

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 (via telephone)
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Patrick Catena	-	District 4
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9 (via telephone)
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  
Richard Fitzgerald - County Executive

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

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?

(No response.)

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?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

(No response.)

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: At the moment, we have 11 members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10775-15.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation commending the Port Authority of Allegheny County employees who made a positive impact on our community following the train

derailment in August. Sponsored by Council Member Ranalli-Russell and all other Members of Council.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: I am proud to be presenting this Proclamation to the employees of the Port Authority who handled the aftermath of the train derailment and got the station operation again so quickly. They are all here. There is 18 of them and they all played a role in deescalating a potentially tragic incident.

It is because of your team effort that you all showed that you truly made a positive impact on our community and we thank you. And their names that are here is Danielle Hilgartner and Todd McEl --- McElravy from Rail Operations; Brad Straight, Lucian Cappetta. Pardon me, if I'm pronouncing your name wrong. Frank Urda, Chuck Rompala and Pat Sipe who passed away since from Road Operations; Brian Dudas and Adam Brandolph from Communications; Greg O'Hare, Steve Kladney, Jim Labella, Dave Lynn, John Binsse, Paul Deiseroth, Matt Homic from Technical Support and Capital Programs; Chad Snyder and Lieutenant Brian O'Malley from Security and Safety and Princess Ferguson. I will now read the Proclamation.

WHEREAS, On August 5th, 2018, a 7,687 foot long, 4,838 ton Norfolk Southern train bound for Chicago derailed in Pittsburgh. The 14 double-stacked trailers went off the tracks, spilling cargo onto Port Authority of Allegheny County light-rail tracks and;

WHEREAS, the derailment caused massive damage and due to the steep terrain at the site, removing the train cars was extremely difficult. Once the trailers were cleared, light-rail track, overhead electrical lines and a system that holds them all needed to be replaced and;

WHEREAS, the derailment caused major traffic disruptions and forced the light rail to be diverted through the neighborhood of Allentown. Despite these obstacles, the Port Authority managed to get bus and light-rail passengers to and from downtown Pittsburgh with minimal delays. The Port Authority opened the Station Square Station just 20 days after the incident and;

WHEREAS; the Port Authority employees who responded and worked to address the incident represent the best of the agency, through their efforts and commitment to excellence, they made a challenging situation significantly better for all those who rely on public

transportation in this region. Those being recognized for their extraordinary efforts include Danielle Hilgartner and Todd McElravy from Rail Operations; Brad Straight, Lucian Cappetta, Frank Urda, Chuck Rompala and Pat Sipe from Road Operations; Brian Dudas and Adam Brandolph from Communications; Greg O'Hare, Steve Kladney, Jim LaBella, Dave Lynn, John Binsse, Paul Deiseroth and Matt Homic from Technical Support and Capital Programs; Chad Snyder and Lieutenant Brian O'Malley and Princess Ferguson from Security and Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Council Member Denise Ranalli-Russell and all Members of Council, do hereby commend and recognize the Port Authority of Allegheny County Employees who work diligently and tirelessly to provide a positive impact on our community following the train derailment in August. Signed by President DeFazio, myself and all Members of Council. We all thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: If you can all come up, we're going to get a picture.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10776-18 and the rest of the Proclamations will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: Before proceeding, I believe we have at least one Council Member on the phone at this point? Mr. Macey, are you there? Mr. Macey? Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco is here. Okay.  
10776-18.

MR. MACEY: Macey, here.

MR. BARKER: We've got Mr. Macey as well.  
10776-18. A Proclamation congratulating GTN law as it celebrates 50 years of providing equality and justice for all through law since 1968. Sponsored by Council Member Catena.

10777-18. A Certificate of Recognition presented to Mr. Placid J. Larouere of Bethel Park, Pa upon the momentous occasion of his 85th birthday. Sponsored by Council Members Martoni and Means.

10778-18. A Certificate of Recognition presented to the Chartiers Center of Bridgeville, PA upon the momentous occasion of it's 50th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

And 10779-18. A Proclamation recognizing and congratulation State Representative John Maher for his 21 years of service as the 40th District Representative. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

At this time, we'd have the Chief Executive quarterly address.

(Applause.)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. I wanted to go through a number of items. I also wanted to introduce, and I know we couldn't do it earlier but it will be available at the next meeting but Lance Chimka, Lance if you'd just stand up for a minute. Lance is the new economic development director and I know in so many of your districts ---.

