the call for accountability and appropriate sanctions, but always still the hope that this might not happen again.

But what I fear and what we have reason to fear is that increasingly, we will become numb and as such indifferent that what happened in East Pittsburgh will be understood as commonplace and as such normalized that it will be reviewed through a lens of hopelessness and helplessness. As a legislative body, we can craft a legislative response, a legislative initiative that might appropriately respond to the societal challenge that we now face.

But that legislative response, however well intentioned, however well considered, will not cure all that ails us. Law has its limitations in addressing our most difficult social challenges. We can create a rule, establish a standard, but it does not necessarily follow that it will change hearts and minds and that is where the real work begins.

This evening, Councilman Walton and I, joined by other Members of Council, are asking that Council approve a motion that will allow Councilman Walton and I to hold a series of public meetings that will provide a forum for those who wish to make their voices heard on the subject of police community relations. In conducting these public meetings and in deliberating as a body on how we might respond, we are certainly mindful of the inherent limitations of our power as just alluded to by Councilman Walton.

Allegheny County is comprised of 130 municipalities, 106 of which have some kind of police force. They are sovereign entities with mayors, councils, police chiefs and Allegheny County, as a matter of state law, cannot impose burdens or limitations on that sovereignty. So what's the point, you might ask? Should we decide as a sovereign entity to create a County police accountability and citizen review board? We have the legal authority to render the County police accountable to such a board.

We cannot, as a matter of law, mandate compliance in the boroughs and townships that make up that County. If we should decide to create such a board, we would, in effect, be leading by example. Borough and townships could opt into our process, but we cannot compel that. But we need to make a start. We need to hold hopelessness and helplessness at bay in this dark hour. Because we are a society based on the rule of law, we have to, discouraging as it is, press our case in Harrisburg and that is where the work continues.

A word about policing. Law enforcement views police accountability citizen review boards with some measure of skepticism. They believe that their accountabilities are many, which they are, and that the difficult work that they often do is to be accessed by those who actually do that work and not by the public. We ask, we expect a lot of police.

Each day, they assume a responsibility in which their own lives may be in peril, and they do it because they --- they have sworn to do so, to serve and to protect. And when an officer puts on that badge each day, he or she, in a world in which more transparency is the norm, must be prepared to account to the public that employs them.

Our county police serve and protect us with professionalism and restraint under often difficult circumstances, and they are not alone in their commitment to the communities they serve.

This evening, I ask all of my colleagues on Council to approve a motion that is limited in scope and will allow us to begin a community dialogue intended to foster a sense of shared responsibility throughout the county.

We welcome and encourage broad participation in this process, and we understand that creating a better

society for everyone is a responsibility of citizenship and as such is non-delegable. It's up to all of us to make this as a better place. And as Lincoln once spoke of the better angels of our nature, maybe we should start finding them this evening. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Representative Walton, you didn't make a motion yet, did you?

MR. WALTON: Yes, sir. I move that we adopt 10714-18.

MR. KLEIN: Second.

MR. CATENA: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under --- wait, wait a minute. Under remarks? Go ahead.

MR. CATENA: I'd like to make a motion to amend.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Well, do we have it in writing? I don't have it in writing.

MR. CATENA: Let me know, Mr. President, when you want me to proceed.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. CATENA: I want to give everyone the opportunity to read it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. You want to ---?

MR. KLEIN: John, would you like to ask Jared to read it?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Who, Jared?

MR. CATENA: Jared, do you want to read it?

MR. BARKER: The amendment would be as follows. The title would be stricken in its entirety and replaced with a Motion of the Council of Allegheny County to conduct four fact finding hearings throughout the County led by Council Members Walton and Klein with the optional participation of all Council members to help determine if the need is warranted and possible formation of a Citizens Review Board for the Allegheny County Police.

Said findings will then be presented to Council to follow all established Council rules and procedures to discuss and vote on as appropriate based on the testimony at the fact finding hearings. The whereas clauses would remain identical. Moving down to the substantive language.

NOW THEREFORE, it is moved by the Council of Allegheny County that Council Members DeWitt Walton and Paul Klein are hereby authorized --- the remainder of that sentence would be stricken and replaced with, to conduct

four fact finding hearings throughout the County led by Council Members Walton and Klein with the optional participation of all Council members.

