

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
Tom Baker	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2-(via telephone)
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Patrick Catena	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5-(via telephone)
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Dr. Charles F. Martoni	-	District 8
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 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: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Pالموسينا?

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 13 members present at the moment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11022-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation honoring Patricia M. DeMarco, PhD for winning the 2019 Carnegie Science Award in the Environmental category. Sponsored by Council Members Prizio and Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Would anybody come?

MS. PRIZIO: It's my honor to present this Proclamation to my friend, to my fellow activist and my fellow Izaak Walton leaguer. Do you want to read it or should --- you want me to? Okay, all right. Okay. Let me get this here.

MR. WALTON: Oh, wait a minute. Do I have permission?

MS. DEMARCO: Yes, absolutely.

MS. PRIZIO: And this Proclamation just scratches the surface for everything that Patty has done. The Carnegie Science Center gives the Carnegie Science Award, which recognizes and celebrates innovative and inspiring leaders in Western Pennsylvania who are on the cutting edge of science and technology industries. By awarding those individuals, they are given an opportunity to celebrate the talented individuals present in Western Pennsylvania science community.

This year, Patricia M. DeMarco, PhD was announced as the 2019 winner of the Carnegie Science Award in the environmental category for her achievements, as a member of the Forest Hills Borough Council and as professor, mentor, author and radio host. Dr. DeMarco has found herself in the front of the environmental movement in the Pittsburgh region. With her doctorate in biology from the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. DeMarco has spent her 30 plus year career dedicated to energy and environmental policy in both private and public sectors.

In 1998, Dr. DeMarco moved to Alaska where she was president of the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation. While in Alaska, she served as commissioner of the regulatory commission of Alaska with jurisdiction over all electric, gas, water and refuse utilities, oil and gas pipelines. From 2002 to 2005, she served as associate dean for the College of Business and Public Policy at the University of Alaska.

Upon returning to the Pittsburgh region, Dr. DeMarco was named executive director of the Rachel Carson Homestead Association and director of the Rachel Carson Institute at Chatham University. Inspired by Rachel Carson's environmental ethic, Dr. DeMarco wrote a book titled, Pathways to Our Sustainable Future, A Global Perspective from Pittsburgh. And as the executive producer of a documentary filmed with Mark Dixon, The Power of One Voice, a 50 Year Perspective on the Life of Rachel Carson.

After her election to the Forest Hills Borough Council in 2016, Dr. DeMarco connected --- conducted a lifecycle cost analysis to be included in the new borough building. The building design had a geo-thermal heating and cooling system with an average annual net zero energy performance. As a member of the Council, Dr. DeMarco had re --- reestablished the borough's environmental advisory Council which offers public awareness, programs on recycling plastics, energy efficiency and the importance of the community clean-up.

And NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that Council Members Anita Prizio and DeWitt Walton do recognize and honor Patricia DeMarco for winning the 2019 Carnegie Science Award and we thank her for her unwavering dedication to energy environmental policy.

(Applause.)

MS. DEMARCO: Thank you --- thank you very much. Thank you so much, all of you. My colleagues on Council, Sam, Paul, in addition to DeWitt and Anita, I have to tell you the borough Council of Forest Hills Finance Committee is meeting tonight and we are having to deal with the \$880 net return that we are getting from our solar system this year from one year of operation. So the net zero worked and they're actually giving us money back. So I recommend it you for your future consideration.

I wanted to take a moment, not only to thank you for this recognition but also as a fellow elected official to elevate a problem that all of the municipalities in the county are coping with, most strenuously which is the changes in the rules on recycling and trash management. Every community is struggling with this individually, and I would like to ask that the county consider forming a special --- a special task force to look at the problems of recycling and waste as turning problems into opportunities.

There are a couple of things that I think need to be done at the county level where coping one by one at the town level is going to be a seriously difficult problem. One is the metrics. We don't have good ways of measuring, not just the municipal waste but also the industrial wastes that are going into the landfills and that might have alternate fates. We need to find a better way to track so we know what we're coping with and what we have to deal with.

Second, many communities have restricted the use of single-use plastics. There have been 95 ordinances passed in various states and municipalities across the country restricting the use of single plastic --- single-use plastic. Everything from requiring that vendors have a place to return plastic bags, all the way to complete bans on their sale and use. I think we can explore what would work for Allegheny County and would make sense here as a source reduction practice, and I would recommend that that be one of the things you consider.

Third, I think we should increase the fines for litter. I --- I don't know about you but even in the last year, the amount of trash blowing around on the roadsides is just appalling and it ends up in the river. We have three rivers here. And I was in the traffic headed to the Fort Pitt Bridge last week, there was a car, you know, cut in front of me, okay fine. Texas license plate, rolls down his window and heaves out a plastic bag full of trash right out the window. And of course, I almost got out of the car to retrieve it but it was kind of not safe. So I beeped at him, and of course he gave me the digital expletive in response.

So, I think we need to get serious about people just wantonly disrespecting our space, our community and each other. A \$1,000 fine. Making people who are violators clean up a street. We need to look at what we can do to reduce the litter.

Fourth, I think we can look at creating economic opportunities for circular material management. We are in the process of building a plant that is going to make plastic pellets. What requirements are we putting on this manufacturer to design this material so that it can be reused and recovered and repurposed, instead of going from raw material extracted at great cost to communities across the state and then ending up in trash, sometimes after a useful life of 12 minutes. The average useful life of a plastic bag is 12 minutes.

So, I think there are opportunities for reclaiming parts of the waste stream. You can maybe use them for precursors to 3D printers. We have nine green chemistry award winners in Pittsburgh, more than any place except Stanford. And if you look at the industrial award winners, we have more industrial green chemistry award winners in Pittsburgh than any other place in the country. We should pull these people together and look at making

opportunities for designing things to be reused and repurposed, instead of going from raw material to trash.