(Applause.)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: In so many of your districts, it'll be something you'll be working on. Lance was with the County for seven years in economic development and then moved on when Secretary Davin became Secretary Davin four years ago under Governor Wolf and has been the governor's action team director for the Southwestern Pennsylvania, the 10 County region for those last four years and now we're glad to have Lance back with us leading the economic development department.

Since we were together last time, we had our bond rating increased for the fifth time in the last six years. The work we've been able to do together with our budgets and with making sure that our fund balance goes up and that we're not using one time revenue sources that has been done in the past, stabilizing the pension fund, et cetera. It's been tremendous and it is the highest that it has been in 35 years. Since 1983, our bond rating is the highest it's been.

And even more important than the rating that they give on the lowest risk, is some of the comments that Moody's and Standard and Poor's put in the text of what they said. And a lot of it was about the bright future of the economic growth that's occurring here in the region. That they see not only strong financial work that's obviously done by the manager and his team and all of you and the budgets that you've passed over the last six years, but also the job growth, the influx of young people, all the construction, all the things that are going on. So I think it's something continuing to work

together, we'll try to make sure that we stay on that path.

I'll be presenting in the next meeting my budget proposal to give to you as we work through that over the next couple months. So I'm looking forward to doing that. We've also had a very challenging year when it comes to weather, landslides, flooding in many of your communities. And in fact, we've had more landslides this year than in recent memory. We've also had more rain than we've had in recent memory. And we decided that we've got to try to get ahead of this a little bit so we created a landslide task force that I have asked the Chief of Emergency Services Matt Brown and Public Works Director Steve Shanley to co-chair.

And they are working with experts, geologists, folks in the utility industry, developers, some of our great universities, civil engineers, et cetera, bringing them together to see if there is ways in which we can be proactive in trying to prevent some of the slides that we've had, you know, over the years.

So I'm delighted that they agreed to do that and working with a lot of the talented people because one of the things that I think we're really good at in this region is when we work together and bring talented folks all to the table we can solve problems and we can meet the challenges that are out there. So I'm looking forward to that.

I know you've seen the scaffolding as it goes around the perimeter of this wonderful historic building. The roof, I think it's about 60 percent done on the outside and then of course, after they --- they'll be moving onto the inner part that will be affected by the --- that will affect the courtyard. And as you know, when we talked last time about the roof tiles, the 450,000 roof tiles that they are replacing, we've begun selling those and giving those proceeds to the Parks Foundation and to date, the Parks Foundation has already received \$6,400 from people that have been buying those, and it's just been a couple of weeks. So we're glad and obviously putting money into our parks, our beautiful parks and some of the things we're doing is really, you know, something we can all be very proud of.

I want to talk --- the Health Department, we added number 61 as the live well community and I know every one of you have some of the live communities in your

district. The latest one was Bradford Woods in Councilwoman Kirk's district the other day and Dr. Hacker presented that. So we now have 14 school districts that are part of it, 46 restaurants and 24 workplaces that are part of the live well program to make healthier living around diet, exercise, environment, those type of things within the workplace, within the municipalities that they have. Again, something we can be very proud of.

And I also want to give kudos to the health department and all the folks who have worked together. I know we've been reading about lead a lot in the news, nationally as well as locally, but we've got some good news, data that just came out. Back in 2010, over six percent of the children under the age of six had a - lead level in their blood that tested above five micrograms per deciliter. Six percent of the children in Allegheny County tested at that level.

Six years --- seven years later, we're at 1.9 percent. So there's been a huge reduction in the children that have been affected. We're obviously going to continue the work that we can do with economic development, with housing, around paint, around soil, around water, all the things, and obviously what you passed last year around the testing for children under the age of two, making that mandatory so that we can take remedial action early on. So that'll be --- that's something that we want to take a look at.

We'll talk about the parks. We had a very good summer. Obviously, that's the big time when our park programs go out. We increased our programs this summer by 31 percent. We had 31 percent more programs than we had last year. Great attendance levels in so many different areas of the programs. Although, one thing that was down a little bit was our concert series and the South Park concerts that go on Friday nights and the Hartwood Acres that go on Sunday nights, we seemed to have rain that would occur on Friday nights and Sunday nights. So it's just --- it was one of those years, down slightly. It was still pretty good.

