

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. Will you all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, after me and remain standing for silent prayer.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You know, during this moment of silence, I want to talk about my good friend, Chuck Martoni, who passed away a few days ago. And I don't know how to put it, but he's --- I don't know of anybody that disliked Chuck Martoni. He'd been a great man and it's just a shame that we're missing him --- I don't have words to speak. I don't know what to even say but all I want to do is say thank you for people standing up to say a prayer in his behalf. Thank you very much. So --- okay. 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:	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 14 members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We're moving down to Proclamations and Certificates, 11090-19.

MR. BARKER: For 11090-19 and 11091-19, I believe that at least one of the recipients is not present yet.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Do we want to move down to 11092?

MR. BARKER: 11092-19, a Proclamation recognizing Director James P. Reardon upon the momentous occasion of his retirement from Allegheny County. Sponsored by all Members of Council.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We have ---.

MR. PALMOSINA: Okay. Okay. Well, Jim, you've certainly had a good career, but if I didn't know better I'd swear I just had you up here. I believe it was maybe not even four months ago or something like that, maybe. We were telling everyone how wonderful Jim has been at his job, and how he was going to retire and then he wasn't going to retire. And because now --- now he's going to retire. Jim, you've been a great employee at this County as long as I've been here and of course he does live in my district, Penn Hills. And I want to congratulate you and there are some few other here - specifically, Mr. McKain is going to speak and then we're going to have Mr. DeMarco read a proclamation. Come on up.

MR. MCKAIN: Thank you. This is a real pleasure to talk about Jimmy. It was about five, six years ago in talking to the County Executive, we determined that we should have a department for facilities management. We wanted to have someone wake up every day and take care of our facilities. These assets are --- are treasures. If you think about it, when people come into our buildings, the courthouse, any of our campuses, the first thing they see, their impressions of the County government, are our buildings.

And when Jimmy took over --- and I'm sure in the --- the Proclamation you'll see about his terrific career. It's unparalleled as a unionized electrician, to learn what it's like to do that, arm and arm with the men and women that work with him to now lead them. And so now when people come into this courthouse or any of your campuses, they see modern sustainability efforts with LEDs, water retention. It's inviting. The judges will tell you it's the best courtrooms that they've had in --- in the history of the County, and it's because it starts

at the top. Yes, Jimmy has a great staff and a great team, but it always starts at the top.

Jimmy is a very humble person. He's the prototype of a public servant. He doesn't want the attention he's getting today. He likes to come to work, he likes to work hard. He takes a call 24/7. He should leave here with his head held very high, and all should be thankful for him because he's made the County better. And we're going to miss him but his legacy will continue here including the roof that sits on top of this courthouse. And we'll never forget Jimmy and it's been a real pleasure working with him. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. DEMARCO: This is a real pleasure for myself, as well as I know all members of Council, when we have the opportunity to recognize one of the great employees who have put forth their time, their effort in service to the people of this community. I want to read this proclamation.

WHEREAS, I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know, the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve. That quote by philosopher Albert Schweitzer personifies the talented employees that Allegheny County has been fortunate to have contributed invaluable to our communities and;

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Allegheny County currently resides in Wilkins Township - Director James P. Reardon will be retiring from Allegheny County after 39 years of dedicated, unwavering service on May 31st, 2019 and;

WHEREAS, Jim began working for the County as an electrician in 1980. He was quickly promoted to electrical foreman in 1989 and subsequently, an electrical supervisor in 1991. As Willie said, in June of 2015, he was promoted to assistant Deputy Director then to Deputy Director and ultimately, the Director of Facilities Management in February 2017 and;

WHEREAS, Jim has been an instrumental factor in helping maintain and upgrade the County's 45 major buildings and numerous other structures, as well as a 12,000 acre County park system. His impressive history with the County and hands-on management approach was perceived as a unique asset to the Allegheny County Department of Facilities Management and;

WHEREAS, prior to Jim's employment at Allegheny County, he attended the Dean Institute out there on West Liberty Avenue there; right? And completed his certification for electrical technician and became a member of Local 5 and;

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is grateful for the service and dedication of Director James Reardon and his determination to provide superior service to every individual that encounters the County and;

WHEREAS, in his retirement, Jim is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Darlene and their two children and two grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, all Members of Allegheny County Council, do hereby recognize and congratulate Director James P. Reardon upon the occasion of his retirement from Allegheny County and we commend him for all that he's done for the County.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have heretofore caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 22 day of May, 2019. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. REARDON: I just wrote something down real quick to say because I'm --- I'm nervous. I want to thank you. I couldn't have been successful with a lot of help and support over my last 39 years. My --- my wife, Darlene has been putting up with me for 45 years. She has been my foundation, the keystone of our family, always encouraging and supporting. I had help from Local Union Number 5 and all the electricians that I worked with for my first 35 years here at the County.

All of the other tradesmen, custodians, engineers and administrative staff that make up the facilities department that kept me --- kept me going and supported me. I'm very thankful and appreciative of the faith that the County Executive, Mr. Fitzgerald, and the Chief of Staff, Jennifer Liptak, the County manager's office showed in me. Without that, facilities management would not have been able to accomplish what we did. I especially wanted to thank County manager, Will McKain and assistant Deputy Director, Nancy DiNardo for supporting --- supporting me, mentoring me, but more importantly being my friend. I'll --- I'll forever remember this. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11093-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation recognizing all the vital services provided by the Allegheny County Department of Public Works. Sponsored by Council Member Macey and the other Members of Council.

MR. MACEY: Good evening, everybody. One of the things that I enjoy most about County Council is being on the --- being Chair of the Public Works Committee. And as you can see, throughout the County, throughout the region, there's a lot of work being done. And these people do it with experience, with dedication and I think in many cases they love their job. You can tell by what they do and how they do it. One of the things I want to remind everybody that in these work areas, be very careful. People have been killed, many people have been injured by working on the job and driver's aren't paying attention.