The purpose of these sections will be --- and the remainder of that sentence is stricken --- to help determine if the need is warranted in possible formation of a Citizens Review Board for the Allegheny County Police. Said findings will then be presented to Council to follow all established Council Rules and Procedures to discuss and vote on as appropriate based upon the testimony at the fact finding hearings. The remainder of the bill would remain the same.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. You made the motion and it was seconded by Representative DeMarco. Under remarks?

MR. CATENA: Yes. Can I make a remark, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. CATENA: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President. Obviously, you might be asking yourselves, boy, this sounds painstakingly familiar to the motion that's already been made. But actually, it's a slightly bit different because it defines the motion. It puts structure behind actually what Councilman Walton and what Councilman Klein are actually asking for.

As a legislator, I've been in government for ten years and what I've found out that vagueness is never anyone's friend when you're making or crafting legislation, and you want to be clear and concise when drafting the legislation to be clear to what we're trying to do and what the intent actually is at the end of the day.

Unfortunately, the current motion that's on the table basically is a big vague and as a legislator, my job is to ensure basically that we're putting the best legislation out for everyone at the County level at the end of the day. And my amendment is strictly to do that. It's basically the same motion that Councilman Walton and Klein put out there previously. It just tightens it up a bit and adds clarity to the motion for everybody involved for all, like I said, the citizens of Allegheny County. So thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. You've heard the old cliché that making laws and legislation is

like making sausage. It's not pretty. And we sat in the back and we talked for --- at length about how we should have this structured and how it is going to be written. I was a no. I am now a yes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. We had almost an hour debate in caucus about this amendment, and I begged, I pleaded and I demanded that we not do this amendment. I begged, I pleaded, I demanded that we not do this amendment. Three words, four words, five words. If the need is warranted? There is no damn way that the need is not warranted. That's bullshit.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

(Applause.)

MR. WALTON: I vote --- I'm voting no on the amendment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Anybody else? Okay. Okay. Hold on, everybody. Okay. We're going to vote on the amendment. Well, do you have any questions?

MR. FUTULES: I still want to comment on it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, go ahead. I asked you.

MR. FUTULES: Well, I was trying but we kind of had a little outburst here. The original --- the original motion uses the word evaluating the potential of drafting an ordinance and I believe --- I'm still looking for it I'm sorry, you use the word warranted or possibility. I've lost it, yeah.

MS. KIRK: If the need is warranted.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, if the need is warranted or possibility. I think these two mean the same. I just want everyone to know that I am a co-sponsor on this first motion, and I also support Mr. Catena in his efforts to get on board as well. Either way, I --- I think that this will move forward to the point where we will have these discussions either way. So I'm supporting basically both. Just to move forward is what I'm supporting here. Thank you.

MR. PALMOSINA: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah? Go ahead, Representative Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes. We met in the back for about an hour and I agreed right there and then to Councilman Walton that I would be a yes with his amendment

and that will not change. I will be with his amendment and his amendment only.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: His motion, yeah. Okay. Seeing no other hands --- hey, we can't ---.

MR. WALTON: No, no.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Come on. We're not allowed to do that. Go ahead, Representative Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I am also with DeWitt in not amending this for the mere few words. The bottom line is still the same --- is still the same. We all need to be on board and I'm a no for the amendment, so thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President, for recognizing me. I think --- I was going to be and I would still support and vote for Mr. Catena's amendment because I thought it was a middle ground. It would give the folks on Council and the people of Allegheny County an opportunity to weigh in at public hearings throughout the District, but yet it wouldn't obligate us to the creation of a board or a commission for which we have no authority to oversee any of these municipalities or other police departments throughout Allegheny County.

I heard one of my colleagues talk about folks who are --- feel hopeless or helpless and hope and --- and I don't believe that we solve that and give them hope or extinguish the helplessness by taking and giving them false hope that we have the ability to legislate evil or to legislate risk, you know, out of life here. We don't oversee these other governmental bodies. There is a lot of work that would have to be done in Harrisburg.