In fact, some of the other revenues were up around refreshments and others, but we had a little slight --- slight drop in that. Some of the big programs that we have going on, obviously the trails that we continue to build. One of the big ones, we partnered with the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation, the Citrone Foundation,

our Parks Foundation and DCNR to redo the Cascades in South Park. I know Councilman Palmiere being from that area and Councilwoman Means, that was something that years ago was such an iconic feature, those Cascades in South Park, and to be restoring those --- it's about a million dollar project and for everybody to come together with that, it's something we can be very proud of.

I don't know how many made it out to Boyce Park and Councilman Futules in Monroeville and Plum and Dr. Martoni's District but the Indian Hill Meadow was one of the most unbelievably beautiful things for six acres of parkland going up the hill. It was actual --- it was actually a magnet for people. It was about a half mile from the ski area, if you know that road that leads back to the ski slopes, just absolutely beautiful and people would get out of their cars and take pictures and it's something we want to replicate in many of our other parks.

I know there's plans in North and South and Settler's and others to take a look and see how we can do that, but that's something that the Parks Foundation partnered with the Parks Conservancy, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and it was something --- again, it was just very, very well received. And you think about, you know, the other benefits, not just the beauty but it helped take out an awful lot of storm water that it was able to absorb as kind of a large wetlands as well as obviously helping with air quality in the area as well. So it was something that we --- again something that we maybe want to take a look at and do more of on into the future.

We'll talk about the Port Authority a little bit. You know we hired a new director a number of months ago and what Katharine Kelleman and her team are doing are really taking it to a new level. They purchased most recently 70 new buses, as we replaced the buses, the bus fleet. Much more environmentally friendly buses that will be transporting our citizens around Allegheny County. They hired a new planning director. We haven't had a planning director at the Port Authority for a number of years and obviously, you know, when you're doing transportation and looking at how we're going to deploy our assets, having a planning director to be able to do that.

There also re-looking at a re-branding process that's been --- it hasn't been re-branded for a number of



years and as things change and this new generation and the transit usage continues to go up, we want to make sure that we're appealing to the marketplace. They also did some --- recently got a contract for more displays to give real time information at our terminals. So when people are at their bus stop or at their T stop, they'll be able to see when the next vehicle is going to come.

And again, what Councilwoman Ranalli-Russell did in, you know, giving the Proclamation, thank you. What those folks in getting that line back up and running in really a very short period of time --- I mean, people from the South Hills and that neck of the woods were really cut off, and people thought it was going to take many months to get that line back up and running and they did it literally in a matter of days. So they deserve a lot of credit. I'm glad you were able to recognize them here this evening.

The airport, we always have, you know, good news at the airport, it seems to be every quarter that I come in. Passenger service is up 8.8 percent on the year. Again, it's been three years in a row that's been tremendous growth. The new flights that have been announced, Delta is going to Salt Lake City, direct flight to Salt Lake City, two new charter flights to Shanghai, China. The first time we've had service to China and one of the only --- the mid-size cities that has service to China, new service to San Diego and then British airways giving us a London flight. To get a signature carrier like British Airways to come in and recognize Pittsburgh is something we can be very proud of and the Seattle flight just began this month as well.

So --- and then lastly and I'll open up for questions. We see our convention business is up about five percent this year which we're glad to see. And I don't know if you recently saw the story about tracking attendance for some of our sports teams, but finding that almost a third of the folks who go to Pirate games come from out of state. So while they may not be our fans, you know, they come and they spend money. They book hotel rooms, they buy meals, they buy --- you know, spend money here. So it's a good thing when we attract our out-of-town visitors even though for those three hours, we might be on the other side of things that go on. But anyway, Mr. President, any questions anybody might have I'm here to entertain those.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Raise your hands if anybody --- Representative DeWitt Walton?

MR. WALTON: Executive Fitzgerald, I want to commend you for the leadership that you've --- that you've shown and the collaborative effort that you generate in our conversations on an ongoing basis. But my query to you is regarding a story that appeared in the Post-Gazette yesterday, outlining some of the challenges that some of the municipalities have. And the story that I'm referring too --- and you were quoted in this story regarding North Braddock.

And some of the --- and some of the challenges that that municipality, along with other municipalities are facing. And in terms of revenue stream and how we will continue to support them and provide services for them. Clearly, clearly, a host of municipalities are having all kinds of challenges in terms of divestment, abandoned homes, lack of revenue and the challenges that they face in terms of providing basic services like public safety eating such huge amounts of their budget.

And so I want to ask how can we continue --- I know last year, you and Chancellor Nordenberg offered up a piece of legislation that created opportunities for municipalities to dissolve and become --- and to gain services by the County as a --- as a resolution to their --- to those challenges that they face.