All right. Now, I'd like to share with you something personal. I was at the ophthal --- ophthalmol --- yeah, I was at the eye doctor, and they dilated my eyes and I asked our Chief of Staff to give me some larger font. So I'm going to use some bigger rays here and I'm going to proceed with asking a few people to come up here who are engaged in Public Works. Steve Shanley, our Director; George Thompson, our Deputy Director; Luke Horner, assistant Deputy Director; Megan Sexton, manager of road operations and people from the American Public Works. Charlie Jones, Marcus Bernal, Cathy Trexler and Mychele Holby.

Now, there's two proclamations. One is for Allegheny County and one is for the American Public Works Association, but they all kind of do the same thing, you know, and we're very proud of them, Allegheny County.

WHEREAS, the Allegheny County Department of Public Works services provided throughout Allegheny County are an integral part of our residents' everyday lives and;

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets, highways and public buildings.

WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of Allegheny County greatly depends on these vital facilities and services, and;

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of our facilities, as well as their planning, design and construction is vitally dependent upon the efforts and

skills of the Allegheny County Department of Public Works officials, and;

WHEREAS, Allegheny County Department of Public Works is responsible for approximately 780 miles of County roads and 550 bridges and culverts and;

WHEREAS, thanks to the unwavering dedication and determination of the Allegheny County Public Works Department employees, the department successfully completed the following projects in 2018; 12 bridge projects, paved a total of 42.6 miles of roads, 7 wall and landslide projects, inspected 10,071 inlets, repaired 1,030 of the 20,130 in-house road signs, painted 198 miles of road and painted 9,000 feet of curb in the County parks and;

WHEREAS, the efficiency and skill set of the qualified and dedicated personnel of the Public Works Department is materially influenced by the people's attitude, understanding of importance of the work they perform.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, Allegheny County Council and all the County Council Members do hereby urge all citizens to pay tribute to the vital services provided to Allegheny County Department of Public Works during the National Public Works Week. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. SHANLEY: Thank you, Councilman Macey and County Council, the President also, and thank you for our employees that work here. We're going to recognize our sign shop today also. Jim Reardon is a friend and a great worker. He's going to be sorely missed. I mean, he's been work --- great to work with. But recognize our sign shop and our employees epitomize the dedication of the workers in the Public Works Department. They are well deserving of the award they are receiving and all the work they do.

They usually don't get recognized and the County Executive did recognize them, so it's --- it's a privilege and honor for them to be working for me and they make my job easier, so ---. They do great work and so do a lot of other departments. Luke Horner in the back there, he's our assistant Deputy Director. He's on the operations side with George Thompson. They do a great job with the paving, winter operations, drainage and work that needs done during --- the paving operations, also are on emergency calls. They work 24 hours a day with the field

manager and supervisor. So they're always getting calls in the middle of the night with trees down and flooding, so they do a great job. We also have a fleet that manages 700 vehicles, so ---.

We --- ironworkers are with us, the operators, the mechanics and the laborers and the drivers, so a lot of hard workers that make us look good for Council. So we appreciate Council's support with approving funding. We always need additional funding. Megan Sexton is our road manager here, and she's new to the team 10 months ago so she's doing an excellent job. And with all the slides she's having, the budget is getting thin.

So with all the road miles were trying to pave, we always look for more funding. The engineering department, fact 89 that the County Exec --- Executive got moving forward. We were able to pave more roads through the County and also our bridges were structurally deficient. We were up at 29, now were down to the low teens. So the department's doing a great job and it's all the workers beneath me that do the job, that help get things done.

Cathy Trexler here is moving forward with all the APWA work. So it's great to work for these people. We work with parks facilities and actually law department, too. Andy's team does a great job and we appreciate all the work they do. So thank you for all the work you do. I do want to recognize our city neighbors, Marcelle Newman and Jeff Scallion that also --- we work hand and hand with them, so --- them, PennDOT so ---. Thanks again for all your help and have a good evening.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: Okay. You --- you heard the director talk about some exemplary employees. I'm going to call them up one at a time. Okay. Those exemplary employees, I'll read your name and please come up and get your certificate if you're in the audience. Rebecca Hovanc --- Hovanec.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: Nancy Murin.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: Steve Smith.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: Supervisor, Joe Bonkowski.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: Bruce Turner.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: And Lou Mottmann.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: One of the things I like about the sign department, and of course our government is that they specifically put together rules and regulations with regards to signs. So you're not going to see --- see different types of signs, you're going to see consistent fonts, coloring and other amenities with it. At this point, I'd like to come up --- you all come up. We're going to get a picture taken. APWA, were going to get you next.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11094-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation declaring the week of May 19th through 25th, 2019 as National Public Works Week. Sponsored by Council Member Macey and all other Members of Council.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Jared. The Public Works Associations across this great country of ours, they belong to an association, and it's called the American Public Works Association. Allegheny County Public Works has been recognized on more than one occasion. Cathy, how many times were we cited?

MS. TREXLER: For the accreditation?

MR. MACEY: Yes?

MS. TREXLER: Since 2008, we've been able to maintain it three times --- yeah.

MR. MACEY: Okay.

And as I've said before at this podium, Cathy Trexler is the person that puts all that information together. But she don't have to make us look good, we are good, and she just writes down the truth. So we've been recognized, as she said, three times.

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainability and resilient communities and to public health, high quality of life and the wellbeing of people in Allegheny County and;

WHEREAS, these infrastructure facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting --- protecting our nation's

transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens and;

WHEREAS, it is the public --- in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in Allegheny County to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities.

WHEREAS, the year 2019 marks the 58th Annual National Public Works Week, sponsored by the American Public Works Association and Canadian Public Works Association.

BE IT NOW --- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Allegheny County Councilman Bob Macey, and all of Council Members and --- excuse me, and the citizens join with the representatives of the American Public Works Association, Canadian Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety and quality of life. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. TREXLER: Thank you for having us here today. This is National Public Works Week, as you know, it's observed annually during the third full week in May to celebrate the men and women who provide the services and maintain the infrastructure collectively known as public works. This year's theme is, it starts here. Infrastructure starts with public works. Growth and innovation starts with public works. Mobility, security, healthy communities all start with public works. The bottom line is that quality of life starts with public works. To help us celebrate tonight, we invited our regional director, Charlie Jones. He's been involved with --- in the public works profession for over 39 years. He's currently a project manager with Great Valley Consultants in --- I'm going to screw this up, Wyomissing --- okay, PA.

