

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 and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection.

After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Present.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: We have 13 members present at the moment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

11117-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation recognizing and congratulating Jon Burnett upon the occasion of his retirement from KDKA, and we commend him for his extensive and impressive broadcasting career. Sponsored by Council Member Macey and all other Members of Council.

MR. MACEY: Jon, would you join me up here,
please?

MR. BURNETT: Sure.

MR. MACEY: Right here, sir. Always to my
right.

MR. BURNETT: Always. Thank you.

MR. MACEY: Yeah, thank you. Well, everybody
knows Jon; right? Say hi to Jon.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: I'm personally going to miss him
because I --- don't take offense --- I do watch KDKA.

MR. BURNETT: Thank you.

MR. MACEY: And the weather.

MR. BURNETT: Thank you.

MR. MACEY: And you add a little bit of, I guess
humility and some humor to the weather, which is
entertaining.

MR. BURNETT: When I mess up.

MR. MACEY: No, no. Hey, none of us are
perfect.

MR. BURNETT: Thank you.

MR. MACEY: But I want to congratulate you on
your retirement. You're so young, what are you going to
do next?

MR. BURNETT: Watch the grandkids, and help my
son with his event-planning business and live my life with
my beautiful wife ---.

MR. MACEY: Debbie.

MR. BURNETT: Debbie, right --- yeah.

MR. MACEY: Yeah.

(Applause.)

MR. MACEY: Okay.

Without any further ado.

WHEREAS, after 37 years on the air, broadcaster
Jon Burnett has officially retired from KDKA and;

WHEREAS, with an initial football scholarship
--- imagine that --- to the University of Tennessee and
completing a --- his school there with a Bachelors of Fine
Arts degree in theatre, he was able to flawlessly transfer
those theatre skills into a unique and welcoming
conversational tone in reporting the news and eventually,
the weather to thousands of viewers every day and;

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Tennessee with
no accent ---.

MR. BURNETT: That's Knoxville.

MR. MACEY: Knoxville, you sure?
MR. BURNETT: There's a difference.
MR. MACEY: It says Nashville here?
MR. BURNETT: Yeah, I know. I see that.
MR. MACEY: Okay. So ---.
MR. BURNETT: I worked --- I worked in Nashville
for one year, though.
MR. MACEY: So you can see, the theatre hasn't
left you; right?
MR. BURNETT: No, it's still there.
MR. MACEY: All right. Okay. Okay.
Knoxville, Tennessee, Mr. Burnett previously
worked for stations in Knoxville?
MR. BURNETT: No. Well ---.
MR. MACEY: Nashville?
MR. BURNETT: Both.
MR. MACEY: And Knoxville?
MR. BURNETT: Yes, yeah.
MR. MACEY: Okay.
Tennessee.
MR. BURNETT: It's confusing.
MR. MACEY: Okay.
Yeah, let's ---.
MR. BURNETT: Easy for me.
MR. MACEY: As well as Louisville, Kentucky
before coming to Pittsburgh and;
WHEREAS, in 1982, Mr. Burnett was hired by KDKA
as the new host of Evening Magazine, where he first hosted
alongside Liz Miles and then Mary Robb Jackson and;
WHEREAS, 1984 he won the Golden Quill Award as
well --- and as National PM Magazine Award in the
outstanding feature category and;
WHEREAS, in 1985, he co-hosted Pittsburgh 2Day,
later getting new life as Pittsburgh Live Today and was
nominated in 1990 for Pittsburgh's Man of the Year in
Communications and has been nominated three times for the
Mid-Atlantic Emmy Awards for his work as a weather caster
and feature reporter and;
WHEREAS, Mr. Burnett eventually shifted over to
weather in the 1990s, where he won an Emmy for his
Individual Achievement in Weathering in 1996 and;
WHEREAS, in his retirement, Mr. Burnett is
looking forward to spending time with his wife Debbie and
their two children and three grandchildren, as well as his
beloved motorcycle.

MR. BURNETT: Oh, and one grandchild's on the way. We got a fourth coming.

MR. MACEY: Whoa, congratulations. I have four.

MR. BURNETT: Do you?

MR. MACEY: Yeah.

MR. BURNETT: Good, good. Congratulations.

MR. MACEY: Now --- thank you.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That I, Allegheny County Council Member Bob Macey and all Members of Council do hereby recognize and congratulate Jon Burnett upon his --- on this occasion of his retirement from KDKA. And we commend him for his extensive and impressive broadcasting career. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MR. BURNETT: Thank you.

MR. MACEY: Okay.

We're going to leave the Bob --- Bob and Jon show and it's up to you now.

MR. BURNETT: Well, do --- what do I do?

MR. MACEY: You're going to just explain.

MR. BURNETT: Well, no --- no weather reporting, that's right. I haven't looked at a single map in two weeks and I haven't missed it either. This retirement thing is fun so far. I am one of the few, maybe, I don't know, who actually was not looking forward to retirement. I --- I went of my own volition, it was my choice. I felt it was time, but I loved what I did all those years and I loved the people that I worked with. They're my second family. I mean, Kristine Sorensen's my TV wife, and I say that in front of my real wife.

She just kept me on task and kept me straight and it was always a pleasure doing that show with her and the show with Beatrice that I did. First, Pittsburgh 2Day and Evening Magazine, of course with Liz Miles and Mary Robb Jackson too the --- the final year of the show. But all of this is just --- I'm just --- I'm just a poor country boy from Knoxville, Tennessee. And by the way, that's not Knoxville, it's ville (changes pronunciation) just Knoxville. Did you know that Missouri is not Missouri it's Missouri (changes pronunciation) in the southern part of the state, okay. Just a couple of little items there to get out of the way.

I do still have southern roots, but you know what, I love Pittsburgh. I felt at home as soon as I got here. I think a lot of it has to do with the fact that

Knoxville is really just a little Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh's a big Knoxville. It's part of the Appalachian chain, as is Knoxville. This is a mountain town, whether you consider us that or not, we've got hills. We've got some big hills just out to the east, not as big as the Smokies down in Tennessee but still, we're part of Appalachia. And I just felt right at home with all the rivers, all of the water. I grew up skiing and swimming in --- in the Tennessee River. Lived on the Tennessee River for about ten years in two different house.

Anyway, long story short, this has been home for me for 37 years in September. And I'm not leaving. It's --- it's where I'm planning on staying for the rest of my days. And I will be buried here. I --- I'm planning the cremation thing so some ashes are going to my parents' graves down in Knoxville and the rest of them are staying right here with Debbie.

And thank you all, and thanks to Pittsburgh for everything that it's done for me and my family. I can't tell you how impressed I am with us, with all of us, with all of you and with this city and the County itself and all of Western Pennsylvania. It's just been --- like I said, it's been like a --- a big home away from home for me for 37 years and I'm not ever going to leave. So you're stuck with me, how's that?

MR. MACEY: That's okay.