And finally, I think we need to look at ceasing the single-stream recycling. Much of what we're doing is combining disparate items that contaminate each other irretrievably and make them impossible to mark it as an aftermarket. There are ways to design separation at the source and make a product much more marketable by doing that. So I will stop there. I have five pages with citations which is on my website. I will mail it to you all individually so you don't have to read it, and I thank you again for this opportunity to address you tonight. Thank you so much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11023-19.

MR. BARKER: Before proceeding, please let the record reflect that Mr. Klein is now with us. 11023-19, Certificates of Achievement presented to the Thomas Jefferson High School 4-A Gymnastic Team and Coaches for being named the 2018-2019 Pennsylvania State Classic and WPIAL Champions. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President and Members of Council. Hey, this is a wonderful opportunity. I got to take this mint out of mouth here or I'll be stumbling all over. Okay. We're here to recognize the Thomas Jefferson Girls Gymnastic Team, and it's wonderful the whole team has showed up. It's just wonderful that they recognize the fact that we wanted to recognize them, I think that's just great because we had a lot of times people don't show up or maybe one or two. We got the whole group here, coaches and all. So, I want to introduce --- first of all, before I start reading the Proclamation. I want to introduce the coaches first. Jodi Cummings, the head coach.

MS. CUMMINGS: Thank you so much.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay.

Jodi, congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: Rebecca Revo.

MS. REVO: Thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: Samantha Duttine, congratulations.

MS. DUTTINE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: I always got to drop one. And Kristen Weber, assistant coach. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: Now, I also have the --- the pleasure. There's a young lady here getting two awards here tonight and I'm going to --- I'll put that on the side for --- for the moment now and I want to read the Proclamation for the whole team, the team Proclamation.

It says here, this certificate of achievement is in recognition of your outstanding athletic ability which was showcased in your winning season, during which you earned the 2000 --- 2018-2019 Gold Division at the Pennsylvania Classic High School Gymnastics Team Championship and the 2018-2019 WPIAL Gymnastics Team Championship. Your indelible contributions to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions are to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with you in celebration of your team's memorable season. Sponsored by myself and all my colleagues at --- at County Council. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: Now, I want to ask the coaches. You --- would you have something just come on up here, please.

MS. CUMMINGS: We just wanted to thank you for having us. These girls have worked really hard to get where we're at, and they enjoy the sport and they deserve everything that they worked so hard for this year. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. REVO: I also wanted to thank everyone for having us. It's a great opportunity and privilege, and I know when these girls were training they were not thinking that they would be down at the courthouse for their winnings but I know that they are all very excited to be here. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: Listen, it's great to have them at the courthouse for a good reason, huh? It's --- it's just --- just wonderful. Now there's a young lady here that has two. Natalie Galioto, is also a member of the team and she also was the --- this certificate --- I'm

going to read the certificate to make sure I get this right.

This certificate of achievement is in recognition of your outstanding athletic ability which was showcased in your winning season during which you earned the title --- now you're --- and she also, Natalie, what other one --- other award did you win besides --- this doesn't say here.

MS. GALIOTO: I won the individual WPIAL.

MR. PALMIERE: Individual, okay. All right. The individual WPIAL, okay. All right. It does say that here. Okay. I just wanted to make sure, I didn't want to be embarrassed if I handed you another one of the same things here. She won the individual title for the gymnastics championship and also, her indelible contributions to Allegheny's long legacy of sports champions. This young lady's done a magnificent job and I --- I just wanted to recognize her. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MS. GALIOTO: Thank you so much.

MR. PALMIERE: You're quite welcome, go ahead.

MS. GALIOTO: That's okay.

MR. PALMIERE: All right. Go ahead, that's all right.

MS. GALIOTO: I just want to thank my coaches because I wouldn't be anywhere without them, and my teammates who are all of my best friends. I wouldn't be anywhere without them either. And I enjoy this sport so much and it's an honor to be recognized here.

MR. PALMIERE: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: Anything you ladies want to say? Come on up. Come on, introduce yourself and tell them what year you're in please.

MS. MOORE: Hi, my name is Natalie Moore, and I'm a junior.

MR. PALMIERE: Next?

MS. KONDOS: Hi, my name is Dimi Kondos, and I'm a junior.

MR. PALMIERE: Next?

MS. KELLEY: Hi, my name is Courtney Kelley, and I'm a senior.

MS. MCCORMICK: Hi, my name is Kylie McCormick, and I'm a senior.



MS. REHAK: Hi, my name is Kaylee Rehak, and I'm a freshman.

MS. KAMEG: Hello. My name is Kamryn Kameg, and I am a freshman.

MS. STOICOVY: Hi, my name's Sophia Stoicovy, and I'm a freshman.

MS. GAMBINO: Hello. My name is Angelina Gambino, and I'm a senior.

MS. GETSY: Hi, my name's Adara Getsy, and I'm a senior.

Ms. WEBER: Hi, my name's Anna Weber, and I'm a sophomore.

MS. GRUBER: Hi, my name's Erin Gruber, and I'm a sophomore.

MS. COSTA: My name is Maria Costa, and I'm a junior.

MS. CONWAY: Hi, my name's Jade Conway, and I'm a junior.

MS. GUENTHER: Hello. My name is Jackie Guenther, and I'm a sophomore.

MR. PALMIERE: Well, that certainly bodes well for everybody as freshman and sophomore come up. That's just wonderful. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: Okay.

I want you all to come over to the center here so we can take pictures. Come on, ladies. All the way around here, come on in.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

11024-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation declaring National Library Week, April 7th through 13th, 2019 in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Baker and Palmiere.