Previously, he served as the public works director for the City --- City of Reading and he also served as public works director and engineering services director for Spring Township, PA. Project manager with Spotts, Stevens and McCoy and civil engineer with PennDOT.

He served as president of the East Penn section of the American Society of Highway Engineers in 1987 and '88. He's a lifetime member of APWA and has served on the executive Board of the Central PA Chapter since 1986 as chapter president in '90 and 2000. He has been the chapter delegate since 2002, advancing to the chair of the House of Delegates in 2013.

He was a member of the House of Delegates Transition Task Force and served for two years on the initial steering committee of the Council of Chapters. Charlie was the first chair of the Engineering and Technology Committee and served for six years on the solid waste management committee. He has contributed articles for the APWA reporter and presented at the APWA congress in New Orleans in 2008.

Charlie has an extensive background and has been a real asset to us here in Western Pennsylvania. He's been the first director from Pennsylvania, or the first one in a long time?

MR. JONES: First one in a long time.

MS. TREXLER: So we were glad to welcome him back on board. So with that, I'm going to introduce you to Charlie and he's going to tell you a little more about APWA and the accreditation program.

MR. JONES: Thank you very much, Cathy. First of all, it's an honor to be here. I represent region two which includes New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. Four states, seven chapters in total. Councilman Macey mentioned, your chapter was honored --- or your association was honored by APWA with the accreditation process. That's an honor in itself but your assoc --- your agency is the only one in region two that has been accredited by APWA. The only one in seven chapters and four states. That's big.

You have a very proud organization. They appreciate the accreditation process, you should be proud of it too. I'm sure you are. I'd like to tell you just a little bit about APWA and some things that we have done recently. We have had an initiative for a few years now, the first responder initiative. For many years, we've talked about public works being a first responder. We've talked about but didn't do anything. Well, recently that has changed. We have representatives who have met with police chiefs organizations, fire chiefs' organizations and we have been recognized as first responders.

If you think about snowstorms, if we don't get out and plow the snow, police and fire aren't getting anywhere. In other emergencies, if we don't get out and clean off streets. If there is debris of any kind, if we don't clean it up first, the chances are the other agencies aren't going to be able to do their work as efficiently. So we need to be included as first responders. We have come up with bumper stickers, license plates, you name it, showing public works as first responders. The program is growing.

And the second one that I am very proud of is our fallen heroes program. Too many times, workers in public works are --- unfortunately, pass on in the course of their duties and they might get a small obituary in the newspaper but not much else. APWA has come up with recommended procedures should something unfortunate like that happen. These are things that can and should be followed but it's not required, of course.

Just last year, there was a worker in New England who was killed in the line of his duty. At his funeral, public works agencies from all over New England sent their equipment and their workers and the workers were lined up all in their orange and lime green t-shirts to honor that particular worker. There are things like that that we can do, and it's a long time coming and I --- I think it's a really good thing.

APWA is growing. We're up to about 30,000 members nationwide. We have been very successful in Washington. We have about six people in our Washington office, and they spend lots of hours on Capitol Hill. Last year and next spring also, our National Board of Directors met in Washington and we went out and visited all of our own Congressman and senators. Our visit --- visits were very much appreciated, and we learned a lot too. It was very educational for us.

So we have a voice in Washington that's very strong. We established a public works caucus in the House of Representatives, and my own congressman, Ryan Costello agreed to be the majority chair of that caucus. So you know, we've been successful at getting our --- our message out there. Again, I --- I thank you very much for the Proclamation on behalf of the Western PA Chapter and --- and the National Board of Directors. I appreciate it very much. Thank you for the opportunity.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 11095-19.

MR. BARKER: That actually --- the Certificates of Recognition presented to the sign crafters with the Allegheny County Public Works Department in recognition of being awarded the Exemplary Employee Award. Sponsored by Council Member Macey and all other Members of Council. I believe those were presented; correct?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Did we do --- we go back to the beginning ones?

MR. BARKER: We have three more to be presented. 11096 is Mr. Baker's proclamation and 11090 and 91 are Ms. Means' proclamations.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Well, let's go with 96 first.

MR. BARKER: 11096-19. Certificates of Achievement presented to the 2019 Pittsburgh's 50 Finest. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

MR. BAKER: All right. Thank you, Mr. President. If we could have all the 50 Finest honorees, I just want to say to everyone. That is my baby in the hallway. She has a delightful human with her and she is doing fine but --- yeah, she is doing --- she's eating --- Ken --- Chief of Staff checked on her, she is doing fine, so ---. We'll see during public comment. She could be getting --- getting a little wild later.

But I'm so happy to have my friend Laura McCurdy here, Justin Davis, James, that I know and all the 50 Finest this year. I will say, I just checked the website to all of you 50 Finest honorees. You are 87 days, three hours and about 25 minutes away from the event. So you all got a lot of time to raise funds. The goal of this group and the rest of their friends and colleagues through 50 Finest is \$550,000 this year for the cystic fibrosis foundation. That is over a half million dollars that this group will be raising this year.

Everyone who gets involved with CF has a reason, has a why. Mine was R.J. Thompson who, some of you may know, is still really involved in CF and the trials. R.J. is a friend that's in his early 30s now and decades ago would not be living right now and he's living well, he's living --- he's got a baby. He's actually got a baby that --- my baby over a birthday party --- but we're still very

happy that Amelia Thompson is here with us and --- and we love the Thompsons. They're just a great family.

This gentleman right here, Justin Davis. I don't know that I know many better advocates for an organization. Justin played in the three-on-three tourney basketball tournament for BBVS on Saturday, and I talked to my little brother the day after and I said, who was the hardest person to cover? He said the guy with the big shoulders. And I think Justin's big shoulders don't just relate to basketball and moving around him but Justin's got big shoulders and big shoes when it comes to CF and all the amazing work that he's done. I was just in Harrisburg, saw him up advocating with the team. He's a great Board member and a lifelong supporter.