MR. BURNETT: And I want to thank you, Bob, for --- for nominating me. I want to thank my Councilwoman or my --- my representative, Anita Prizio, and all of the Council Members for this award. I don't deserve it. I don't know where it came from, but I'll take it. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. Ready? 11118-19 and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 11118-19. A Proclamation declaring Saturday, June 29th, 2019 to be cardiacAWARE Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

11119-19. A Proclamation recognizing the PUMPED to Run program and it's extraordinary efforts in providing access and resources to local homeless on how to live a healthy and confident life. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

11120-19. A Proclamation congratulating Pastor Donald Blinn, Jr. for his years dedicated to ministry services. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

11121-1 --- 19. A Proclamation commending and honoring the selfless actions displayed by Henry Parham on the beaches of Normandy on June 6th, 1944. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

11122-19. A Proclamation honoring the astounding wrestling career of James J. Dillon. Sponsored by Council Member DeFazio.

11123-19. A Proclamation recognizing Emily Carter, a sophomore at Bethel Park High School for her award-winning track and field skills. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

At this ---.

MR. MACEY: Got to get Rich on.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

At this point, we're going to bring up the County Executive.

(Applause.)

MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President, and Members of Council. Before I begin, the last time I was here was before Councilman Martoni passed away. And I would be remiss --- and I know we've --- you talked about him after --- at --- at the meeting afterwards, but I also wanted to acknowledge and --- and we did during --- during that time. But he's sorely missed and I --- as I look on here, Councilman DeFazio, Mr. President, you and I and Chuck were all elected 20 years ago on that very first council. And he was such a mentor to me and to all of us. And I know others have --- have said that but I didn't want to begin my comments without --- without saying this. And I know you have, obviously, a very difficult decision to make tonight in --- in replacing, very big shoes to replace in Dr. Martoni.

But let me begin my --- my remarks. I want to talk about --- you know, we'll start talking about the first thing that came out a week or so ago was the CAFR, the County's Annual Fiscal Report, showing that we have now --- for the first time we've exceeded \$50 million, \$50.5 million in our fund balance or basically our rainy day fund.

When you think about just a few years ago, we were a little over \$5 million. So we've done --- I think

put the County in much, much better fiscal condition, financial condition in the work that we've done. All of us working together through the budget process that you have passed over the last number of years and the diligence of the County manager in the various departments and department heads have done. So I wanted to --- to start off with that.

Obviously, the other big announcement that --- that's coming up or the big issue that's coming up is our two big healthcare entities. As we come to the end of this month, a lot of us are concerned about being denied access to certain --- certain facilities as in network. And obviously the announcement that was made a week or so ago with --- with the Hillman Cancer Center, Children's Hospital and Western Psych being included. It's something I can tell you that the Mayor and I, Mayor Peduto and I have been working on for many, many years. I've had many, many meetings and --- and we're not done yet.

We're --- we're going to continue, because I do consider it a step forward, but as I've always said, and I know Mayor Peduto has always said, that whatever card you have, whatever insurance card you have you should be able to go to any facility in our community and have in-network services. We're going to continue to work along those lines.

And obviously the Attorney General and the Legislature and the Governor and others, the business community, et cetera, will continue to work on this. We've got great facilities, we've got great care here, but you know, we want to make sure that it's accessible to everybody at --- at in-network prices. You also know --- in-network charges.

You also know that were coming to a little bit of a --- an ending of transportation funding that --- that's coming to an end at the state level. As Act 44 and Act 89, which provides money for our roads and bridges and PennDOT, as well as transit will be sun-setting in a number of years. And you've seen there have been court cases with the truckers' association and the turnpike. And just a --- a couple of weeks ago, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Mobility Commission put out a study following on the heels of what they --- happened in the Southeast with our friends in Philly and surrounding counties with some options.

And those options are really going to be something that may ultimately fall upon this body and other County Commissioners in other counties throughout the state as we figure out how to invest in transportation and transit throughout this Commonwealth.

And it's something that working with the Legislature, there may be enabling legislation that comes back to the counties on how to fund transportation and transit. And it's something that I think we'll have to continue to work on. Because all the growth that we see in this region right now quite frankly will be choked off if we don't --- if we don't invest and connect people to all the jobs and all the opportunities that are here.

And I've said, the statement I have made is, the most expensive cost we have is --- is doing nothing. And I think that's something that we can't do. We've got to figure out as a community, how do we fund? What do we invest in? What type of transportation are we going to have if we're going to connect people to the opportunities that are there? So that's something we'll be working on together as time goes on.

I was also delighted that last week, kind of a --- I'll call it a turning point. For so many years, young people were moving out of this region. We've talked about that for years. When the factories closed, 30 --- 35 years ago. And one of those places they went to that we've always held ourselves up to was Charlotte. A lot of our young people went to Charlotte. And in fact I, as Council President in 2006, took a --- took a trip with the Allegheny Conference, our foundations, County Executive Onorato at the time, Mayor O'Connor and Council President Ravenstahl to go down to Charlotte, to see how they're doing, how we could do some of the things that are happening. Why are so many young people and why are so many folks moving to Charlotte?

Well, I can tell you a week ago Charlotte came to Pittsburgh. There were over a hundred business leaders and community leaders who wanted to come to Pittsburgh 13 years later to see how we're doing it, to replicate some of the growth and some of the opportunities that are happening in Pittsburgh. And I think it's something --- as we go through the day-to-day operations of what we do, we need to reflect upon the fact that we've made some really tremendous strides and progress in some of the communities that --- that were, you know, heretofore not

--- not seeing progress. I'm going to talk about some of those in a little bit, but I wanted to put that in perspective.

One of the other things that the Allegheny Conference did last week that I thought was really important was they had an intern welcoming, where over 700 or 800 young people, college-age folks, high school and college who are coming to Pittsburgh this summer to intern at many of our organizations, profit, nonprofit, financial, medical, et cetera ---. All the things that are happening to try to, you know, not only welcome them to Pittsburgh but when their summer internship is over that they come back to Pittsburgh and work here. So it was --- it was a really exciting event that they had over at the Heinz --- over at Heinz Field. And I think it's emblematic of what's happening in this region right now with, you know, the desire of young people to --- to want to be here.

And then, speaking of young people, it was really exciting that we had Elmo come here last week. Fifty (50) years Sesame Street has been in operation. Yeah, that Elmo, that's the Elmo I'm talking about, the furry Elmo. And obviously our --- you know, one of the very first public stations WQED literally in Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, but one of the first cities on the national tour that Sesame Street took was to --- to Pittsburgh, basically, to --- to encourage early learning and some of the things that we're working on.

In addition to the --- along those lines, along the entertainment center, you're going to be seeing something tonight in which the next August Wilson movie is going to be filmed here in Pittsburgh. Denzel Washington, we're so fortunate that he has really made that commitment that he wants to make those --- those ten plays that August Wilson wrote into movies.

He obviously did Fences a number of years ago and the Ma Rainey is going to be set here in --- in Pittsburgh. And they'll be here I guess in a month or two doing that filming. And again, that puts Pittsburgh in the spotlight because of one of America's great playwrights who, you know, August Wilson being --- being from Pittsburgh.