So I don't know why we're taking and trying today to put the cart in front of the horse, number one. Number two, there is an investigation that's ongoing here. I have extreme confidence in Superintendent Coleman McDonough and the Allegheny County Police Department to take and provide the information to the district attorney's office and the district attorney, District Attorney Zappala, to make the right decision. He has already taken --- he has already taken ---

(Audience responds.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Come on.

MR. DEMARCO: --- and he has charged this police officer. I'm of the belief, I ran --- I believe the

government is here to solve problems where we can and that is why I ran, because I want to solve problems, but I don't know what problem in establishing this citizen's review board which has no authority over anybody is going to do.

Also, if you look at the County police which are the only ones we oversee, they serve in the airport, they serve in the parks and the one place they don't in Wilmerding is where the County manager and folks tell me that they get standing ovations from the folks in Wilmerding when we go down there because of the job we're doing.

So to sit here and to say right today that we need to vote to establish this citizens review committee when we don't know how is it going to be formed, how many people are going to be on it, who is going to select them. I read an article that Mr. Raheem in the source, in last month's public source. In it, he talks about allowing undocumented people to serve on this and why he wanted to call it a civilian as opposed to citizen. How can you have --- how can you have non-citizens.

(Audience responds.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Whoa, whoa.

MR. WALTON: Khalid --- Khalid, hold it.

Khalid.

MR. DEMARCO: How can you have non-citizens on a citizens review board?

MR. RAHEEM: I just want to correct him.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, you can't.

MR. DEMARCO: There --- there is a lot, a lot here to go into this, and I just --- I think, I'm all for transparency. I'm all for the ability for people to discuss things. I'm all for looking into it. I'm not for taking and saying this is what we're going to do and now we'll go around and we'll talk to folks to try to justify it. So I will be a no on the original, but I would have been willing to support the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Russell?

MS. VIESCA: It's the beginning of something.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Come on, come on.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: That's --- that's exactly right. It is a start and it has to start here and as my fellow co-worker, Mr. Klein, said, you know, we don't have the authority, but it is a beginning and that we need to

go further. So that was explained and I think, you know, we all need to be on board here and help our citizens.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Let's take --- go ahead, Representative Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. I will support the original motion and I don't think we can wait on Harrisburg to get things done.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: That's right.

MR. KLEIN: I think that work has to be done at the state level, but municipalities around the country take up this responsibility. And I think from our vantage point in --- you know, in creating, if we decide to create a citizens review board, although it's applicability would be only to the County police, I think we have a good starting point. And we have a good starting point that can serve as a model to other communities going forward.

But I think that there is a lot of work to do on a lot of fronts, and this is a start and it is --- has not been done at the County level before but with this possibility we begin the march towards some kind of progress. So I will be voting yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. CATENA: Mr. President, can I make a comment?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. CATENA: It was pointed out that there were four words that Councilman Walton wasn't in favor of in possible formation of. But if you look at the current motion, the one that I didn't amend it said evaluating potential, very similar in nature. Evaluating potential and in possible formation of. I see people nodding their heads so that's what I'm trying to point out.

Vagueness, when you're talking about legislation, vagueness is not a good thing. You want to put out exactly what it is in the legislation that you're --- what you're trying to accomplish because you don't want to give anyone false hope of what it is or isn't.

MR. WALTON: Mr. President --- Mr. President, when he finishes?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'll get you, I'll get you. Okay, wait. You can't go back and forth, you know that.

MR. WALTON: Yeah.

MR. CATENA: If I --- no, I'm trying to finish my statement.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, go ahead you ---.
Okay.

MR. CATENA: I mean, what it actually is is it's --- it's basically two --- four words versus two words. The intent at the end of the day is the same, it basically --- yes, it is. The intent at the end of the day is the same. It accomplishes the same exact thing.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Go ahead, DeWitt.

MR. WALTON: Mr. President, thank you. And I hope --- I hope that we are able to vote on the amendment and the motion fairly quickly. With all due respect to my fellow members of Council and to the audience and President in presence, I want to make two points. One, while I've only held elected office for a little over two and a half years, I have spent my entire working life as a union leader, as a union member, negotiating and arbitrating contracts about intent, application, and I believe in a very serious way that we clearly understand the challenges that we face.