So to you 50 Finest honorees this year, I just want to say a big thank you, good luck in these final 87 days, three hours and now were about 22 minutes probably until --- until your big celebration. But I know UPMC is a big supporter. This is the 24th year, if I'm right, Laura, of the 50 Finest. So I just want to say thank you to all the honorees for stepping up and making a difference. This is making a difference with research and trials and all the amazing things that are helping my friend, R.J. Thompson live a good, happy, healthy life. So I appreciate all of you. So with that we'll --- Laura, did you want to say anything --- something before we give it out?

MS. MCCURDY: Actually, Justin. First.

MR. BAKER: Or Justin --- Justin Davis, Board member extraordinaire.

MS. MCCURDY: Go for it.

MR. DAVIS: Thank you. We just want to offer our condolences too for the loss of Councilman Martoni, and we --- on behalf of the foundation, celebrate the life that he lived of service, and you know, so we want to offer that. And thank you to the Council people and Councilman Baker for being the champion of our cause.

As Tom said, we're --- we're really working hard. We --- we've raised close to \$7 million as a group of Pittsburgh's 50 Finest. These are individuals that are not necessarily connected to this disease but fight for it as if it is their own cause, and it becomes their own cause much like myself. And I have the honor of being our national volunteer leadership chairperson this year, as well as a State advocacy chair and that all was born of

Allegheny County. So it's because of your leadership and this --- and I know you go through a lot of proclamations, but honestly, this is such an honor for us. This is --- this is where so many things happen for this disease. The --- the genetic defect was discovered in Allegheny County, and we are working --- and when I started as a volunteer, there were some dark times. And now we're at a point where it's exciting times.

We have breakthroughs. We have FDA-approval on drugs that are treating the underlying defect that causes cystic fibrosis. As Tom said, this is year 24 for Pittsburgh's 50 Finest. Next year is a milestone, 25. And in conjunction with next year, during year 25, we're going to have even more exciting announcements for a drug that is on trial right now. It's a triple combination drug. I won't get into the science of it but what it means is that over 90 percent of the CF population will have a drug that treats the underlying defect of cystic fibrosis, and this is all while we're on a path to a cure. So that's unbelievable and that is born from Allegheny County.

So when we're standing here in your chamber and your meeting, we are grateful for your leadership and for being champions of our cause. So again, thank you and honor these 50 Finest. These 50 Finest's are here on their own time, using their time and their talents and their efforts to raise money for a cause that they may or may not have been aware of. So again, my hat's off to this group.

(Applause.)

MR. DAVIS: Councilman Baker can still shoot a jump shot, I can tell you that.

MR. BAKER: Thank you, I got a couple.

MS. MCCURDY: You know, Councilman Baker has been involved with the foundation for many --- for many years actually, including his wife Erin. So --- and you've always been a teammate for the foundation so we felt that you should be an official teammate.

MR. BAKER: Oh, okay. Very good. Thank you.

MS. MCCURDY: Thank you, Councilman Baker.

MR. BAKER: Thank you. It's very nice. And it'll fit. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: All right. Thank you. So thanks, Laura, and thanks for being a friend, and Todd. And

Justin, wonderful speech and congratulations on all your good work. So we will let you know who these fantastic folks are and then if --- I will say, thank you for saying where they live. That way you find out if you have a resident that is doing a lot of good work. Is it Danica Lurito?

MS. LURITO: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. BAKER: Where do you live, Danica?

MS. LURITO: Penn Hills.

MR. BAKER: Penn Hills. Okay. That's Nick Futules. Congratulations. Alexa DeSantes? All right. Congratulations. Where do you live?

MS. DESANTES: Valencia, Pa.

MR. BAKER: Oh, that does not sound right. Is that --- oh, James, I know James --- James Zerfoss, D.J. James. Congratulations.

MR. ZERFOSS: Penn Hills.

MR. BAKER: Penn Hills. All right. That's Nick Futules. Jake Dunks-Campbell, which is a very good name. Where do you live, Jake?

MR. DUNKS-CAMPBELL: A block away.

MR. BAKER: Oh, okay. All right. So who's downtown, that's DeWitt? Oh, that's Denise's, okay. Kaitlyn Brennan? All right. Congratulations, Kaitlyn. Where do you live?

MS. BRENNAN: Stanton Heights.

MR. BAKER: Stanton Heights, that's Denise-Ranalli-Russell, all right. Kelsey Schneider, all right. Congratulations, Kelsey.

MS. SCHNEIDER: Thank you very much. Finleyville.

MR. BAKER: Finleyville? Is that --- Finley that's not me, that's --- Wash co. right? Jefferson Hills? That's like --- yeah, that's Palmiere. Okay. Yeah, yeah he's Mr. TJ over there. Okay. Brian Malloy. Hey Brian, congratulations.

MR. MALLOY: Thank you. I live a block away in downtown too.

MR. BAKER: Oh okay, all right. That's --- so that's going to be.

MR. MALLOY: Same building.

MR. BAKER: Oh, same building, okay. Kylie McCracken?

MS. MCCRAKEN: Hi, I'm in West Mifflin.

MR. BAKER: West Mifflin, all right. That's --- that's Bob Macey. Bob Macey loves Lemoyne Valley and West Mifflin. Brad Driscoll?

MR. DRISCOLL: Lawrenceville.

MR. BAKER: Lawrenceville. Denise Ranalli-Russell, she's up on Nick right now. Nicole Caravella?

MS. CARAVELLA: Yes, and I'm in the North Hills.

MR. BAKER: North Hills, which part though?

MS. CARAVELLA: Ross Township.

MR. BAKER: Sorry --- congratulations. Cindy --- Cindy Kirk was going to try to nab you there. Meredith Jones? Congratulations.

MS. JONES: Thank you. The strip district.

MR. BAKER: The strip district. Denise --- oh, Denise is pulling away here, all right. Timothy --- Timothy Flaherty. Is Tim here? Okay, that's okay. Katrina Maloney? All right, Katrina. Congratulations.