We also hosted this week, for the seventh year, the Corporate Equity and Inclusion Roundtable. This is something that Tim Stevens had asked to be done when ---

when I got elected a number of years ago. And we've --- we've had that. The last number of years, Duquesne University's been the host of that. We appreciate President Gormley and his leadership being able to do that. But working with all of our business leaders, all of our organizations to make sure that Pittsburgh is --- has opportunities for everybody, for people of all races, ethnicities, et cetera. And that's something that --- that's been very successful and we'll continue to do over the coming years.

I know that the two members of the voting --- the Election Board, Mr. Baker and Mr. Palmosina have been working very hard. I know the voting machine demonstrations have gone on throughout this County. I think it was very, very positive. I know there were a number of people from --- from all over the County who came to the various locations where they hosted them at some of our community college campuses, our Kane hospitals, Kane centers.

And I think so far it's been very, very positive. So I want to thank the two --- the two members along with Judge Hens-Greco for being --- really reaching out and making a transparent process and allowing the public to have input on what's going on as much as they can.

Since I was here last time I've had three, you know, people from my administration who have moved on. And they moved on in --- in a good way, in a positive way. As you know, a year ago Austin Davis was elected to the State Representative. And then earlier this quarter, Pam Iovino, the first woman who was the Director of the Veterans Services was elected to the State Senate. She's now our State Senator for the South Hills and the western suburbs.

And also, Elliot Howsie, the first African American Public Defender was appointed by Judge --- appointed by Governor Wolf as a Judge in the Court of Common Pleas, confirmed by the Senate. So we're going to be doing a national search for his replacement. And --- and some of the initiatives that Judge Howsie brought forth was --- was very, very positive.

And then you probably heard that over a week or two ago the announcement that Dr. Hacker has been tapped to be the Director of the CDC Communicable Diseases. So she's going to be moving to their headquarters down in

Atlanta, Georgia. It's a huge, huge responsibility. And I want to congratulate her, the great work that she has done. Most recently, yesterday, and today and we'll --- I'm going to talk about that in a little bit, but the work that she has done has brought a lot of notoriety to what is happening here in this region, in Allegheny County.

And I'm really proud of all three of those individuals, all four of them, really, for being able to --- to move into --- up in the --- up the ladder in the --- in their careers and do --- and do some good things.

And along those lines, we had the McArthur Foundation that was in last week. We received --- that was a very competitive national grant in which Allegheny County received over \$2 million, dealing with criminal justice. The goal being to lower our jail population by 20 percent, using a baseline of 2,500. Although, just a few years ago I think we were about 2,800 or 2,900 to get to 2,100.

And we've used some of that money for the Public Defenders Office, in being able to staff that around the clock. Used to be we did it during the daylight hours but now we have 3:00 to 7:00, excuse me, 3:00 to 11:00 and 11:00 to 7:00. So we know that crime doesn't just occur during business hours, bankers' hours, it happens all the time. So to have a Public Defender to be there at the arraignment is very important. So funding that went on to provide positions both in the District Attorney's Office and in the courts as well.

And they were here last week. And I know Councilman DeMarco was at a roundtable discussion we had with them, out at a facility in Squirrel Hill led by Mr. Bronstein --- is it Bronstein (sic), Ron Bronstein? Yeah, the --- the --- the national and syndicated columnist.

We also made some big improvements when it came to affordable housing over the --- over the last couple of months. Cutting the ribbon on some facilities in --- in Mount Lebanon, Squirrel Hill, Glassport, Fineview in addition to what we had done previously in places like Heidelberg, Homestead. So we want to make sure that affordable housing is not just in certain communities but really is in --- is in all communities. So working with our friends at the State PHFA and with some very, very good initiatives and good things that are happening. Again, we --- we have a need in this community for

affordable housing and we want to make sure we continue to do that.

We had some big, big events last week that --- that occurred. And I know Councilman Walton was --- was at a number of them. The big --- you know, the big one that --- that we ended with on Friday was the reconnection after six decades of the lower hill to downtown, with the park cap connector over 579. And it was really a work of everybody coming together. I want to thank Congressman Doyle, bringing the --- the TIGER grant that he was able to --- to get, along with our friends at the State, you know, providing the money to be able to help that happen and --- and bring that community back with some opportunities and some jobs.

We also had the --- the historic groundbreaking and --- at the --- at the terminal building in the Strip District, after a lot of work to bring that historic building back --- back to site. We also had the investment that was made like a month or two ago or the announcement of the investment of United States Steel investing \$1.2 billion into the Mon Valley. And not only investing in --- in --- to --- to preserve the jobs that are there, but making major improvements in the environment. Major improvements in things like sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide, PM 2.5, PM 10, carbon dioxide.

And you know, obviously we --- we saw what happened a day or two ago with, you know, another fire. And I really want to credit and give thanks to Karen Hacker and her team for immediately notifying everybody in the community, hosting a conference call immediately with all of our delegation in Harrisburg. And --- and luckily, you know, not even a whole day, I think it was about 16 hours that the sulfurization equipment is back online and they're moving forward.

But one of the things that I have said is, I'm really concerned that we have a redundant system, a backup system that can immediately come online. That if there is a shutdown of some, whether it's the electrical system or whatever it might be, that they're able to get a backup generator, whatever it might be. And I'm not giving the answer to that, but I know, whether it's our 911 center, whether it's hospitals, whatever it might be, redundant systems are important. And I think for the folks in Clairton, we want to make sure that that --- that that continues to happen.

We also have a big announcement, a big groundbreaking ribbon cutting coming up next week. The 911 center that they've been working on for a number of --- over a year, out at the airport facility is going to be open next week. They've been doing a lot of work already. And we will have a --- a big public demonstration on --- on some of the things that are --- that are going on there.

We also did some job training down in the Mon Valley, Tube City, the machinists --- the successful machinist training program that the Southside New Century Careers has is now expanding down into the Mon Valley which is really, really good initiatives.

Two last things I want --- I want to hit on. Things that I know we're concerned about is sustainability. I want to thank the County Manager. He put in a recycling program with a --- with a company, I think it's called Roadrunner. And over the last number of months we've recycled over 200,000 pounds of cardboard, over 58,000 pounds of --- of commingled materials and 20,000 pounds of mixed paper.

And what did that result? Well, it's resulted in basically the saving of about 600 trees, 6,700 gallons of oil, 6,600 hours of electrical --- electrical operation and 180,000 gallons of water.

I also want to --- want to credit the County Manager by coming up with some initiatives in our parks. Something I think I talked about last year, painting blitz as well as carpenter blitz. And they've really gone into the --- into the various parks, the nine County parks that we have and done a lot of good work. One of the things they just did a couple of weeks ago was build over a hundred picnic benches, partnering with Deloitte & Touche and volunteers that --- that were brought in there, doing --- doing some work there. And I'm very, very proud of the work they've done. Just --- just to a couple of them.

Settlers Cabin, they did five shelter roofs and a chimney swift. Out in Harrison Hills, the overlook fencing and roof supports for the maintenance garage, another two shelter roofs. South Park building, seven more benches, signage, the wedding gazebo ceiling, the nature center ceiling. Round Hill, doing a number of the fences and barn doors for some of the --- the animal facilities that we have out there, some of the livestock gates and on and on.