MR. BAKER: All right. Oh, we have Marilyn Jenkins coming up. We have Karlyn and Kelsey and the whole crew, all right. It is --- it is Library Week, so congratulations to everyone involved in our county libraries. It was a great honor to get to be on the County Library Board for these last few years and we do -- - we're doing fun things as Council Members.

One neat thing we've been doing for the last couple years, our office hours at Northland Public Library and now I do those with Councilwoman Kirk. And I don't want to name names but she actually did join the library

while we were together at one of the library events. So I'm a card carrying library person, of course and the library is just such a fun place to spend time. So fun that I actually confirmed the babysitter on the way here for the Garden Gala which is Saturday night at the Northland Library, always a good time. But there are so many ways to be involved in the library and we appreciate --- Mr. Palmiere and I certainly appreciate our colleagues for supporting all of our county libraries.

Councilman DeMarco, I should mention, we've done some joint ones as well. We did a joint office hours at the Western Allegheny Community Library as well. And you both, I think Mr. DeFazio and Mr. DeMarco are on the city --- or on the -- right for Carlin's --- for Carlin's Library. We also had a town hall with County Executive Fitzgerald at the Northland Library which was great.

So a lot of good events going on. And I will say, and I'm sure all of you feel the same way that every time you read a book or listen to an audiobook you are going on a journey. At your last office hours, I went on a journey to just get a snack and ended up with a \$2 Billy Joel CD. And I will say this about my \$2 Billy Joel CD from the library. It has --- it's the best of and Marilyn, you can probably confirm this. It has at least 20 hits on this thing. So for \$2, that was 10 cents a hit which is pretty incredible. And if any of my Council colleagues will confirm that they want to do office hours at a county library, these CD could be yours tonight.

So, if anybody would like to confirm. I mean, this is --- at least you're getting a lot of hits on this thing. So I'm really proud to consider you all friends and to be involved with our county libraries. Mr. Palmiere, do you want to read the Proclamation or do you want a few words?

MR. PALMIERE: No, go ahead. You can read it. I've already had my turn.

MR. BAKER: Okay.

WHEREAS, libraries are more than book rest --- rep --- repositories --- did I say that right? Repository, thank you --- thank you Tina Jacobs, okay.

WHEREAS, libraries are more than book repositories, demonstrating the breadth and depth of all they offer to their communities with opportunities for community engagement, learning and growth while delivering

new services which more closely connect to residents and their needs and;

WHEREAS, libraries throughout Pennsylvania consistently serve as valued and needed institutions and library staff's and volunteers strengthen these centers by fueling their efforts to enhance the surrounded community and;

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Library Association is the state's oldest and most diverse professional library organization serving libraries, library employees, library trustees and friends of the library group working to heighten awareness of the various tools and resources such as STEM programming, workforce development and life planning tips through their libraries;

WHEREAS, collectively we recognize librarians as information professionals to provide the expertise, services and guidance for patrons to access credible resources and material, making their own informed decisions about the worlds that they navigate and;

WHEREAS, librarians level the playing field for anyone who seeks information and access to technologies, particularly as society continues to --- to transition the way in which information is shared and explored in the online world;

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

WHEREAS --- and this gets into what's going on this week, so every day is a day.

WHEREAS, April 9th, so that is today, isn't it, National Library Worker's Day. So did everyone thank one --- you are a national librarian --- okay, we all did. Okay. Very good. So thank you. A day for all library staff, volunteers and supporters. April 10th is National Bookmobile Day, and bookmobiles, there's a lot of them going on ---.

MS. JENKINS: Thank the county for that.

MR. BAKER: Yeah, right. So that's something that were involved with so that's good. April 11th is Take Action for Libraries Day, a day which encourages everyone to recognize how libraries enhance communities and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That we, Allegheny County Council Members Tom Baker and John Palmiere proclaim National Library Week, April 7th through the 13th, 2019 in Allegheny County. Residents are encouraged to visit their local libraries this week and beyond, they should explore all libraries --- what they have to offer, realizing that literacy is power and that libraries provide the fuel to move --- to move Pennsylvania forward. Libraries equal strong communities. All right. Congratulations, it's your week.

MS. JENKINS: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. JENKINS: I just wanted to thank all of you. You are strong library supporters. Libraries in Allegheny County are one of the finest examples of intergovernmental cooperation. We have a single library card that you can use in any location across our County and the city of Pittsburgh and we're very proud of that, and we're proud of what we're doing to serve our communities.

I did want to mention that you probably have a library story, almost everybody does. And so, we have launched a story portal and you can find that. Kelsey is going to give you a copy of this. We would welcome your stories or anyone else's. We have run into a number of elected officials of the state, even in the elevator, who were raving about, you know, what they learned from a library when they were growing up. I think there's even a presidential candidate whose been talking about libraries. So, I think that we would welcome whatever story you would want to provide as well. But thank you for your support and we will continue to do our work.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: All right. We'll do a quick photo.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11025-19 and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 11025-19. Certificates of Recognition presented to the 2019 Borough and Township Police Association Retirees. Sponsored by all Members of Council.

11026-19. A Proclamation declaring April 2nd, 2019 to be Fashions for Kid's Sake Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

11027-19. A Proclamation declaring Friday, April 12th, 2019 to be Jameson's Army Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

11028-19. A Proclamation honoring the life, memory and legacy of former Tarentum Borough mayor Carl -- - Carl Magnosta Jr. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

11029-19. A Proclamation recognizing Sergeant Jerry Frankos for his actions displayed on February 26th, 2019. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

11030-19. A Certificate of Achievement presented to Jonathan Savko of Boy Scout Troop 23 in recognition of meeting the necessary requirements to advance to the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Palmosina.