MS. MALONEY: Greenfield.

MR. BAKER: Greenfield. That's Paul Klein; right?

MR. KLEIN: That is me.

MR. BAKER: That is, yeah. Okay. Kate Hancock?

MS. HANCOCK: Lawrenceville.

MR. BAKER: Lawrenceville, Denise is just on a roll here, all right. Megan Lo --- Megan Long, yeah. Hey, Megan Long.

MS. LONG: Hi.

MR. BAKER: Congratulations.

MS. LONG: I live in Point Breeze.

MR. BAKER: Point Breeze? That's Klein again, yeah. Jenn Vu? Oh, hi Jenn.

MS. VU: Hi, North Shore.

MR. BAKER: North Shore. Okay. Very good. Did we get everyone or --- okay. Great. Well, congratulations. Maybe one more big round of applause for the 50 Finest then we'll get a big group photo.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Eighty-seven (87) days, three hours and about 18 minutes now probably. So come on --- come on up, everybody. I'm going to hold this shirt here, that's nice.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Did you do 90 and 91?

MR. BARKER: Not yet. Are you ready, Ms. Means? Okay. 11090 and 11091-19. A Proclamation declaring May 22nd, 2019 to be Sean Rovers Day in Allegheny County. And a Proclamation declaring May 2019 to be Brain Tumor Awareness Month in Allegheny County. Both sponsored by Council Member Means and all the other Members of Council.

MS. MEANS: Before we get started, is there anybody here from Children's Hospital to represent Dr. Felker? That's okay, we'll just keep --- go ahead, Sean. We're going to stand up here. Wow, it is my highest honor to be here today to introduce to everybody, Sean Rovers. And this is Sean ---.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: And this is Sean Rovers --- Sean Rovers day in Allegheny County. Smile, Sean. His smile lights up the room. Sean is an amazing young man. When he had to be at Children's Hospital and have surgery twice for brain tumors and radiation; right? He was --- am I taking your speech? I don't want to take your speech. All right. Do you want to go ahead, because I want to allow you to talk and then I'll talk? All right, Sean. Here you go, Sean.

MR. ROVERS: First and foremost, thank you to honorable Allegheny Council Member for this recognition. My name is Sean Rovers. In 2017, I was found that I had unexplained weight loss. In October, I had an MRI and found that I have a rare type of brain cancer. I was rushed for surgery two days later to have it removed. In March 2018, when I had my following up --- follow-up MRI, I was found that my --- and was found that my tumors came back. I had my second surgery in April 2018, radiation treatment after that.

As of last month, my latest MRI scan remained --- remained clear. During the toughest moments of our life, my family received an overwhelming support from friends, schools, community, medical team and even strangers. Me and my family are beyond grateful for all of this --- for all of the support and encouragement that we received. Now that I'm doing okay, I am taking advantage of the time that I can return --- return a favor to others.

My mission is to give smiles to the patients staying in Children's Hospital. I know that --- what it feels like being hooked to a machine --- to a machine, poked with needles and away from your loved ones and from

everything you like. I want to cheer them up and let them know that they're people that are thinking of them too.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: Sean, do you want to introduce your brother and your mom, or you want your mom --- me to do it? How do you want to do it; okay. This is Sean's mother, Maria Rovers and ---.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: And this is Sean's brother.

MRS. ROVERS: And my husband and the baby are --- the baby is screaming outside so they'd rather stay out there.

MS. MEANS: And your other ---?

MRS. ROVERS: This is Seth.

MRS. MEANS: Seth. Okay. Do you want to say anything and then I'll read the Proclamation?

MRS. ROVERS: Uh, yes. I would like to take advantage to thank everybody, especially Council Member Sue for this recognition. This is such an honor and such a privilege for us, especially for an organization that we're trying to start up.

A year ago, I was sitting at the changing room at Children's Hospital watching my child go through everything. But on top of that, we were receiving support from friends, strangers, our medical team at Children's and just anyone came to rally behind us. I started the idea of a project called Smiles from Sean. It was an idea --- idea based on the inspiration, compassion and kindness of our supporter and Sean's supporter and as well as honoring his fight and bravery against cancer.

Sean's cancer is very rare. So far, he's the first case in the area and there is only like 20 cases around the United States. It is called myxoid mesenchymal tumor on the brain. It is a fibrosarcoma. There was no research done yet so we don't know what's going to happen. But instead of freaking over it, we found an idea to give back, give back. Sean is a champion of smiles. Every time after the surgery, he would endure pain but he wouldn't let us know. He would use smiles to get through those pains.

Therefore, while sitting at the changing room last year, I wanted to give back while honoring my son. That's why we created a project called Smiles from Sean, where we are giving and donating smiley pillows, stress balls and cinch backpacks to the patients staying in the

hospital. We actually just had our fundraiser last week and I'm so sorry, Council Member Sue got wet from the rain. And he also has a lot of fundraising in school with the help of the school district and the PTOs. We are raising money to help the Children's Hospital Foundation and that fund will be allocated to help other families.

So --- but we also would like to thank you and recognize Sean's elementary school nurse who were stunning, who were working side by side with me to go --- to get this project grow. Again, thank you so much everyone and I would like to take advantage to raise awareness about brain tumor and brain cancer. This disease doesn't show any symptoms at all for Sean. Sean was like any other kid at the time. There was no indication that he was sick. All he had was a weight loss. That's why it took doctor's months to figure out what it was.

So I encourage every one of you to please, don't --- don't skip your annual routine checkup because there are many diseases out there, rare diseases that doesn't show any symptoms until you go there at your annual checkup just to find out that there is something wrong. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: So there really isn't much I can add to everything they said. I'm going to read this proclamation. I --- maybe all --- maybe some of you know, some of you don't know but when I first graduated from nursing school, I worked in a nurse --- in a neurosurgical unit at Children's Hospital, so I have real love for the children that are going through what Sean's going through, but Sean, we're so impressed with your compassion that you have reached out to help other people going through difficult times. So I'm going to read this Proclamation. A Proclamation declaring Sean Rovers Day in Allegheny County.