How can we --- politically, it's not expedient to have that kind of conversation, but as a practical matter, how can we really begin to tackle that issue in a --- in a more forthright way?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, I appreciate that, Councilman. I did read the story and I've, you know, obviously followed what's been going on, not just North Braddock but many of our communities. And I think it's a conversation we need to keep having and sometimes we haven't been willing to have that as a County and as a region. You know, we walk about some of the great economic growth that's happening and it is.

I mean, we see cranes everywhere, our construction trades are as busy as they've ever been but not every community is sharing in those gains. You know, we see it in the city and we see it in some of the inner ring suburbs and some of the areas out near the airport but some of our older mill towns, particularly in Lemoyne Valley and the Allegheny Valley and our river towns have

had a loss of population. They've had --- maybe the factory closed a number of years ago, and they lost a big part of their tax base and they're struggling, they're struggling to provide basic public services, public safety, public works, et cetera.

So you're right. We introduced a bill. We got a bill introduced in the House and the Senate, voluntary and I stress that word as much as I can, voluntary disincorporation, which would allow municipal officials to place a question on the ballot, a referendum question on their ballot to allow their citizens, if they want voluntarily to disincorporate and they would become part of the County as far as services go.

The bill is in committee up in Harrisburg, we'll see where it goes. I understand the Senate is getting ready to run it, but you know, we'll find out. You're right. The institute of politics, Chancellor Nordenburg, along with former County Executives Roddey and Onorato were very instrumental in helping push to get a lot of that done.

So we've got to continue to have that conversation because there are some communities out there that still have to pave, you know, X amount miles of roads but they have a fraction of the people, of the tax base that they used to have. And if they have abandoned properties, they're obviously not collecting tax revenues from those properties. So it's a challenge that we're going to continue to work on. You know, hopefully there is more economic development to come as it spreads out from the urban core, from our universities and can start to spill out into places like North Braddock, Braddock, Rankin, East Pittsburgh, Wilmerding, I mean, I could go on and on about a number of cities that have seen the companies that used to be employed there. But I think it's something we've got to work together on as a community and as a region.

MR. WALTON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other remarks?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. I just want to take a moment, our --- I know most of the parks have really been really hit hard this past --- with the weather we've had and I just want to commend the people and the crews down at South Park for

really trying to get the park back into shape again because we really got hit hard. We were devastated down there with so many issues and problems, and you know, I just wanted to give those people and their crews down there a shout out. They're doing one heck of a good job and I just wanted to make --- you know, make sure that it was --- you know, that they were included today in the dialogue. Thank you.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Councilman. And also, I neglected to talk --- and I know Mr. Palmosina has worked in that realm of Public Works. Our public works director, our parks folks really do a yeoman's job. And I know I've been here a number of years and we used to maybe pave 15 miles worth of road or 20 miles worth of road, and we know over the last couple we did 58 and I think 60 over the last two years as we were playing catch-up. This year, we're still going to be up in the 40s in road paving because we know that the minimum we should be doing is 40.

We should be doing 10 percent of the 400 miles of road that we own in Allegheny County, not counting obviously our parks, but our facilities people, our parks people, dealing with the landslides, dealing with retaining walls and the things that we've had to deal with this year, a very difficult --- we forget, it was a very difficult winter if you remember back on snow removal and things like that. They really do a great job and they've kept the parks --- with the limited resources they have, the ability to make them really look good. And we have more people enjoying our parks than we ever have and it's something we should be very, very proud of.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative --- go ahead, Cindy.

MS. KIRK: Hi, I just want to bring up about the roof tiles?

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (yes).

MS. KIRK: I have purchased several of them and they are beautiful when they come. I've got them for Christmas gifts and I think once people start getting them for, you know, wanting to buy them for Christmas the parks will really thrive on it because they are very nicely done, nicely packaged and everything and you get a little history pamphlet with it about the history of the

courthouse. They're very nice. I was very impressed with them.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Good program that we did.

MS. KIRK: Very good program, yes.

MR. FUTULES: I think she bought all \$6,400 worth.

MS. KIRK: I do have a large family, but ---.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more comments ---.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President. We'll see you at our next meeting.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's go on with the speakers on the agenda.

MR. BARKER: First up is Jim Burn.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jim --- Jim Burn is a former councilman from here and he is now coming up to speak.

MR. FUTULES: Welcome back, Jim.