11031-19. A Proclamation declaring April 5th, 2019 to be PACE Inclusive Voices Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

11032-19. A Proclamation celebrating the 23rd Annual Martha's Run that is held in memoriam of FBI Special Agent Martha Dixon. Sponsored by Council Members Baker, DeMarco and Means.

11033-19. A Proclamation recognizing John Abraham Eastly of Boy Scout Troop 329 upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

And 11034-19. A Certificate of Recognition presented to Cookie Yoder, CUDE upon the occasion of her retirement. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Call the people on the agenda?

MR. BARKER: We actually have no speakers on agenda topics, there all non-agenda tonight.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Approval of the minutes, we ---.

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: None. 11017-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Mayor Richard Lattanzi to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term effective through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11018-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Julie Derence to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term

effective through December 31st, 2024. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11019-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Dannai Wilson, M.S., 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. 11020-19.

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. 11021-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Cynthia Moore to serve as a member of the Community Services Advisory Council for a term effective through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10986-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Paul Barkowitz to serve as a member of the Mental Health Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term effective through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco, you?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. The Committee on Appointment Review met last Thursday, April 4th and has recommended the reappointment of Paul Barkowitz to serve as a member of the Mental Health and Intellectual Advisory Board. I'd like to make a motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Other remarks?  
Seeing none, we'll have a roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's a voice vote  
actually, you want too ---.

MR. BARKER: I --- it matters not to me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's just go with the voice  
vote. It was seconded. All those in favor signify by  
saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

The ayes have it.

Let's see here, 109 --- 10987-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Laurie  
Barnett Levine to serve as a member of the Mental Health  
Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term  
effective through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the  
Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. The  
Committee on Appointment Review met last Thursday, April  
4th and recommended the appointment of Laurie Barnett  
Levine to serve as a member of the Mental Health and  
Intellectual Disability Advisory Board. I'd like to make  
a motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

Seeing none, we'll have a --- all those in favor  
signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

The ayes have it.

10988-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of  
Kathleen Testoni to serve as a member of the Mental Health  
Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term  
effective through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the  
Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. Once  
again, the committee on appointment review met on Thursday  
April 4th and has recommended the reappointment of  
Kathleen Testoni to serve as a member of the Mental Health  
and Intellectual Disability Advisory Board. I'd like to  
make a motion to approve.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

The ayes have it.

10989-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of  
Maria Silva to serve as a member of the Mental Health  
Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term  
effective through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the  
Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. President, the Committee on  
Appointment Review met on Thursday, April 4th and  
recommended the reappointment of Maria Silva to serve as a  
member of the Mental Health Intellectual Disability  
Advisory Board. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Other remarks?

Seeing none, all those in favor signify by  
saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

The ayes have it.

1 --- 11004-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of  
Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the  
County's acceptance of the donation of two MSA Altair 5x  
MultiGas Detectors. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere? I  
mean ---.

MR. PALMOSINA: Palmosina.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Palmosina, right.

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, Mr. President. The  
Committee on Public Safety met April 2nd. This ordinance  
would authorize the County's acceptance of two multigas  
meters, which measure quantities of hazardous gases and  
other compounds in the air. These meters would be within  
--- to train individuals in their operation, and by the  
first responders to locations with potentially hazardous  
atmospheric conditions. I make a motion for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Other remarks?

Seeing none, we'll have a roll call.



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?  
(No response.)  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?  
MR. KLEIN: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
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 13, no's zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison reports?  
Representative Pal --- Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, Mr. President. The Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday, April 2nd and during that meeting emergency services Chief Matt Brown and Deputy Chief Steve Imbarlina gave a wonderful update on their current status of the County's new EMS facility in Moon Township. I want to share some of that discussion.

Chief Brown stated that the new facility is already housing fire marshals, emergency services and administrative staff. He stated that the 911 operations must be seamless and they are still ensuring the move will not result in missed or delayed calls. Therefore, the 911 operators will be moving at a later date. The diligence

and hard work of Chief Brown and his team have performed should make all elected leaders and residents of Allegheny County proud. I wish Chief Brown and all of the emergency services personnel the best, as they continue to transition to a new state of the art location. Thank you, Chief Brown.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other? Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: All right. Thanks, Mr. DeFazio. A lot of good things going on since the last time we --- we got together certainly. We're going to have a new place in Westview in District 1 called the Westview Hub. It's going to be a library, it's going to have all kinds of good resources for the kids in Westview. So, we had a really good first planning meeting with community-wide since our last meeting and it was great.

At our Visit Pittsburgh annual Board meeting last week, out with me, in with Sam DeMarco. So my --- my two terms, my four years ended and Sam DeMarco was formally elected to serve on the Board of Visit Pittsburgh. Lots of great things going on certainly with the Visit Pittsburgh organization and a --- a lot of heads in beds bringing the tourism here, bringing the sports conference --- sports tournaments here. It's --- it's been a really great four years certainly on the Board.

Councilman Klein and I were co-sponsors of some proclamations for the Allderdice Hall of Fame, of which neither of us are a part of but we were very happy to sponsor those proclamations as Allderdice alums which was two Thursdays ago. Edgar Snyder was maybe the most famous person out of the five that was on it that night but it was definitely a neat celebration. He really did the --- he did his trademark move from TV and everything. It was a --- it was a wonderful celebration and a good chance to go back to --- to our alma mater.

Congratulations to Moon, the community access television station there, MCA-TV had another successful PAW, public awareness weekend. We were on one of the shows there and it's actually how I first learned about MCA-TV and got involved as a host of a show. Councilman Catena and I were at a wonderful groundbreaking last Thursday for BizTown. Such a neat place, if you have --- if you --- well, it was the groundbreaking so no one else has been there but please make sure to check it out once it gets up and running. It's for junior achievement.