WHEREAS, each year more than 210,000 individuals in the United States of all ages, races and social economic statute --- statures and genders are diagnosed with brain --- a brain tumor. Either primary, originating in the brain tumor or secondary, originating in other parts that metastasize to the brain and;

WHEREAS, on October 22nd, 2017 10-year-old Sean Rovers was unexpectedly diagnosed with a rare brain tumor called --- boy, I'm going to mess that up. I should've

practiced it, right, myxoid mesenchymal tumor, a type of central nervous system sarcoma. After his pediatrician noted during his annual check-up that he had lost 10 pounds in one year.

WHEREAS, only a few days later, Sean underwent extensive brain surgery to remove the tumor the size of a golf ball on the lining of his brain. On October 5, 2018, it was revealed that the tumor had returned and two more had developed. Sean had surgery on April 17th and followed by six weeks of radiation.

WHEREAS, even though Sean endured two major surgeries within six months to remain brain tumors, he never let the after effects of an operation for the brain tumor keep him from smiling.

WHEREAS, now that Sean is in remission, yay Sean for remission, he is dedicated to bringing more smiles to the faces of the children at UPMC Children's Hospital Pittsburgh and Lawrenceville where he was treated. Based on his own inspiration and his appreciation of all people who have supported him and his family, Sean created Smiles from Sean. So far, Sean has distributed over 200 emoji pillows, smiley face stress balls and emoji cinch back --- cinch back packs and;

WHEREAS, in support of Smiles for Sean and in conjunction with the brain cancer awareness month, a benefit miniature golf tournament was held on May 17th at Coal Springs. Eileen Wallace, a Bethel Park School District nurse organized the event for Sean and the Rovers family and all the funds raised went to Smiles for Sean campaign.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That I, Allegheny County Member Sue Means and all the members of Allegheny Council do hereby declare May 22nd, 2019 to be Sean Rovers Day in Allegheny County and we commend Sean Rovers thoughtful and compassionate actions which serve as an inspiration to all the residents of Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereto cause the Seal of Allegheny to be affixed to this 26th day of May --- 22nd day of May, 2019. Congratulations, Sean.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: So we had hoped that Sean's doctor, Dr. Felker, would be here to be recognized and accepted, because --- a proclamation, because it is also --- May is brain tumor awareness month. So Sean, what I'm going to do is read this and the next time you go to Children's

Hospital, will you give it to your doctor? Thank you.
All right.

WHEREAS, the Proclamation recognizing brain tumor awareness month in Allegheny County.

WHEREAS, the brain directs involuntary actions like breathing, blinking, thinking and swallowing. It also controls all our senses, personality, memory, walking, talking and it profoundly impacts our ability to live --- live --- to live as well and our quality of life and;

WHEREAS, brain tumors are among the deadliest forms of cancer and just 28 percent of a five year relative survival rate. And they're second dealing causes of --- second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in young people under the age of 20.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that nearly 80,000 new cases of primary brain tumors are di --- were diagnosed in 2017. Approximately 32 of the brain and central nervous system, tumors are malig --- are malignant. This includes more than 2 --- 26,0000 primary malignant and 53,000 non-malignant brain tumors.

WHEREAS, nearly 700,000 people in the United States are living with primary brain and CNS --- CNS tumor.

WHEREAS, a metastatic brain tumor, meaning the tumor that originated in the body and was spread to the brain affects 25 to 40 percent of all patients affected by cancers. Breast, lung, skin, colon cancers and is roughly 10 times more common than primary brain tumors. I'm getting to the end Sean, I promise. Millions of people in the United States are living with metastatic brain tumor and it's estimated will be deadly for almost half of them.

WHEREAS, brain tumors profoundly impact the lives of patients and caregivers. It is imperative that we increase public awareness of this disease, it's life-altering impact and it's treatment options through research, advocacy and educational programs as well as generating a call to action in support of finding a cure and;

WHEREAS, in Allegheny County we are fortunate to have various science research programs, institutions, doctors committed to improving the survival rate of individuals with brain tumors.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Council Member Sue Means and the members

of Council do hereby declare May 2019 to be brain tumor awareness month in Allegheny County and we encourage all the residents of Allegheny County to educate themselves about brain tumors and support those affected by brain tumors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto affix the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this --- the 22nd day of May 2019.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: Were going to have pictures, but I want everyone to notice that Sean is sporting a, Go Gray in May and that is the theme for everyone to support brain cancer awareness, right and research; right? And his mom's got one and his sister has one --- brother, I'm sorry. Sorry, brother. He only has brothers; right? Sorry about that. Do you want to come up and get your picture taken, and mom and brother? Come on.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We did both 91 and 2?

MR. BARKER: Correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. 11097-19 and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 11097-19. A Certificate of Recognition presented to the Borough of Castle Shannon for its Community Day celebration on Sunday, May 26th, 2019. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

11098-19. A Certificate of Recognition presented to the City of Clairton for hosting its annual Memorial Day Celebration and Parade on Monday, May 27th, 2019. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

11099-19. A Proclamation congratulating the Borough of Castle Shannon as it celebrates 100 years since its incorporation. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

11100-19. A Certificate of Recognition presented to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jones upon the momentous occasion of their 66th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

11101-19. A Proclamation congratulating Conco Services Corporation for being named the 2019 Mid-Atlantic Region and Western Pennsylvania Exporter of the year by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

11102-19. A Certificate of Recognition presented to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph and Mary Jo LeDonne upon

the momentous occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

And 11103-19. A Certificate of Recognition presented to Mrs. Stella Chiappino Radley upon the momentous occasion of her 90th birthday. Sponsored by Council Member Palmosina.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11104-19.

MR. BARKER: A Motion to approve the minutes of the April 9th, 2019 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. 11088-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Heather Wechter to serve as a member of the Council of Friends organization for South Park for a term to expire on May 23rd, 2021. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means, do you want to say ---?