MR. BAKER: He used to sit in this chair; right? That was your chair.

MR. BURN: It's nice to see you taking good care of my chair, Councilman and you, too, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. BURN: Good afternoon, Mr. President and Members of Council, Mr. Cambest, it's good to see all of you again. I stand here tonight in front of you as your former colleague, as a former President of this organization, of this body, and as a resident of Allegheny County in support of Council Member Prizio's proposed ordinance to allow a database program institution to be established so that we can accurately track, follow and create relevant and important critical information with respect to the location of drilling sites in our County, municipality by municipality, including the City of Pittsburgh.

By way of a little background, for those who may have not studied the ordinance or the back story with respect to it, since 2010, street addresses and parcel ID's have been removed from the Recorder of Deeds or the deeds office. So if you were to attempt to look in this County to see where these items or these --- these projects or these fracking sites were to be taking place or were to be proposed you wouldn't be able to accurately find out where they are located. This is just a common

sense piece of legislation in my opinion. It's good independent thinking outside of the box. It creates accountability, it creates transparency, it creates an ability for you, as an institution, an independently-elected group of legislators to create a piece of legislation that should be right into government reform.

It should find co-sponsors, it should be vetted relatively quickly and it should be put back up onto the floor for a vote. What is it asking? It's simply asking that if I go to the Allegheny County webpage and I want to see in the Borough of Millvale where I live or Shaler, where my neighbor Johnny right up the street lives, I can look to see where the paths are. I can look to see where it's being done if it's being done. And if I'm thinking about investing in any specific community in this County, I think that's a relevant piece of information that I need to know.

I think it's a relevant piece of information for elected officials to know, and tonight --- and tonight we were celebrating public safety, which is always something that I took very special pride in as a former mayor and a former Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. This is as much a public safety as it is a transparency issue. I'm sure the director over at emergency services would love to update his EOC plan and know where these pads are, know where these wells are, in the event, God forbid we were to have a situation.

So this body with this legislation, in my opinion, is doing what it - what it was proposed to do under the charter. If I was sitting there or if I were sitting there where I did for a year with that gavel, I would be signing this as a co-sponsor. I would be running it through my committee looking for sponsorship. This is what you are empowered to do, the legislative branch of County government, not a department of another branch of government but your own independent thinkers. This one should get right through without much conference or debate. Any legal concerns, I am sure, because I've looked at it, can be adequately addressed. Great to be with you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Robert Nishikawa.

MR. NISHIKAWA: I'm Bob Nishikawa. I live at 125 Woodshire Drive in O'Hara Township, and I would like to comment on the ordinance to provide public access to

oil and gas lease information relating to property located within Allegheny County.

As you are all aware, there are hazards associated with oil and gas development. Just a few weeks ago, a gas line exploded. Fracking has polluted our air, water, land and is exasperating climate change. I'm well aware that this Council has very limited powers to address those concerns. However, this Council can and should enable citizens to get more information on oil and gas development in the County so that we can address the problems ourselves and voice our concerns to your local municipalities and the state and federal governments.

The ordinance proposed by Council Member Prizio would give some much needed transparency to oil and gas development in the region. Just last Sunday, Chief Executive Fitzgerald agreed with me that fracking should not be done in residential areas, but he has no powers to stop it. Your support and vote in favor of the Prizio ordinance can help us protect our residential areas.

I'm not asking you to join us in the fight, but that would be nice if you'd like to. I'm only asking you to help us by requiring the oil and gas industry to be more transparent, and this is something you can and should do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up, Anais Peterson.

MS. A. PETERSON: Hi, Anais Peterson. I live at 125 Woodshire Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15215. I'm also here to comment on the oil and gas registry ordinance. I think that there has been a lot of great work done by Frac Tracker Alliance in registering all these different sites across Allegheny County.

However, it should not be the responsibility of private citizens and groups to do this it should be the responsibility of our elected officials to keep us safe. I find it really concerning that there are oil and gas wells popping up all over the County. There is the pipelines and all the other related equipment and we do not have any information on what they're doing, when it's going to start and what's happening.

Especially since the facts have shown over and over again that the natural gas industry is extremely harmful to human health, I think it's extremely important that we have the information that tells us when these

activities would begin so we can monitor their effects on us.

I think that the people --- the reason we should do this is that we've seen over and over again that the oil and gas industries are extremely toxic but we do not have the access to the information to know how they're affecting us. Basically, if this is --- if the industry is --- is opposed to this, there is a reason. The only people that are opposed to the transparency are people with something to hide, and I think we should be working to make this as safe as possible for everyone and protect the health of your citizens. Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Dianne Peterson.