We clearly understand the challenges that we face, but we will not be deterred from our mission. The time is now, the time is here, let's move forward. And lastly, if my fellow member is --- he just shared the words that the --- that the difference is minute in his opinion. So if the difference is so minute, why put the amendment forward? I say again, the time is now and we don't need an amendment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's vote on the --- this is being voted on the amendment now first.

MR. BARKER: On Mr. Catena's motion to amend.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: No.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?
MR. PALMOSINA: No.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: No.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: No.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: No.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 7, nos 7. The amendment

fails.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Now we vote on the motion.

MR. BARKER: On the original motion.

MS. KIRK: We didn't get to --- we weren't speaking on the motion before.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, wait a minute. Go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: May I have a point of order, please?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: Ladies and gentlemen, what you just witnessed here is democracy in action. Okay. Let's please understand that Mr. Catena had a little difference of opinion, but Mr. DeFazio was gracious enough to give him permission to do this and make his amendment and it just didn't pass; okay?

So the point is, we can come together regardless of differences of --- of opinion at various times. Right now the issues is, let's get something done. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Kirk?

MS. KIRK: So this is discussion on the motion?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You'll get a chance to speak on that.

MS. KIRK: Well, I just want to say when I first heard of this motion this weekend I took the time and I called all my communities. There is 15 municipalities in

my District. I talked to the leadership of the community, I talked to the law enforcement, and I learned a lot. What I learned was there was a lot of checks and balances already. There's body cams out there already, there's dash cams.

MS. VIESCA: We can't tell that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Come on, come on, come on. Let her speak.

MS. KIRK: Thank you. I also learned the amount of training in my District that's mandated for the police, physical training, cultural sensitive training and ethics is all mandated in my area of the county. I have no objection to any --- to any community implementing its own civilian oversight review board, but I don't think it's appropriate for the County to attempt to supersede what is currently local jurisdiction.

Throughout my District, local boards, review boards already exist. In addition, I fully support the volunteer emerging of police resources among consenting communities. For example, anyone familiar with the Northern Area Regional Police is a prime example that's successfully doing this. Four communities that were growing that were small --- and because they merged, they have the ability to afford well-trained, well-staffed police departments.

Most of them throughout my District are all fulltime police officers who are trained. That's a difference in our area and based on this and the feedback I received, I will be a no vote on this motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Any other remarks on the main motion? Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. One of the things we talked about here is if this thing passes and a civilian review board is selected, they only have authority over the County police. And I spoke earlier how well trained the County police --- our County police academy is well recognized as being a fine institution and is one which trains many of the officers from the other municipalities. Recognizing that there's always room for improvement, I worked with the County manager's office as well as the County police to ask for \$75,000 to be placed into their budget for this year so that they could buy a new simulator to try to prepare them for things that may take place in the community and to try to help train

officers so that they can be more responsive and things like that.

Again, we're doing everything we need to do here to take care of our officers and to train them to ensure that their equipped when they meet the streets to treat our folks respectfully and --- and the way it should be. I don't see where the taking --- we have no oversight over East Pittsburgh or any of these other communities, so to take and try to say we'll do a civilian oversight board here and it's going to fix something else out there, it's not going to happen and for that reason I'm a no.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Any other remarks before we vote? Seeing none, let's take the --- this is on the main motion.

MR. BARKER: On Mr. Walton's motion.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: A resounding yes.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 8, nos 6. The motion passes.

MR. WALTON: Yes, yes.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's go --- we're going to be finished real quick here. 10711-18.

MR. BARKER: A Communication summarizing approved executive actions from June 1st through June 30th, 2018.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to make a motion to receive and file?

MR. MACEY: Receive and file, please.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Is there any public comment?

MR. BARKER: Not on non-agenda items, no.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. Anyone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. BAKER: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

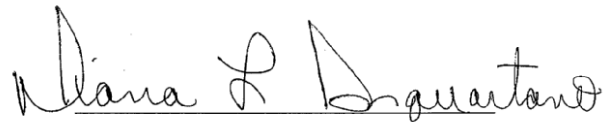
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6:30 P.M.

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