It's going to be phenomenal. Students are going to go there, they're going to be able to learn on the spot. There's a town hall. So the first mayor was sworn in --- it was --- and she's a --- fifth grader. It was -- - it was pretty incredible. So junior achievement's doing some big things with BizTown.

And finally, I'll just mention. Friday night at ALOM, the Allegheny League of Municipalities. We have never --- this is my sixth year, we have never had a better panel at ALOM than we had --- the one we had on Friday night. It was fantastic. It was scheduled to go 50 minutes, it went like 85 minutes. People were into the discussion, people were passionate about County Council which doesn't always happen there and it was --- it was really fantastic. I want to thank Chief of Staff Varhola for prepping us well, making sure we had good focus areas. I thought it really added to it that we had the specific focus areas, did some presentations then had some great back and forth through question, answer. One of the --- I think of the best ALOM's we've --- we've ever had. So that's all I have Mr. --- Mr. DeFazio.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, echoing what Mr. Baker had said. On March 28th, I was elected to the Board of Visit Pittsburgh. I'm looking forward to working with those folks on marketing this area and this region to businesses, conventions and other folks to try to bring them this --- to this area to try to create tourism and investment in the region.

On 3/29, March 29th, I joined Councilwoman Means and Councilwoman Kirk at a prayer breakfast at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. It was the Pittsburgh Leadership prayer breakfast. It was absolutely amazing. I mean, I can't --- I can't begin to imagine, there had to be 800 to 1,000 people there. So that was awesome. We had people from multiple faiths all coming together on a particular day.

On April 3rd, which was last Wednesday out at Phipps Conservatory. The airport authority had an event welcoming British Airways here officially. Our officials, the County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, the CEO of Visit Pittsburgh, the Chairman of the Allegheny Conference. They all flew back on a British Airways flight, the new 787 Dreamliner to Pittsburgh here on 4/2, which was the

day before. And one of the things about the Dreamliner that's so exciting is it's heavily --- two Pittsburgh companies are heavily involved in the development. ATI makes a lot of the metals that are involved in it. PPG makes the paints, the coatings, the transparencies, the windows.

One of the unique things that they did. The windows on this plane, they don't have window shades. It's a push button, and if you push the button, within 30 seconds the window will darken so you don't need shades. Things like that have lightened it which has allowed them to be able to extend the range of these planes and it's allowed us to have service. And this is a big deal, you know. We have non-stop service from Pittsburgh to London's Heathrow Airport. That is truly the gateway to Europe and the rest of the world. If you saw British Airways, how they had everything laid out, it's non-stop to London and then non-stop from there to so many other locations across Europe, Asia and Africa.

On 4/4, last Thursday, I represented Allegheny County Council at the ceremony for the police officers out at zone five in Pittsburgh in the morning. It's the 10th anniversary of the tragic shooting on April 4th, 2009 where three Pittsburgh police officers lost their lives. Later that day, I was at the Southwestern Veterans Center provide --- presenting a Proclamation to Eli Smith. Eli Smith is an Army Veteran who, disturbed by what he saw when he saw that on average, 22 veterans a day were committing suicide, started to walk across this country.

He transitioned from walking to biking, but he's actually traveled over 18,000 miles. So there was a big -- a big recognition and celebration for him. I presented Proclamations, Congressman Conor Lamb's office presented Proclamations, the Mayor Peduto was there presenting Proclamations as well but were very happy to welcome him.

And then on 4/5, which was last Friday, I was out at --- in Beaver County at Shadow Lakes Country Club for the Airport Chamber of Commerce and the Beaver County Chamber of Commerce. They had a breakfast on development of the I-376 corridor. And we heard from Bill Flannigan from the Allegheny Conference, Stephanie Pashman from the Allegheny Conference and former CMU president Jared Cohon on the past, the present and the future of Pittsburgh and this region. So happy to be out there in the community

representing Allegheny County Council and the citizens of Allegheny County. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other comments?  
Representative DeWitt?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. About 10 days ago, my colleague Councilman Baker and I attended a initial session for Children's Working Group. The County Executive has assembled, I think about 25 individuals from across Allegheny County and a wide spectrum of individuals. And the objective of that working group is, on the ballot this past November, a --- the children's fund attempted to pass some legislation to increase property taxes to fund early childhood education, afterschool services and the like and that ballot initiative failed.

But to his credit, the County Executive understands how critical early childhood education, Pre-K, quality after school programs are to the residents of Allegheny County. If we're going to build a base foundation for success, we have to engage at much earlier levels and level a playing field and create nurturing holistic environments for children and families to grow and improve their overarching quality of life. I'm really pleased to be part of that group. I think it is doing --- it is --- it is taking the right step and understanding good ideas and moving it forward to try to change a host of dynamics in this country and this --- and this county.

A second piece of that comes with some legislation that ultimately we're trying to initiate here on County Council, relative to the independent police review board and all of the aftermath of the Antwon Rose debacle. Some of my members may not agree with my --- what I'm about to say, but it is in my opinion that young man was murdered. We're not trying to change the jury's decision. What we are trying to change is the environment that allows that to go on on an ongoing basis. It was wrong, we have to change what goes on in this state, in this community and in this country.

A group of legislators, the Pittsburgh Black Elected Officials are working to introduce a host of legis --- pieces in the state legislature to change the use of force, to change the training requirements, the certification requirements. We have to do better. We must do better. I'm going to continue to be an advocate for transformation in this community and this County and

I'd urge more of my --- and more of my colleagues to support that effort. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Any other? Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: I --- I would like to comment. Tonight, I'm going to be giving a --- an award in the Proclamations a message to Sergeant Jerry Frankos for his actions. But what had happened in the town of Verona, it was a very cold February night. The wind was blowing very hard and a woman by the name of Joann Semencar decided to go chase her trashcan lid. Several hours had passed, she hadn't returned home. Her sister called the police.