MS. D. PETERSON: Hi, I'm Dianne Peterson, 125 Woodshire, and I'm here to speak also about Anita --- Anita Prizio's ordinance.

I'm here to stress my belief that your job is to be part of a representative government and that I believe your job is to protect the rights and welfare of your citizens. And thus, to provide transparency, not only with the government or the governing, but also with the industry and what they're doing to us.

I've learned that fracking was coming to our area of Fox Chapel in January of 2018 to start in the summer of 2018. I was shocked. It was close to two of our schools within two miles, it was close to Emmerling Park, it was close to my son's soccer field. All of those places, including homes and daycare centers and businesses, were in the blast zone.

Public information, we provided a small, quick public information meeting and 150 people quickly showed up in a room where only 120 people were to fit because they were curious, and they wanted to know information about this fracking they hadn't heard a word of. The townships hadn't told them. They were in shock. The people in our --- in our community still want information.

Someone in our community filed for a Right to Know, because when they went to the township they were told that they couldn't look at the public records, they were denied. They filed a Right to Know Request, they were denied. They were told they had to pay \$400 to look at the public records. Finally, they brought the issue to Harrisburg and finally in early --- sorry, late August they were allowed to look at records that they had been



looking --- trying to look at since they learned of fracking in January.

Because of citizen action, because of our concern, now the schools are actually --- are actually running emergency evacuation drills. None of this would have happened unless the citizens had gone out and spoken for ourselves. People are still thirsty for information. There asking about the fracking operation itself. They want to know the total footprint, they want to know not only about the Weller --- the Miller Well Pad but they want to know the total operation.

Where are the --- where's the pinging operation, where are the compression stations, where are the pipelines, all of which have inherent dangers to them. I just want to ask you to please do your job, to please make sure that this is transparent, to please let us have access to the information we now need to keep us safe. Please, thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have one more?

MR. BARKER: We have one more, and I'm going to apologize in advance. I'm going to butcher this name, Rajani Vaidyanathan.

MS. VAIDYANATHAN: Thank you. Hi, I'm Rajani Vaidyanathan and I live at 941 Field Club Road. I'm here in support of making the oil and gas exploration lease information available through the Office of Deeds. I live in Fox Chapel area and like Dianne said, Indiana County allowed fracking, and we came to know about the fact that they had approved fracking 14 months after it happened and this is our backyard.

When we asked the municipality, like Dianne said, it took us eight months to get any information about where these leases are. We still don't have enough information about where the extraction leases have been approved and where they're going to be. We --- we need an easy way to access this information and we would also like to bring to your notice that amongst all the shale formation, Allegheny County is the only one with the least amount of wells and well pad.

So we need to get ahead of the problem and not wait for things to get bad before we do it. This is our backyard, all of our backyards and this is our water source and this is --- this is our air quality. Methane is going to be a big contributor to greenhouse gases. So

I truly appreciate the initiative you have taken and we hope you would get this through for us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. That's all the speakers?

MR. SHIELDS: I signed up for this week and next week.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I don't know, is he on the list or what?

MR. BARKER: Mr. Shields actually signed up for the October 9th meeting, but we don't have one for tonight.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The only thing I can say, if the body ---.

MR. SHIELDS: Does anybody oppose?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, does anybody oppose letting him speak? Okay. Go ahead, speak.

MR. SHIELDS: Thank you, Members of Council. It's a pleasure to be here for you tonight. My name is Douglas Shields. I reside in Squirrel Hill at 2329 Tilbury Avenue, a resident of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. I, too, speak today to the bill that Councilwoman Prizio put forward. This happened as a result that I had involvement in. If anybody would like to meet with me I'm available. We can talk about this, but the problem is simply this.

We have photo shots of the Deeds Office site. This is an issue that had come up about a year ago, actually. Frac Tracker Alliance does have an Allegheny County lease mapping project. It takes publicly available information and displays that on their map. It's interactive. Anybody can use it or access it. To be clear, Frac Tracker Alliance does not take any position whatsoever as to the efficacy or the justness of drilling and fracking and all that other stuff.

My organization, Food and Water Watch, however, does have a position on it. What we have found is this. We cannot track where leased land is. If you look at the map, you'll see that there is a substantial amount of land, about 18 percent of the County, that's already under lease.