But every single park had some painting done, had some repair work done, had some carpentry work done that was there. And with that, I'm going to just open up to any questions you might have for any of the initiatives I talked about.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, County Executive Fitzgerald for bringing all this information to our attention. There's a lot of great things happening in Allegheny County. It's a good time to be in government in Allegheny County today.

I would just like to comment on the UPMC Highmark meeting that you had and what resulted from that. I would just say that all of us are in agreement with you, whatever the motivation was that caused UPMC to decide to allow in-network access to that. We applaud that. And we would work with you in any way you saw fit and any way to ensure that the citizens of Allegheny County and Pittsburgh will have in-network access to the entire system someday. So anything we can do, please let us know. Thank you.

MR. FITZGERALD: Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative ---?

MS. MEANS: Thank you. County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, I want to congratulate you for the great financial job you do and having \$55 million in our fund balance is amazing.

MR. FITZGERALD: \$50.5, I don't want to overstate.

MS. MEANS: I'm sorry, I got to fix that to \$50.5.

MR. FITZGERALD: Maybe I said that too fast, I'm sorry.

MS. MEANS: Oh, yeah. But congratulations on that. And I was wondering, do you have any idea how much the new voting machines are going to cost and how we're going to pay for it?

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, that's a very good question. I --- I don't know. I --- I guess it will probably depend on which machine is selected. But Councilwoman, it isn't just the cost --- upfront cost of the machine, it's going to be the operational cost at the 1,300 polling places that we have in this County.

So I mean, I think there's a lot that --- that the Board will be looking at and the Election Department

will be looking at. Obviously, security and --- and ease of use. And a lot of the things --- making them accessible to --- to people so that it's ADA-compliant. But cost is a --- is a factor. And you know, I know the Governor has put --- I think it's \$15 million statewide and he's intending on doing that for the next five years so that's about \$75 million. That'll be short of --- of what is needed to do 67 counties.

So we're, in essence, going to have to try to figure out how to come --- if the Legislature and the budget process that they're going through right now doesn't come up with more money. And I hope that they do, we're hopeful that --- that more money is available to the --- to the counties but otherwise, we are going to have to come up with that funding. And it's either take it out of another project, whether it's a road or a park or a building, or you know, some other capital needs that we have, but we'll just have to make choices as --- as this body goes through the budgetary process.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other questions? Okay, Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Hi, Rich. Thanks. It's more or less a comment not a question. We talk about the healthcare with UPMC. And we talked about Children's Hospital and the Hillman. I just think to myself, how can UPMC think that other people are less important when they --- when they say that these people are more important than others for healthcare? It's amazing how I can rate people not as important as others in the healthcare system.

I think it's horrible that they're doing it that way. But keep up that fight, because that's something you should mention. What makes the other people less important for healthcare? Thank you.

MR. FITZGERALD: Yeah, I think --- I think we --- we still have a lot of work, there's no question. And --- and unfortunately, this body and --- and my office don't have a lot of authority, in fact, no authority to really order or pass an ordinance. I'm sure you would pass one in a heartbeat, if you could.

So it really is up to our Legislature and the State to --- to come up with some of these solutions. And I know they're going through the courts and a ruling was

made last week and I'm sure there will be other --- other court action that --- that occurs.

But you know, my --- my thinking or my philosophy or my hope is that whatever card you have, as I said earlier, you'll be able to go to any of our great facilities and get in-network services.

MR. FUTULES: I --- I really hope that they make that argument. That --- that who is more important than others. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means, did you have another question?

MS. MEANS: Oh, no, I didn't, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, okay. So Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. Rich, good to see you. Good to have you here this evening. One of the things I'd like you to address futuristically is the poll workers. We need some comprehensive type of program and training for our poll workers. I experienced, this past election, some really difficult situations. And it was not so much that the people were bad or didn't know, it was --- they just weren't trained properly. I think we have to come up, if we can at some time, you know, initiate something County-wide that we could really work on this issue and bring people in that are trained and ready and willing to do the job. And I --- I think it's --- from my experience, I think it's imperative.

MR. FITZGERALD:

It's --- you know, we --- we have those 1,300 polling places and each one have five workers. So we're talking about 6,500 workers. It's a challenge. And I know the manager and his team. We advertise, we try to get people.

First of all, a lot of them are elected. They're not actually --- the Judge of Elections and the minority and they get elected by the folks in their --- in their precincts. But we absolutely --- for people that --- that are willing to do that, put in that long day and so many do. So many are, you know, really --- their citizenship and their, you know, willingness to serve that --- that long day from 7:00 in the morning, and it's actually before that, that's when the polls open, until eight o'clock at night. And --- and to have training.

And obviously, with new machines, with new facilities, training is going to be a big, big --- it's

going to be a big cost, but it's got to be a big initiative. Because I was here when we got the new machines. I call them new machines, they're not that new anymore. But back in, whenever it was 2005, 2006 and I know President DeFazio was on the Board at the time. There was --- there was a big learning curve for folks when those machines came out. When we went away from this big, if you remember, the big --- you know, those huge machines that we used to have and push around with the curtains and everything but it took some time. And now, you know, over the years people got used to it.

They knew how to turn them on, they knew how to get the --- the tape up and running, all those kind of things. We're going to have to do the whole --- you know, there's going to have to be another learning curve on the new machines. And that's my worry. The first couple of times, there will be glitches. There will be --- there will be, you know ---. Any time you start up a new system, it's --- there's going to be things that happen.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you.

MR. FITZGERALD: All right. Thank you, guys. Have a good evening. Good luck with everything.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

Holy hell, there goes our crowd.

MR. MACEY: I thought you came to see me, what the heck.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We don't draw the people, Rich does. Okay. Everybody's attention. At this time, we're going to have nominations of the candidates for the interim term for County Council, District 8. At this time, I'm going to place a nomination, Paul Zavarella and ---.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

You don't have to, but it's fine. You want to get the roll call?

MR. BARKER: Oh, the roll call?

MR. FUTULES: Hold up, hold up. Time out. Mr. DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah?

MR. FUTULES: I have to make an announcement that, you're doing a roll call for this position?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. FUTULES: Okay.

I have to announce the fact that I have to abstain from this position. Mr. Zavarella is a --- he represents --- he's a representative of my law firm, so I believe that I should not be voting on this. He's a representative, not my --- the law firm that represents me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. FUTULES: I'm not --- I don't own a law firm.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I was going to say, how many businesses do you have?

MR. FUTULES: I'm dyslexic. Futules Attorney of Law. And here, I have a letter here to give you to keep for the record.

MR. BARKER: Thank you.

MR. FUTULES: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That spells out what you just said; right?

MR. FUTULES: What's that?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That spells out what you just said?

MR. FUTULES: Something no, not really, but yeah, it's --- it's better written than what I said, yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

It's official. All right. So now we'll take the vote on Paul Zavarella.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to appoint Mr. Zavarella.

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: Abstain.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

(No response.)

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: I have to say that in last night's interview of all the candidates, that I put forth a litmus test that no one --- if they could not support the independent review Board, they could not generate my support. Mr. Zavarella has not generated my support. I vote no.