MS. MEANS: Oh, yes, I'd like to say a few words. Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, I met Heather a few weeks ago and I think she's going to be a fantastic addition to the friends of South Park. She's very knowledgeable when it comes to birds and vegetation and animals and she is just going to be a great asset to a very active group. Thank you, Mr. President. I --- I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 11089-19.

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: We'll refer that to the Committee on Appointment Review. Okay. 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: Representative DeMarco, do you want to ---?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes, Mr. President. The Committee on Appointment Review met on Thursday, May 9th and recommended the appointment of Mayor Richard Lattanzi to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees. I'd like to make a motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, and Members of Council. I --- I've known Rich for a long time. I've been serving with him, he's been the mayor over there in Clairton for quite --- quite a number of years now. One of the finest young men I --- I've had the pleasure of working with and meeting over the years, and I'm just delighted that he's been appointed. I'm looking forward to working with him on the --- the Board of Trustees over at CCAC, Mr. President. Thank you.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
11019-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Dannai Wilson 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: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. President, the Committee on Appointment Review met on Thursday, May 9th and recommended the appointment of Dannai Wilson to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board. I'd like to make a motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
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: Again, Mr. President. The Committee on Appointment Review met on Thursday, May 9th and recommended the reappointment of Judith Thomas Horgan to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board. I'd like to so move.

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.
11043-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Barbara Wolvovitz 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: As with the above, Mr. President. The Committee on Appointment Review met on Thursday, May 9th and recommended the reappointment of Barbara Wolvovitz to serve as a member of the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Advisory Board. I'd like to so move.

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.
11072-19.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2019. Submission number 02-19. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein, do you want to say anything?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. At its meeting on May 15th, 2019 the Committee on Budget and Finance was briefed on the receipt of the following grants and those grants are \$100,000 from the Office of National Drug Control to be used by the County Police to purchase five used vehicles for the Drug Task Force and \$1,218,374

from the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in order to improve housing support and case management for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder.

At that meeting, the Committee on Budget and Finance affirmatively recommended the amendment of the 2019 Grants and Special Accounts Budget to receive these grants and at this time, I ask for a motion to approve the amendment of the budget to receive these grants.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under 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?
MS. KIRK:	Yes.
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 14, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11071-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Manhunt Productions Incorporated to use certain County-

owned real and personal property in connection with filming a television series. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. MACEY: Me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You?

MR. MACEY: Yeah.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. MACEY: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Public Works Committee met on May 16th and this information was quite vetted and we made a motion --- we made a decision to send this to the full Council with affirmative recommendation and therefore, I move for approval.

MR. PALMOSINA: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, let's 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: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President Defazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. What is it, 11071-19?

MR. MACEY: We just did that one.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We just did that one?

MR. BARKER: Correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going to liaison reports then?

MR. BARKER: Correct.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah? Go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. On Thursday, last evening I always had the honor and the privilege of attending the commencement exercises at the Peterson Center for CCAC. We graduated 2,400 students this year and 578 of them showed up that evening for their diplomas. And I want to tell you, what a wonderful experience it is to see such a diverse community come together. There were people --- there were people coming up there in wheelchairs, walkers, they had the canes, the walkers and we had young people coming up doing flips on the stage and running around and carrying on. It was just a wonderful scene there and I couldn't help but think of our good friend, Dr. Martoni, that evening.

It was he that recommended it --- I be appointed to the Board of Trustees. And it was just such an emotional moment for me and for a lot of the people there that evening, to see --- to see the smiles and --- and the --- the exuberance of these young people and people who had waited years and years to receive a diploma and the stands were just full. I don't know if anyone's been to the Peterson, but it's --- I mean, it is a huge place and it had --- there were people everywhere celebrating, yelling, screaming and carrying on. It was just a wonderful night. And I know Doc Martoni, above all people, would've been delighted to be there that particular evening. It was just a --- it was an honor for me to be there, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other liaison reports? Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to just mention that on June 6th, Soliders and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum is going to have a ceremony from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. because it's the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. And currently

they're going to have --- the ceremony will include a color guard, national anthem and invocation. Director, Michael Kraus will speak about the importance of D-Day and highlight the story of John Pinder who received the Medal of Honor on D-Day. The medal is now a part of the collection at Soliders and Sailors it can be viewed.

There will be a recognition of Glenn Kempf, the D-Day veteran who helped set up the first hospital on Omaha Beach. And you can find more information if you look at Soliders and Sailors website under events. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other liaison? Yeah, Representative Sue Means?

MS. MEANS: Thank you for rec --- recognizing me, Mr. President. I wanted to congratulate Upper St. Clair Township for a successful community day and parade on May the 18th. I also wanted to mention that, as everyone is aware, next Monday is Memorial Day and Bethel Park Municipality will be having a Memorial Day Service that will start at 7:50 a.m. at the municipal building and then at 9:00, they'll be followed by a parade to the Bethel Park Presbyterian graveyard where there will be more ceremonies and speeches and all along the way, you'll have the Bethel Park marching band performing and it'll be just a wonderful day to remember.

And I just want to take a minute to remind people that Memorial Day is a day we take the time to pause and think about those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms, for the ability to worship freely, freedom of the press, freedom to assembly and that was all paid for by the blood and sacrifice of our soldiers. And I also wanted to mention that it's a time to reflect about how mothers and wives and fathers and brothers and sisters, kissed and hugged someone goodbye and they never came back and they fought for our freedoms and it's --- so please take a moment to pause on Monday and remember Memorial Day. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other liaison? Go ahead, Sam.

MR. DEMARCO: I apologize, Mr. President. I get older with my age, it's --- I'm forgetting things, okay. I also wanted to mention, Moon Township. Moon Township is having a memorial ceremony, there veterans memorial at the municipal building at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Coraopolis is having their parade on Monday and the parade will take

place at 1:30 and it will start at the Coraopolis VFW. And then, Mr. President, if I may. Would now be an appropriate time for me just to make a brief comment about Dr. Martoni?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. DEMARCO: I would just like to say when I was elected and before --- before I was sworn into Council four years ago, I was attending some of the public meetings and I would come and sit here in the chairs as I tried to learn about the issues that were before Council, how everybody handled themselves, the processes and procedures.