We, since 2010, cannot get the data because the data was deleted or not inputted in the Deeds Office and I have a data record here and there's a little circle that's squared off and it shows an empty parcel ID number. If you go before 2010, the parcel ID numbers are there. And

without those all-important parcel ID numbers, Frac Tracker nor can anyone else, accurately map where leased land is. Why is that a concern? I have been working closely with municipalities, Monroeville, Oakmont, Bell Acres, Aleppo, I can go on, about revising zoning codes that are woefully out of date and don't properly address this.

They cannot develop a comprehensive plan that is required by the state, nor can they appropriately develop their zoning codes without this critical information. So we can't really hide this information, and I would hope that you would talk to Councilwoman Prizio further about the ordinance. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We now go to approval of minutes. 10780-18.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the August 21st, 2018 regular meeting of Council.

MR. WALTON: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: 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. Okay. 10770-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Cara Ciminillo to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term effective from January 1st, 2019 through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10771-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Judith Thomas Horgan to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term effective from January 1st, 2019 through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10772-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Avis B. Kotovsky to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term effective from January 1st, 2018 through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10773-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Stephanie Kaminskis to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization for Settlers Cabin for a term to expire on September 26th, 2020. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: I'm happy to --- yeah, Stephanie and a current member, Roxanne Buckles, reached out to me and let me know that Stephanie was interested in serving on the Council of Friends for Settler's Cabin. I know of her as a good community leader and think she would do an admirable job as a member for the Council of Friends for Settler's. So just having put her name forward to the group. And I would make the motion to --- to put her on the Board.

MR. CATENA: 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.  
10774-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Amy Ottaviani, MPA, to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization for Settler's Cabin for a term to expire on September 26th, 2020. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Baker?

MR. BARKER: Amy O. is awesome. She's a --- she does a great job. She is incredible within Moon Township, is involved in almost everything up there except for the Council of Friends for Settler's Cabin. So in her role, she used to be the Deputy Director of parks and rec there. She is Amy Poehler from Parks and Recreation in real life. She's --- she's just wonderful. So she'll do a great job on the Council of Friends and I'm happy to make a motion to accept Amy onto the Council of Friends for Settler's Cabin.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

MR. BAKER: Sam, it sounds like a 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.  
10724-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Janet Craig to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Chairman DeFazio. The Committee on Appointment Review met on Wednesday, September 19th, and recommended the reappointment of Janet Craig to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board. I'd like to make a motion.

MR. BAKER: 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.  
10758-18.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Laura Poskin to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term effective from January 1st, 2019 through December 31st, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Chairman DeFazio, the Committee on Appointment Review met on Wednesday, September 19th and approved the --- or recommended the appointment of Laura Poskin to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. I'd like to make a motion.

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.  
Liaison Reports, anybody have?

MR. BAKER: Sure, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead,  
Representative ---.

MR. DEMARCO: Don't we have one more?

MR. BAKER: Okay. A couple --- a couple quick updates. We had a --- oh, Sam go ahead, sorry.

MR. BARKER: I apologize, but we actually have a couple of unfinished business items still to attend to.  
10759-18 and 10721-18.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wait a minute. 10721?

MR. BARKER: 10759 and 21, yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, 59. Go ahead.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Rachael Wonderlin, MS, to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term effective from January 1st, 2019 through December 31st, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, President DeFazio. The Committee on Appointment Review met on Wednesday, September 19th and recommended the appointment of Rachel Wonderlin to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. I'd like to --- like to make the motion that we approve.

MR. PALMIERE: 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. Okay. We're down to 10721-18.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act as amended, providing for a program of temporary exemption from increases in Allegheny County Real Property Taxes for specified time period resulting from improvements made by an owner of property located within a specific geographic area within the City of Clairton, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, previously determined to be a deteriorated area; establishing a schedule for exempting increases in Allegheny County property taxes resulting from such improvements and prescribing the requirements and procedures by which an owner of property located within the deteriorated area can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. The Committee on Economic Development held a hearing on September 12th, 2018, and in that hearing we heard from Mr. DeMarco, demonstrating both the desire, the need and the commitment to reinvest in the community where he has lived and worked for most of his life. He has demonstrated sincerity, and the County believes that this is a work --- a project, the committee agreed unanimously. And as a result, I move for approval of this.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Can I have a roll call ---  
have a roll call vote?

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. 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?

(No response.)

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 13, nos zero with two members  
absent. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We move down to New  
Business and Ordinance.