MR. BARKER: And President Defazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 11, nos, one. One abstention with one member absent, the appointment is successful.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Ken, I wish that you and --- between you and Jared, you'd take care of contacting --- Mr. Zavarella isn't here; is he? I didn't notice him.

MR. FUTULES: I don't see him.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

So we got to contact him right away. Okay.
Moving on, 11123.

MR. BARKER: I apologize, 11127?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seven, yeah. I'm sorry.

MR. BARKER: That'd be the motion to approve the minutes of the April 23rd, 2019 meeting of Council --- regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Go ahead, Ms. Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: It's my understanding that there is something amiss with those meetings. That Mr. Barker found some errors in it. And he's requested that the company that transcribes our minutes send us a new revised one, corrected one. And we haven't received it. So I would like to abstain --- not abstain but move a --- not approve them. I'd just make a motion to not approve them until we get the proper ones submitted to us.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Well, there's a motion on the floor --- you seconded; right?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Just vote it down and we'll ---.

MS. MEANS: Vote no?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, just vote no and we'll go along with it.

MS. MEANS: Okay.

That's fine.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, you don't have to vote at all.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

I was going to just give you the vote on it. Okay. Let's go with that.

MR. MACEY: No action?

MR. CATENA: I'll make the motion to table.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

The ayes have it.

Okay. 11128.

MR. BARKER: A Motion to approve the minutes of the May 7th, 2019 regular meeting of Council.

MR. DEMARCO: So moved.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? No remarks, okay. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

The ayes have it.

11129-19.

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry, 11124?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Twenty-four (24)?

MR. BARKER: Correct.

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Joseph Serrao to serve as a member of the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review for a term to expire December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

On 24, I don't have 24 right here.

MR. WALTON: Here it is, here (indicating).

MR. BARKER: It'd be the first item under presentation of appointments.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Next page, all right.

MR. BARKER: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. On 24. We'll refer that then to Appointment Review Committee.

MR. BARKER: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

11125-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Brian K. Johnson to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board 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.

11126-19. I need to get my glasses. That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

MR. BARKER: May I read the title?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Pardon me?

MR. BARKER: May I read the title?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. BARKER: Okay.

Approving the reappointment of Debra L. Romanelli to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council for a three-year term, ending on December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. We'll refer it to the Committee on Appointment Review. All right.

11113-19.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution ratifying certain year-end transfers pursuant to Section 805.03 of the Administrative Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein isn't here. Who was on that --- who showed up and is involved with that committee?

MS. MEANS: Mr. President, I was present at the meeting and so was Mr. Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Does someone want to make a --- a motion?

MR. MACEY: Make a motion.

MS. MEANS: I'll second it.

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

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: 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, nos zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison reports? Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: All right. Thanks, Mr. DeFazio. We did have a great hearing on Friday, June 7th. I wanted to thank everyone in the crowd that was there. We, I think, had a lot --- a lot of folks that are in the crowd right now at that hearing. We scheduled it for four hours, it went three hours. So I think everyone was pretty --- pretty happy about that, but it was really informative.

It's been a really good collaborative working environment between Council Member Palmosina, Judge

Hens-Greco and I working with Manager Voye, who's in the back there and the --- the whole team from the administration.

So I feel very happy with how the process is going so far. We definitely want it to be a transparent process that folks are involved in. Had hundreds of people come to the seven sessions that were out at the Kanes and out at the CCACs. I know at least over half of the County Council went to those sessions. So thanks to my colleagues that were able to make one of them.

I was there for the last hour of the last one. And the --- the people that were there talking about the products probably just thought, you know, it's the last hour or whatever. But I was --- I was there for the last hour with Ron. And we learned a lot which we --- we, you know got to know the --- the four different vendors and just really appreciate everyone that's been involved in the process so far.

The only goal is to just do a good job on this. Obviously for Council Member Palmosina, Judge Hens-Greco and I, it's a very limited amount of time that we're going to be on the Elections Board. So the only agenda that we have is to do a good job and to work with everyone here and hopefully bring a good system to Allegheny County.

Other --- just quick District 1 updates. We did have a nice groundbreaking at the Hub. I brought the scissors, the --- the folks over there for the elections hearing, the --- we had a ribbon cutting in Westview, in my district. And they didn't know where to get those big scissors that you use to cut a ribbon. So they asked me, they said, you're the one person we know that would have them. I did not have them, but I reached out to Amie Downs in administration and they had them.

So the people of Westview really are thankful to the administration, Manager McKain, for coming through with those large size scissors.

Some of you --- I'm sure all my colleagues remember. We had a woman here named Jamie. She came to two different Council meetings. If you didn't cry at one of the two meetings, then --- then you weren't sitting here. Because it was --- it was really unbelievable. But Jaime had her 5K for Live a Little Mary-er. I know Cindy, and I and a few of us have kind of become friends with her.

And it was just --- it was unbelievable. She had Mike Clark from WTAE and I as the --- as the --- as the emcees of that event, but it was unbelievable. And it was just --- I was really honored to be part of it. It was something that --- I know a lot of things come out of this room, but it was just a nice thing that came out of this room.

And --- and the situation that's been the worst situation in her life, I think the fact that her County Government actually cares enough to show up and be part of it and to have her here that night as well, has meant a lot to Jaime and --- and to her family.

And finally, episode number 13 of my local public access show in District 1 on MCA-TV in Moon Township will be recorded this Thursday. The special guest will be President Chris Howard and also Emmy-award winning rap artist, Frzy. So it should be a good episode, make sure to check it out on MCA-TV. Thanks very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Representative Sue Means?

MS. MEANS: Thank you, Mr. President. I went and checked out the machines at CCAC South on June the 5th. And I was really impressed with all the different technology. And I also saw the County Executive there checking out the machines. So it was nice to see him there as well, and there was a steady flow of people. That was very encouraging to see how many people had come to --- to see and participate and that the process is so open and transparent. That's encouraging also.

And tomorrow night I want to invite everybody to my town hall meeting in Bethel Park. The topic is --- it's about the UPMC Highmark divorce, how did we get here and how do we navigate going forward. And I'm real excited to announce that Dr. Alan Yeasted from St. Clair Hospital will be one of my speakers, as well as an attorney, Bill McHenry, who actually is a --- a very --- a specialist who helps negotiate --- not negotiate, but figure out how to get their healthcare and what --- how --- just acquire the healthcare they need.

And it's going to be a great session. And there's going to be some questions and answers afterwards. But the emphasis is, we are here now and so how do we navigate the system going forward, so that people can get the healthcare they need?

They can know what hospital to go to and what services they can use and --- but everyone's welcome to come. Again, it's at the Bethel Park Municipal Building from 7:00 to 9:00 tomorrow night. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Representative DeWitt Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. As the County Executive shared, had an opportunity to attend two great groundbreaking this past week. The terminal building bodes really well for the continued economic development of the City of Pittsburgh. And it will be an incredible addition, in terms of commercial and retail for the Strip District and just pushes development on down the river. And it's --- it's a great addition for the city.