Jerry Frankos took action with the surrounding police force to search for her. He also decided to contact the Allegheny Valley Railroad, knowing that they were there in the evenings with their train. Sure enough, they found Joann Semencar well over seven miles from Verona on a very cold night. As a result, he saved her life. Tonight, I will honor him for what he did. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other comments or anything? Okay. 11 --- 11035-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Community Specialists Corporation to use a structure on Sleepy Hollow Road in the County's South Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Parks. 11036-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation certain temporary construction easement areas from one parcel required to reconstruct Thompson Run East Branch Bridge Number 2 carrying Jones Avenue over Thompson Run in the municipalities of Wilkins Township and Turtle Creek Borough, and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Public Works. 11037-19.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2019. Submission number 01-19. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance. 11038-19.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County --- the County Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing participation in the 2018-2019 Nursing Home Intergovernmental Transfer Program proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, authorizing the transfer of funds is required by the said program and further granting authorization for any and all lawful actions necessary to effectuate Allegheny County's participation in said program. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance. 11039-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving staff reviews and compensation discussion for the Budget Manager, Legislative Manager and Chief of Staff. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton, do you want to say anything on that or?

MR. WALTON: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. We convened a meeting of the Executive Committee approximately eight days ago and the --- and went into executive session and talked about and discussed personnel issues. We --- there is a broad conversation that transpired. We exited executive session and we --- the Executive Committee voted, six of the seven members were present and six of the seven members voted to --- to recommend to the full Council, compensation increases for the Chief of Staff, the Legislative Director and the Budget Manager. The Legislative Manager and the Budget Manager, okay. And I recommend, I move that we approve those improvements in compensation.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Other remarks?

Seeing none, let's take a roll call on that.

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: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?  
(No response.)  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?  
MR. KELIN: Yes.  
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 13, no's zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.  
11040-19.

MR. BARKER: A Communication summarizing approved Executive actions from March 1st through March 31st, 2019.

MR. MACEY: Receive and file.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Other remarks?

Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

The ayes have it. Public comment on general items. Do you want to call them up?

MR. BARKER: We have several. First up is Harry Liller.

MR. LILLER: My name is Harry Liller. I live in Mount Washington in Pittsburgh. I am proposing an Allegheny County Citizen's Police Review Board. 22 years ago, I made Councilman Alan Hertzberg change his position and create the Pittsburgh Citizen's Police Review Board. This newspaper article verifies it. So here's my proposal.



The Allegheny County Citizen's Police Review Board. The Pennsylvania State Attorney General has jurisdiction over all local police departments throughout the Commonwealth. The Allegheny County District Attorney has jurisdiction over all local police departments throughout Allegheny County. The Allegheny County sheriff has jurisdiction over all local police departments throughout Allegheny County. They will each have one representative on the board, along with three citizens and one citizen chairman.

A 12 member volunteer advisory committee with 8 citizen community members with four law enforcement appointees. This committee gets to be involved and makes decisions. We already established Pittsburgh's Citizen's Police Review Board. We'll expand with investigations and subpoena powers, and the new County Board will be able to prosecute any criminal activity by law enforcement. The Pittsburgh police will be under this new County Board.

Now, I've heard everybody state that they cannot do this. Yes, we can. With the Attorney General, the District Attorney and the County Sheriff all having members on this Board. So we can move forward and make this happen. So all of you can make this as a vote up or down. If you vote it down, the citizens will put it on the ballot, and we got 60 percent of the vote 20 years ago. The media will never tell the truth like they never did before so it's up to you here to do what's right.

Now, a couple of you have already seen this, and the County Executive has already seen this. I will state right now. If you have any questions, I will answer any of your questions. If you're going to insult me, I'm just going to walk out. So here's your opportunity to say anything about it, instead of saying it behind my back and stabbing me in the back. Say it to my face what you don't like about a Citizen's Police Review Board because nobody is above the law, nobody. So, I'll leave it up to your Board, if any of you have a question about my Citizen's Police Review Board.

Mr. Walton, I would like you to bring this up as a vote up or down and if they vote it down, we will put it on the ballot and we will get 60 percent of the vote. So again, none of you will say anything to my face but you all say a bunch of crap behind my back. But on judgement day, I'll be the only one telling the truth. So here we

go again. I made a proposal, and you're all going to look at me like I'm a stupid person. I am not a stupid person.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Ronald Bandes, who does not appear to be here. Next up is David Gumpher. Who is also not here. Next up is Patrick Geric who is here.

MR. GERIC: I want to thank youse for the opportunity to speak to you. The reason I'm here is the subject is the Dookers Hollow Bridge Project. It's a County project, DK0103-03. This is in the borough of North Braddock. I want to bring this to your attention. I would like to see the County do a review of the replacement of the bridge. I'd like that you look at this as a whole different opportunity and the suggestion would be to excavate and fill the Hollow with slag from the hillside from the mill which is close by. The reason for this is it would eliminate the cost of a bridge. It would eliminate the cost of maintaining a bridge and you would replace it with just a single roadway.

I think it would be a more positive effect, it would be more positive for development in that area which is, as you all know it's --- it's not an area of positive movement. So with that being said, I thought the most pos --- the most positive part of this. After the evaluation of the cost to excavate and replace should be less than half the cost of the bridge. Also, looking forward to no maintenance with a bridge, which is very expensive today and more cost-savings. Estimated cost, I've talked to several different people. You could probably fill the valley in and put this roadway in for half the money you're going to spend to put a bridge in.