And a lot of the times I looked up at some of the things that they were dealing with and thought, boy, how am I going to wrestle and understand this. Dr. Martoni introduced himself at that time and was kind enough to give me many of his materials. He gave me his budget book and other information for me to take home and be able to study so that I could understand this.

I don't know how many of you other folks know, I never graduated from college, but Dr. Martoni talked to me about trying to help me and assist me through CCAC, about helping me get a college degree. So I just want to recognize him. We all know he was a great man. He valued local government. It was very important to him. You know, when we talk about wrestling, that was just a side thing. That was just something to recognize that we saw him on TV but his contribution to our community goes so much further and so far beyond that. His commitment to education and recognition that this is truly the path of success is something that we should all emulate. And I just wanted to express my sincerest and deepest sympathies and condolences to his family and his friends and to recognize him as a, you know, colleague, and he's going to be sadly missed. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Sue Means?

MS. MEANS: I just want to take this opportunity to also recognize Chuck Martoni. And when I read his obituary, I didn't realize he was a veteran, so he served in the Army, in the United States Army, and he served honorably in the Army and served his country and he also served our County very well. He was a gentle, wise man who was an advocate for good government and he was a core

--- it was my honor that I got to sit beside him for over five years. He was also a great voice for his constituents. But I will greatly miss the gentle, kind man that sat beside me and we are all going to miss a great man. He was a great force for government in Allegheny County. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Seeing no more, we'll move on. 11105-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing Riddle Bomb Pictures, 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 will be referred to the Committee on Public Works. New Business motions, anything? No, no. Okay, Notification of Contracts, 11106-19.

MR. BARKER: A Communication summarizing approved Executive actions from April 1st through April 30th, 2019.

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

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Motion to receive and file.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second somebody?

MR. KLEIN: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Is there someone want to make a motion to adjourn? Oh, wait a minute --- whoa, I don't have --- do you have the ---?

MR. MACEY: Yeah, it's right there.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Over here? Oh, okay. That was sitting over here, I didn't have it. I'm sorry. Jared, you want to call out the ---.

MR. BARKER: Sure. First up is Juliet Zavon.

MS. ZAVON: When I was doing voter registration before the 2018 elections, I met an elderly woman in East Liberty who was using a walker. She was registered to vote and wanted to vote, but she said, I can't always vote. I can't get down the stairs to my polling place.

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that polling places be accessible to people like her.

There's an elevator, she said, but it doesn't always work. When it's not working, I can't vote. This was Laketon Heights in Penn Hills. I was aghast to think that this woman could be denied the vote simply because she couldn't walk down a set of steps. Let that sink in.

I wanted to draw attention to the situation, Election Day was fast approaching but cautioned about being ignored by the Elections Division, I reached out to my City Council rep instead. The Elections Division wouldn't shrug off a member of City Council.

This was my first real exposure to problems with polling place accessibility. I saw further issues on Election Day when I was a field coordinator for Election Protection. That's a nonpartisan national organization who partners with the ACLU among others. One problem I encountered on Election Day was a polling place with locked doors. Yup, locked doors. I give more details about that in the write-up of my public comment.

I understand that the County checks the accessibility of polling places when they first begin using a sight. After that, they rely on the owner and users to notify them of issues. This isn't enough. The woman with the walker I met in East Liberty didn't call the Elections Division when the elevator was broken, she just went home without voting.

How many building owners or users think about the impact of an out-of-service elevator on voter access? How many building managers have elections in mind when they lock the doors or change the operations in ways that affect accessibility?

This is a perfect situation for a partnership with the public. The County has over 900 polling locations. What about volunteers helping to review polling place suitability? A clip board and a checklist. The same folks who care about elections, who volunteer for election --- election protection like I did or as poll workers, they care about ensuring the accessibility of polling places. How about putting a quick survey in the poll worker kit allowing judges to report any accessibility issues. How do we get to a place where the County engages with citizens on ideas and to help with this kind of issue instead of responding that they don't have time to do things differently than the status quo? Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next?

(Applause.)

MR. BARKER: Next up is John Ballance.

MR. BALLANCE: Good evening. My name is John Ballance. I have lived in Wexford for 40 years. I currently serve as minister for First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh on Morewood Avenue. I am vice president of the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network and a member of that organizations public safety task force.

I am here this evening to speak in support of bill number 10909-18, a proposal to establish a County Independent Police Review Board. I view this bill as model legislation. Rather than mandating or coercing, it enables, in a positive manner, mechanisms to build trust and cooperation between citizens and law enforcement personnel. The intent of this legislation is laid out in the bills Declaration of Policy which will I --- which I will briefly summarize.

It is paramount to the maintenance of public safety and public confidence in law enforcements to allow allegations of police misconduct to be thoroughly investigated and evaluated by an independent board. Such a board should strive to mitigate the potential for future instance of police misconduct and abuses of civil rights and to promote confidence in law enforcement. Again, it's --- it's --- it's very positive in its orientation.

It is not the intention of this legislation to undermine the authority of any municipal chief of police or any elected or appointed official or unit of government. The legislation makes it possible for municipalities in Allegheny County to opt in but does not mandate that they do so.

In short, this legislation, I think is very far-sighted. It is enabling and not prescriptive or punitive. Allegations of police misconduct are infrequent, so it is reasonable to ask why such an independent review board is needed. May I continue briefly?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You'll see a red light.

MR. BALLANCE: The answer to that question is straightforward. While the number of allegations of misconduct are small, they aren't zero. And public confidence requires transparency and independence in investing them. Sometimes, good law enforcement officials are falsely accused and this legislation provides a mechanism for exonerating them in a transparent manner

that the community will believe and support. I believe that this is good legislation and I encourage all members of Council to support it. I express my appreciation for Councilman Klein and Walton to work with our public safety task force to understand this --- this legislation. I think it's very good public policy and I hope you will support it. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. WALTON: Motion to adjourn.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

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

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6:30 P.M.

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