But just as importantly, the groundbreaking over the 579 cap just says --- speaks so many volumes. Congressman Mike Doyle has done such an incredible job in terms of bridging the gap, in terms of funding and bringing disparate communities and organizations and agendas together so that the hill can continue to be reborn. That park that is going to be built over that 579 cap is an incredible venture. And it really demonstrates the investment back into that community. And it will spur economic development through the middle hill, the upper hill and the entire community in terms of raising per-capita income, generating affordable housing. And really begin to make amends for what occurred 50 years ago.

So I can't speak enough for to say thanks to again, Congressman Doyle, to the County Executive, to Mayor Peduto, to State Representative Jake Wheatley, City Councilman Daniel Lavelle. The entire group of us who are working with the Penguins to reach an agreement. And that --- those discussions were very contentious, very challenging, but we were committed to moving an agenda forward and we got there and we're getting there every day. So I'm really proud about that.

I'm also proud, tomorrow night at six o'clock at --- at the Wilksburg Borough Building, there's going to be a celebration for --- prior to the legislative meeting of the Wilksburg Borough Council for Henry Parham, one of the African --- one of the many African Americans who were landed on the beaches in Normandy in D-Day.

You know, it is an incredible story of America and the resilience and the dedication of soldiers. But in this history of America, far too often African Americans are forgotten, are hidden.

And so this --- and we had this Proclamation done so that we can continue to celebrate and demonstrate the commitment and engagement of African Americans from the very beginning of this country today --- until today. From Crispus Attucks in the Revolution to Dorie Miller to Henry Parham, and it continues. So we have to celebrate that. We have to really recognize the contributions of all Americans and the greatness that we've achieved as a nation.

Now, to a difficult piece. One year ago tomorrow, Antwon Rose was killed. A tragic day for all of this County, and I'll pause on that point just for a second.

Two weeks ago, I raised the issue of gun violence. Since that time, here in the City of Pittsburgh, a young man and a young woman attending a graduation party were homicide victims as a result of gun violence. It has to end. We have to find a solution to it. We --- you know, it --- it will consume us all if we don't find a solution to it. Back to the real --- to another piece.

I had an opportunity this afternoon to talk to Michelle Kenney, Antwon Rose's mother. And she shared with me some of the pain that she's feeling, some of the turmoil that she has undergone, in trying to --- in trying to come to grips with the loss of her son.

I don't want to sound moralistic. I don't want to point fingers, you know, but in some --- some how, some way, to listen to Ms. Kenney and to feel her pain. Her son didn't have to die. Regardless of the circumstances, her son didn't have to die.

We have to fix it. We have to fix it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other? Seeing none, we'll move on to 11129-19.

MR. BARLER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement with the Epilepsy Association of Western and Central Pennsylvania for the purpose of staging its 31st Annual Pittsburgh Family Fun Run/Walk for Epilepsy, tailgate party and related

activities on the Roberto Clemente or 6th Street Bridge on Saturday, July 13th, 2019. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Public Works.
11130-19.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Parks.
11131-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of the donation of a Dutch harness horse for adoption by the County for use in the Allegheny County Police's Mounted Unit. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Public Safety.
11132-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of the donation of a Clydesdale horse for adoption by the County for use in the Allegheny County Police's Mounted Unit. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Public Safety. New business, we have none?

MR. BARKER: We have no motions.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Notification of contracts,
11133-19.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does somebody want to make a motion?

MR. MACEY: Receive and file.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to second?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

The ayes have it.

Public comment, do you want to ---?

MR. BARKER: We have several. First up is Peter Gilmore.

MR. GILMORE: Mr. President and Members of Council, thank you for this opportunity to address you this evening. I am a ruling Elder at Sixth Presbyterian Church and a member of the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network. And I would like to address you this evening on the question of the Independent Review Commission.

I might add that I previously served on the City Council of the largest municipality in the State of Connecticut. I'm serving on a committee that dealt with public safety issues. So all of my experience suggests to me that this Commission is something that the County needs. I don't think it's any secret that our communities are rife with mistrust and suspicion that individuals have suspicion and distrust of one another, of their elected officials and those who serve us all as County police and in other capacities.

In cases like this, I am convinced that greater transparency, greater accountability are the reliable tools of a functioning and healthy democracy. Certainly any citizen should feel safe and secure in raising a question or registering a complaint and should receive a hearing. At the same time, our County police are best served if suspicion and mistrust are not allowed to fester, but rather receive the kind of hearing that is required. Once again, transparency and accountability are the greatest tools of a healthy and functioning democracy. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Marie Norman. I don't believe she's here. After her would be John Detwiler.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, you know, he's here.

MR. DETWILER: Thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is John Detwiler. I live at 5723 Solway Street in the City of Pittsburgh. I probably won't get through all of my remarks, so I've given copies at the clerk's table. And I think they're being handed out now.

I'm here to support your Ordinance 10781-18, setting the standards for complete and consistent recordkeeping on oil and gas leases. My support for this measure comes through personal experience from a couple of different perspectives.

First of all, since I'm advocating complete and full disclosure, I should practice what I preach. I have been working for a long time to slow down and hold back the progress of fracking into our community. This is not a NIMBY issue. I don't want it here or there. I don't want it anywhere. And I have --- as some of you remember, have been here in 2014, as part of Protect our Parks, when we debated the gas lease for Deer Lakes Park.

So I've spent a lot of time looking at real estate files and I see a trend toward less and less informative recordkeeping, where gas leasing is concerned. I won't say that that's intentional, although it might be, because it certainly works to the advantage of the gas companies and to the disadvantage of homeowners and municipalities and other businesses in the community.

This is important because --- experience is showing that the economic effects are at least as bad as the environmental damage.

Since 2014, when the County signed the lease with Range Resources, the value of that company's stock has fallen by 93 percent. Its market capitalization has gone from \$20 billion to less than 2. This is not just paper, this is real money. Real people have invested for their retirement or their children's education or to buy a home or start a business. \$20 billion gone in this business. And it's not just Range Resources, it's EQT and all the big companies and the small ones.

The Range Resource executives who came into this room with their very sincere presentations in 2014 have left that company for new startups with new investments to drill in new places where they can sell the same old snake oil from new wagons without a track record following them along. So this is important to have a level playing field where other businesses have a chance to thrive, and we need this kind of open information to help all those businesses.

The last thing I'll say is my other perspective comes from years as a County employee, before my retirement, where I had management responsibility for day-to-day construction and maintenance. Doing what this ordinance calls for is not difficult. It's tedious, it's time-consuming. But there are people in the organization here that already know how to do it. There's money coming from the so-called impact fund that was set up by Act 13. This is exactly the kind of thing that those impact funds

were intended for. So what we really need to do is just roll up our sleeves and get to it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Good job. Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Richard Lattanzi.

MR. LATTANZI: Thank you, Mr. President, and County Council, for giving me the opportunity to speak to you today. Again, my name is Richard Lattanzi, Mayor of the City of Clairton.

Recently you guys probably heard on the news that there's been some issues with U.S. Steel. Shortly around Christmas time that there was a large fire at Clairton, and there was a problem with the release of sulfur into the air. And the City of Clairton did not find out about it until January 8th, which was about two weeks later.