So I would like to bring that to your attention to maybe have somebody take a look at that and see if you could save some money and maybe put it in a demolition or something of that nature. I --- I --- this is my first time ever in front of County Council so I'm a little nervous here, but I appreciate the opportunity. From sitting here listening to you, you have a lot of positive movement. There's a lot of positive things going on from your people and I appreciate it and I applaud you.

But on this other note, I want to comment on Mr. Walton. I just have to say one thing. Until you've walked in the shoes of a police officer, of a fire chief, of a paramedic that has to make a split second decision in a small amount of time. When you've walked in their

shoes, then you can comment on different things. Otherwise, this thing is put behind us. Put it away, don't keep beating an issue because it's not going anywhere. I, personally have been in that position. So I know what it is to make a split second decision, where somebody's life is in my hands to move forward. Sometimes they're not favorable decisions but you have to walk in those shoes to know what it is. Thank you and have a good evening.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Frank Kirkwood.

MR. KIRKWOOD. Hello. I'm also a first-timer. Frank Kirkwood, I live in the city. I'm also a volunteer with March on Harrisburg, a state-wide, non-partisan pro-democracy anti-corruption organization focused on passing reforms in Harrisburg to create a healthier democracy, one that respects the political equality of all Pennsylvanians and strengthens the trust in government that's essential for us to be a self-governing people.

One of the biggest reforms we advocate for in Harrisburg is a ban on gifts to public officials and public employees. The reason these gifts are given is that the giver wants something from the government and it believes that a gift to an elected official or another --- another public servant will help them get what they want. These are bribes, and in most cases they're perfectly legal. March on Harrisburg is working to pass a gift ban in Harrisburg to make brib --- bribery illegal from the state level down to the local level.

In February, the Pennsylvania Auditor General DePasquale released a report showing that election officials in other places across the state have accepted gifts from voting machine manufacturers. These gifts range from amusement park tickets to free drinks, fancy dinners and even expense trade --- paid trip to Las Vegas. Happily, the auditor reported no such gifts were accepted by officials from Allegheny County and I hope that no gifts will be accepted during the rest of the voting machine process.

I also hope that every elected official who may have a role in the selection process, will acknowledge that the trust of the public is central to our democratic system and accordingly, will refuse to accept payments to their campaign committees from voting machine manufacturers. A citizen's vote and the way it's recorded

and tabulated is the basic building block of our democratic system. We need auditable un-hackable machines that guarantee that the voter's intent is accurately reflected in the vote totals.

When the day arrives when we go to our polling places and use these new machines for the first time, let us not have any doubts that the integrity --- about the integrity and the trustworthiness of either the machines or the people who selected them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Mike Stout.

MR. STOUT: Brothers and sisters, it's good to see some of you. I haven't seen you for a while. I was a regular here about five years ago. I even played guitar for Nick, he --- he gave me a big hand. I'm here representing an organization called the Izaak Walton League. If you're not familiar who the Izaak Walton League is, it's the longest standing oldest conservation organization in the United States. We have 48,000 members in 30 states including 8 chapters in the State of Pennsylvania, and we just formed a chapter in Allegheny County. And we are, in fact, the first urban-based chapter in Allegheny County.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Move back a little bit.

MR. STOUT: Most of the chapters, about 95 percent of the chapters are rural-based and we think it very important on the issue of our environment and the issue of our air and the issue of cleaning up our streams and our lakes and our rivers that we have an urban rural divide that's bridged once and for all.

What I'm here to talk to you about is several things. Number one, we are in big trouble. Maybe you can't see it. Maybe you're in a bubble and you can't see it but were heading off a cliff, and the cliff were heading off is called climate change. And climate change, in fact is something that affects not only us but affects our children and affects our grandchildren.

We will now --- between now and the year 2030, we will have more plastic weight-wise in our ocean, in our streams than we have fish. Our streams and our rivers are being poisoned daily. You have landfills in Allegheny County, such as the Tervita landfill that straddles three counties that is leeching waste from fracking into our rivers and into our streams. What we are asking is several things for you to join us in on.

Number one, Councilwoman Anita Prizio is introducing legislation to create a registry so that we know who, in fact has leased their property to frackers in Allegheny County so we can keep track of this. Secondly, if you're familiar, there's a law that organized labor passed and I was a proud member of, in 1984, Article 159. It's called the Pennsylvania Chemical Right to Know Law. If you want a copy of the law, I will send it to you. What that law says is that any worker or any citizen has the right to know what chemicals they are working around and what chemicals they are breathing or drinking in their community. This law has not been enforced. We are here to tell you Izaak Walton League is going to build a movement to enforce it.

And lastly, I'd like to say that on top of all of this, our water treatment regulations and our water treatment and quality treatment standards are way out of whack in fact, they're 19th century. They don't test for bromide, they don't test for radiation and they don't test for dioxin and they don't test for any of the standards -- - any of the chemicals that are cancer-causing and this is affecting our children and affecting future generations. I'd like to ask you to join us in raising the standards and supporting Anita Prizio's legislation and stand up for our children and our grandchildren. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next?

MR. BARKER: Next is Joseph Shaughnessy.

MR. SHAUGHNESSY: Good evening, thank you County Council for giving me the opportunity to speak this evening. My name is Joe Shaughnessy from Mount Lebanon. I'm speaking on behalf of the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network and Unitarian Universalist Church of the South Hills.

We urge County Council to develop and implement a County-wide independent Civilian's Police Review Board. I believe that a review board would provide a non-biased platform for citizens and law enforcement to bring some transparency and accountability to the police officer's behavior and the way they serve the people in their communities. This would also provide municipalities the opportunity to have the board review their policies, their procedures, training, budgets and staffing constraints. Imagine how much the East police --- East Pittsburgh

police department could have benefited from such an audit of their policies and procedures.