MR. WALTON: No, Liaison reports?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, we gave Liaison?

MR. BARKER: I believe Mr. Baker started.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, okay. You got any more?  
I'm sorry. Anymore? Go ahead, Representative Walton?

MR. WALTON: Mr. Baker, I'll defer to Mr. Baker.  
He had --- he had comments and I'll defer to him and wait  
until he completes.

MR. BAKER: Okay.

Thanks, Mr. Walton. Just a couple quick updates. We had a great airport legislative breakfast that Councilman DeMarco that's on the phone and I were both part of that again this year. I run the half marathon every year and I'm always struck by people that have signs that say you're running better than our government. And I think that legislative breakfast every year is just an indication that Republicans, Democrats, everyone can work together and get along and get things done that's really what it's about, and it's just always a great breakfast every year, like 300 plus people there.

We had our North Hills Council government's dinner a couple nights ago as well on the 19th or on the 20th. Councilwoman Prizio was there as well. We, of course, are very thankful to all the elected officials that serve out our way in the North Hills, and it was a great celebration. Ross Community Day was this weekend also and it was my first one as a dad. I've been an elected official out in Ross Township for seven years and it really is --- it really was special. It's really a different kind of --- you have your table, you're getting your information out. It's all good things but it really was --- was different this year in a good way.

I will say the marketing committee that we have now as Council, some of the things I learned from our committee in working with Sarah Roka enabled me to get information out in a much more effective way. So I was appreciative of that. We've all got an e-mail from Robbie Zandberg, the junior achievement success breakfast is coming up October 5th, Athena Awards luncheon October 5th and October 9th at 3:30 you are all challenged, not by me because I'm not very good at it, but we have --- we're celebrating chess week so --- actually a priority from --- Queen's Gambit will be in our offices at 3:30 if you want to play against --- chess against each other. It's just a way to build awareness for chess week and all of the good work that she's doing to empower young people.

So can anyone play chess? Jared, anyone can, Sarah, Jared? Okay. Okay. Cindy Kirk can play. Okay. The administration, Willy and Andy and everybody? Lance, you're new, but you're welcome, too. Okay. So all right. It should be good. That's --- that's all. Back to Mr. Walton. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Walton?



MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. This past Saturday, I had the distinct pleasure of having an opportunity to spend the day in Clairton. Saturday was their community day along with one of the lead organizers, Deputy Mayor Richard Ford, State Representative Austin Davis, Senator Brewster.

We spent a day with the residents. I was down there with the A. Philip Randolph Institute recruiting people for our breaking the chains of poverty work force development program but I got a chance to renew friendships and see a community that has struggled and --- from divestment to loss of jobs. A community that's committed and full of energy and full of hope.

I was really impressed with what's going on down there, just the sense of commitment and a willingness to try almost anything to renew and rebuild that community. It was a privilege, and I got an opportunity to meet some good people and to build some relationships that --- we're going to try to move forward with the high school and create employment opportunities and career opportunities for some of the residents and it was a pleasure for me to spend the day down there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Anybody else? Seeing none, we will move on. 10781-18.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 2 entitled "County Government Operations" through the creation of a new Chapter 272 in order to provide for public access to oil and gas lease information relating to property located within Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Prizio.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I guess we'll refer that to the Committee on Government Reform.

MR. FUTULES: Are you going to let her comment?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What?

MR. FUTULES: Can she comment at all, if she wants?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: If she wants to say something quick.

MS. PRIZIO: Oh, that's okay. I --- everything is --- was covered, but I would hope everyone would consider co-sponsoring it with me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. PRIZIO: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We're down to 107 ---  
10782-18.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing to transfer a portion of McKees Rocks, Steubenville Pike Road, at Connie Park Drive and Clever Road to Kennedy Township. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Public Works. 10783-18.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Cinatit LLC to use certain County-owned real and personal property in connection with filming a motion picture. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Parks. 10784-18.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2018. Submission number 08-18. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance. Notification of Contracts?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: None. Public comment on general items?

MR. BARKER: Also none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: None. Someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. CATENA: Motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone did. Who wants to second it?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

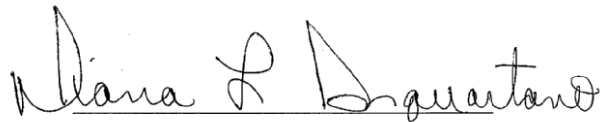
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Meeting adjourned.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6:01 P.M.

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