And obviously I got on the phone and talked to some people. We had some meetings, we spoke with the Health Department and we basically got some communication going right now. And unfortunately, two days ago they had another fire, but not as severe as the first one.

So there also for about a 24-hour period there was some release of sulfur, so on and so forth. And today --- I'm here today to simply ask County Council that we need your help. There is a lot of people in Clairton that have respiratory illnesses and there's some people that have cancer, like myself right now. And I lost a sister three years ago with bladder cancer.

It seems to be like a large alarming amount in Mon Valley and the City of Clairton. And like I said, I'm not going to blame anybody, point fingers, because we don't have that smoking gun. But what I need your help with is this.

Talking with the Allegheny County Health Department, U.S. Steel has been sued about \$12 million over the last 10 to 12 years, maybe it's up to \$14 million now. There's two programs, there's the Air Quality Program. And the second program is called the SIP, which is sort of like a little token. But the air quality has a large amount of money in it.

But what our problem is, the language is so difficult and --- that you cannot get a project unless it's linked to the environment. In the City of Clairton right now, we don't have a grocery store, we don't have a recreation center. We have over a thousand abandoned

buildings and a couple other projects that would be viable to your people.

And simply we're saying, listen, if you guys could help us out, whether we can amend the bylaws or maybe do a one-time exemption for the City of Clairton that would go a long way with our constituents. Some of the people in town right now are saying, Mayor, Council, you know, this is going on with the mill, you know, what are we going to get out of this? What's going on with the city? We would love to put a large project together and say, hey, the County helped us with this --- with this air quality money, you know, U.S. Steel also is okay with the project, you know. We want to do something big for our city, because our people deserve it.

We haven't had a new development in 17 years. At one time there was 25,000 people in the City of Clairton in the '40s, '50s and '60s and '70s, until the Depression come in, the mills went down. Now we've got 6,700 people. A lot of those people --- I'm in my third term. We promised them there was going to be some changes.

We did come out of Act 47 in 2015, after 29 years. We're doing our due diligence. We combine jobs, we're going after delinquent real estate taxes. We're doing everything we can to help ourselves but we need someone to help us out with this bigger money.

Right now, we run an NPP right now. We've been praying for two or three years for a large project from P --- PHFA, and we'll know by July. But we're asking you guys, if there is anything you could do to help us out with the bylaws with the Air Quality Act that would be tremendous.

And John, I want to thank you for your help so far. And if you could facilitate that for us, I would appreciate it. And thank you very much for your time.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Richard L. Ford, III.

MR. FORD: Good evening, County Council. It's a pleasure to be able to come before you and have a moment to speak. And I'm here today to express my feelings about the Clean Air Fund that has been collected from U.S. Steel in the way of fines for violations of the Clean Air Program.

And I'm really having a hard time understanding how many --- how a company can violate the rules year

after year, be fined, appeal every fine, continue to bring health problems to the community and when they lose the appeal, still have to pay the fine. But the governing body that oversees the fine money, comes up with rules to say, to the sovereign communities that they have to come up with plans as to fix the problem that the guilty party created to receive money from the fund. The guilty party even has input on what plans will be accepted or not.

From my perspective, the guilty party is the guilty party and should be made to fix their own problem. The monies from those fines should be spent on projects for the communities that have been affected diversely. The communities should be able to bring projects to the Clean Air Board and will --- that will benefit their suffering --- their communities for their suffering.

There's over \$12 million in the fine fund at present. I would venture to say that a minimum of 70 to 80 percent of those fines came directly out of USS Clairton Works. And I'm sure I could get the exact amount if I would consult the Clean Air Now group or GASP or any of those organizations who are, by the way, seemingly to --- trying to do everything that they can to shut USS Clairton Works down.

This Council, meaning the City Council of Clairton, is not trying or agreeing to shut the plant down. We just want them to fix the problem.

Getting back to the fine money. We're not asking for \$100,000 here or --- or there like it was collected over the years, while I have personally have seen the death of a grandmother, my father and my sister, a son and a daughter all from different forms of cancer. I cannot say positively that U.S. Steel is completely responsible for this. But what I can say is that Allegheny County has been rated as one of the dirtiest air quality counties in the United States and Clairton has --- is the dirtiest air quality in Allegheny County.

What I understand at this point is that Council can play a very important part in restoring faith in the community and surrounding communities by changing the rules, as we --- how this fine money can be spent, not to help the company that caused the wrong, but to help the community that had been wronged, to be able to move forward with this money to --- for needed projects.

The City of Clairton has been considered a food desert for many years. We need a grocery store that would

provide us with fresh fruit --- fruits and vegetables and also meat products, which will be assuringly good health food for our citizens. We also have a real problem with guns. We feel that if our guns --- thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. FUTULES: We got it.

MR. FORD: Okay.

You have it? Thank you so much. I don't want to --- I understand --- you said, finish it? Okay. All right. It's not very much more.

The City of Clairton has a real problem with teenagers and guns. We feel that if we had a good facility where those young men could have some constructive activities, we would be able to put more positive things in the heads of our 13 to 19-year-old boys. This is a great opportunity to help Clairton continue on positive things that are happening in Clairton, and a great opportunity for Clairton and U.S. Steel to become very good neighbors.

There is an awful lot more I'd like to tell you, but I understand a three minute rule and so, I thank you so very much for hearing me. And please take the words that I'm saying very serious.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We appreciate it. Thank you.

MR. FORD: Thank you.

MR. BARKER: Next up? Next up is Howard J. Bednar.

MR. BEDNAR: I thank you Members of Council for the opportunity. My name is Howard Bednar. I am the City Manager and Finance Director for the City of Clairton. I'm here to follow up also on what our Mayor and our Deputy Administrator Ford have said and this is about the Clean Air Fund that the County has.

I am asking that the rules and regulations be revised to allow the County to approve complete demolitions from the asbestos, which is required by the Health Department to the complete demolition of the building, having it torn down and hauled away. The City of Clairton, over the last eight years is approaching 200 demolitions that we have paid \$1.55 million for out of the City funds, and these buildings are dangerous. Many of them have had their roofs fall in and when the roof goes, it's just a short time before the rest of the building.

We had one that we had to do an emergency demolition. It was right across the street from the Clairton Elementary Center. And fortunately it was on a weekend, but if those bricks had hit the sidewalk or the road when kids were walking by, they would've been a --- a problem.

Asbestos is a big problem. We know that, and that was driven home by the --- by the Health Department when back in 2015, they sued the city over a demolition we were doing. It was a building that wasn't ours, it was a sidewalk that wasn't ours and it was on a State road.

The City took the initiative to tear this building down. The contractor we had did have some problems, I won't deny that. But they took us to court, fined us \$35,000, which we paid, for doing what I consider, their job.

The Clean Air Fund that you have, it has to be for air quality. And these are just some of the things. It can be for research and development, studies, special purpose monitoring, public education, consulting services. Those --- those are things that are --- are important, yes. But I'm sure each of you have known studies that have been done, then they sit on the shelf until they collect dust and somebody throws them away years later.