My understanding is that at least two boroughs have already expressed strong interest in participating in a County-wide Citizens Police Review Board. I believe many more of the over 100 departments would comply and see the benefit both to their communities and their public safety departments and overall, improve the relationship between the police officers and the civilians. And a County the size of ours with as many law enforcement agencies as there are, we have well over 100, some consistency in the quality of service and respect for civilians' rights is much needed.

In conclusion, I hope the Board will pass bill number 10909-18 and establish a County-wide independent Police Review Board. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Juliet Zavon.

MS. ZAVON: Several of you have talked to me about the challenge of recruiting poll workers and I promised to respond. First I'll tell you about my experience, then I'll outline some practices used successfully elsewhere.

My experience. I volunteered to be a poll worker last summer and got no response from the Elections Division. Months went by. Days before the election, they called me to assign me to a polling place. I was flabbergasted. When I hadn't heard from them, I made other arrangements to volunteer on Election Day.

I've heard from others who had this same experience, and now it's happening to me again for the May elections. I've had no word from the elections division. It's getting late, if there is to be time to schedule the --- the training that's required. If you were a newly hired manager there, what would you do to assess the functionality of the volunteer recruitment and retention process? In contrast, in Ohio where I have been a poll worker many times. When you sign up, each time you get an orientation packet by return mail. It isn't rocket science. It's good administration.

Responding to volunteers in a timely manner is a no-brainer, but beyond that here are just a couple of examples of the many ways to recruit poll workers. Allow split shifts. The 15 hour day currently required of poll

workers just isn't possible for many people. However, this change will require updating Pennsylvania's election code which dates from 1937. You talk with Harrisburg. Please, please push for this change.

A second way is adopt a polling place. Some jurisdictions recruit non-profits and companies to staff polling places. It's good PR for organizations and it's good for elections. Third way, some high schools give extra credit to students who work the polls. Same goes for colleges and law schools. This means you're recruiting the school, probably the principal first then a counselor and some teachers.

For more examples, just Google, best practices recruit poll workers. You get a lot of information. I often hear that poll worker pay is too low but that misses the point. Focusing on pay alone gives a pass to administrators and legislators who have failed us by not adapting to change. Moreover, many poll workers do this job from a deep commitment to democracy. Pay isn't the issue. Recruiting poll workers in the 21st Century requires new approaches in addition to time-tested methods. I urge you to ask how is Allegheny County innovating on this. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Debra Fyock.

MS. FYOCK: I can't believe you pronounced the name right, thank you.

MR. BARKER: Every once in a while.

MS. FYOCK: My name is Debra Fyock, County Council District 11. Our vote is the fundamental keystone upon which any democracy stands. Election integrity, the certainty that we voters have had our voices heard has been much in the news, and it hasn't been good. It's been called into question. I've heard testimony from a recently retired Foreign Service Officer, from knowledgeable cyber security experts, from folks representing large and small grass-roots organizations and from individuals. They provided verifiable numbers and statistics to support their concerns.

Today, I'm here as Debra Fyock, concerned citizen, longtime resident and little old lady of Mount Washington. Oliver --- Mount Oliver, Mount Washington, Oh god. Mount Oliver City. I'm not going to present statistics, not sure I could and give you exhibit A. What

I want to talk about is the word in the neighborhoods. Your friends, your family, your co-workers and their friends and family and co-workers, they think this.

We don't think our vote really counts, why go. We start by running the voting gauntlet of gerrymandering absentee ballot difficulties, problems registering to vote, incorrect polling place information, lightly trained but well-meaning poll workers to end in one short day which we're given to vote. We finally make it to the voting machine. We wonder, is it worth this, to come to this machine that may or may not work. It's a confidence gap. I, like you, want people to vote. We want friends, neighbors, family members to run that gauntlet to be confident that in the end, their vote has been accurately counted.

I'm asking Council --- County Council to aggressively --- aggressively push for the following actions regarding voting machines and the procurement process. Al, a transportation procurement process widely pub --- publicized. Get the word out to people like me, the little old lady in Mount Oliver. Allocate the money. Get the best machines possible. Give the public the opportunity to kick the tires of the available choices. Publicize locations and times, encourage feedback and publish feedback results.

For the machines themselves, they must be cyber secure to the greatest extent possible. They must provide voter verifiable paper ballots to every voter. They must provide the ability for a recount to be easily and accurately performed if necessary. They must not be cost-driven. Show us the money and then spend it. County Council, please help get confidence back in our voting process. I promise you if you build them, we will come and we will vote. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Next?

MR. BARKER: Last up is Bernie Blake.

MR. BLAKE: Good evening, Council. I'm here for the project --- the bridge in East Pittsburgh called the Dookers Hollow Bridge Project, and it was brought to my attention that instead of imploding the bridge and having it down for three years. And like you mentioned, Pat about filling it in with dirt. If you don't tear it down, you can still fill the dirt in in the hollow and leave the



bridge up. And then, when you get closer to the top, then you can put the bridge down in the dirt and that way it's not down for three years.

And I --- I have the --- I have a mound right next to Westinghouse Bridge. So, I have all the dirt you need right there at the Westinghouse Bridge to bring over to East Pittsburgh and we can probably save millions of dollars in that project alone just by doing that. And then, plus that you gain more ground to develop. So I just wanted to mention that with --- with Pat to do the project that would save maybe millions and not have it down for three years. Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. That was it?

MR. BARKER: That was it.

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

MR. DEMARCO: So moved to close.

MS. KIRK: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed --- opposed?

The ayes have it. Meeting adjourned.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6:18 P.M.

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