What we need is help in getting the buildings physically demolished. The City, like I said, we're approaching 200 demolitions in the last eight years. We spent \$1.55 million of our own money, but our capital projects has run low.

In addition to that, we've spent \$2.6 million on paving roads. Like the Mayor said, we were in Act 47 for 29 years. We've come out and we've done a lot. But again, we need your help and I would appreciate it. And again, thank you for the opportunity.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Juliet Zavon.

MS. ZAVON: A fellow poll worker at the May primary was a man who had worked the polls for decades. He knew tasks and procedures required that day that we weren't taught during poll worker training. Why wasn't this material covered?

Our trainer started the two-hour session by saying he hoped he could get us out early. What kind of tone does this set about expectations, the County's and the poll workers? But I guess I already knew the answer

to that question. I knew it when more than one Judge of Elections had told me that they call untrained friends and family to come help out when their polling place gets busy on Election Day. That all that's really needed is one person at a polling place who's been trained, that in this County, Judges recruit their own teams. None of this passes muster as good election administration. In fact, it's terrible. Here's what results.

At Brentwood, a couple called your colleague, Mr. Palmiere, to say his name wasn't on the ballot. It turned out a poll worker had been setting the voting machines for Republican ballot all day, regardless of the voter's party affiliation. Was this worker trained? What about the Judge of Elections there?

About voting at Fulton School, a friend wrote, there was a man sitting directly behind me approximately five feet away or less. He could see my screen intimately. I think he was a poll worker or poll volunteer, but I --- but I ---. Before I started, I asked the man who took my ticket why was someone sitting directly behind me as I vote? He mumbled something I didn't catch. I blocked the screen with my body and voted quickly. I should have demanded he move, but I didn't. I felt uncomfortable. Improper? Voter intimidation? What's the poll judge's role in this?

Another friend wrote, as a campaign worker, I was kicked out of the building where I was dutifully obeying the rules, staying more than ten feet away and out of the line of sight of the open doors into the polling place. The ill-informed but very assertive poll worker held up his cell phone with a reference to an NPR article about a Minnesota law that requires a hundred-foot distance. Pennsylvania law governs Pennsylvania elections, not Minnesota Law. Was this guy trained? What about the judge there?

I can give more examples, but the problem is clear, judges and poll workers need better training. Elections need more rigorous oversight and management. As County Council, you can ask questions, you can call for accountability and push for improvements. Will you do that?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Ron Bandes.

MR. BANDES: Good evening, Council Members. I'm Ron Bandes. I'm a Judge of Election, President of VoteAllegheny and Director of the League of Women Voters

of Greater Pittsburgh. I'm a computer security analyst by training. For two hours this April I briefed a national security agency in Fort Meade, Maryland on election security.

On June 7th the Board of Elections and the Elections Division conducted a marvelous special meeting on election security. In addition to the Board of Elections, Councilwoman Prizio attended. All the organizations with which I am affiliated are grateful, not only that such a meeting was convened, but that such high quality experts were recruited to speak and that the Board was so engaged with them. Three election integrity and election security experts of national renown gave testimony that was directly relevant to the Allegheny County voting system selection process.

First one and then another and another expert testified that the gold standard in election integrity has these properties. One, hand-marked paper ballots for the majority of voters and a ballot-marking device to assist others. Two, ballots must contain bar codes that reflect a voter's choices or a voter information. If the ballot scanner is tabulating barcodes and not the human readable text, you cannot call this a voter-verified ballot, because the scanner is not tabulating what the voter verified. This will blow up in the public consciousness as they inevitably discover this justification for their distrust of elections.

The Blue Ribbon Commission on Pennsylvania Election Security, the Brennan Center for Justice, the League of Women Voters, Verified Voting and the Pennsylvania Committee on Aging Voting Systems, of which I was the member from Western Pennsylvania, convened by the Joint State Government Commission all agree with these requirements. In the interest of transparency, I have these questions that I would like Council to look into with respect to the Voting Equipment Search Committee.

One, there is rumor of a public meeting on voting machines for the disability community. Is this true? When will the meeting occur? Number two, when will there be a public hearing on voting system selection? Number three, what feature of voting systems is a top priority for the Search Committee? Is it the cost of paper ballots, ease of machine setup by poll workers or is it security as all the aforementioned organizations, plus Robert Muller believe? And number four, does the Search

Committee have minutes, notes or statements for the public? The selection process in Philadelphia blew up, because among other things, it lacked transparency. Thank you very much.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Douglas Shields.

MR. SHIELDS: Good evening, Council. It's a pleasure to be before you this evening. Today, I am here to deliver a letter that is sign-on letter by organizations in sort --- in support of Councilwoman Prizio's legislation to cause the creation of the oil and gas lease registry here in Allegheny County. And it, too, is a matter of transparency for the public.

There are 26 organizations within Allegheny County that have members here in Allegheny County and so forth that have signed onto the letter. And it's being distributed to you now. I'd like to review this statement.

In September of 2018, Council --- County Council Member Anita Prizio introduced legislation Bill Number 10 --- 10781-18. If enacted would cause the creation of the Allegheny County oil and gas lease registry. Today I appear before you to deliver the letter signed by 26 organizations that endorse the creation of the oil and gas lease registry.

I respectfully request that each member of the honorable legislative body take the time to review the letter and to study the amended Bill that is soon to be read in the Government Reform Committee. I will be calling upon each of you, in the near future to --- in the hopes of having a conversation about this legislation and to engage with you on the matter.

No matter if you are pro drilling or opposed, we here in Western Pennsylvania sit atop the second largest shale plain in the world. As such, it is the responsibility of our institutions of government to manage and plan for the presumed development of the Marcellus and other shale plains beneath our feet. It is no small matter, unconventional drilling is much more intensively than land --- land use and traditional conventional drilling. The problem we are trying to solve with this registry is there's no --- there's currently --- there isn't any ability to determine where these lands are leased.

The land --- the registry is now without precedent. In 2003, this Council in active legislation to

create the real estate website. This was done into --- in response for a call for transparency by the public in the property assessment process. The County real estate webpage has been accessed millions of times to the benefit of the public.

The development of the shale here has engendered controversy and the demand for public --- for transparency. Unfortunately since 2010, the Allegheny County Deeds Office decided to no longer include the property parcel ID number, which provides location. Without that information, no one knows where land is leased. I have no idea as to why that decision was made to stop inputting the parcel ID number, but it happened.

I don't think anybody's interested in playing hide the ball with regard to this information. With or without the parcel ID number, utilizing the deed space is also difficult, hence the idea of coming up with a registry that's discrete, standalone and easy to use. I ask you all to go to your Deeds Office database and see if you can find anything there. It's --- it's very difficult to use. It is not the real estate website, that's for sure.

So basically here are some of the concerns I've heard about this from this Council and others as to the why of the matter. Management of data related to deeds is clearly the County Council --- Council function. If I'm a municipal-elected official, I have no ability to develop a comprehensive plan, because I don't know where the land is. I can't --- you know, that is leased. It's the only way to make --- appropriately address it in the comprehensive plan and to make appropriate amendments to the Zoning Code.

The municipalities in Allegheny County and throughout Pennsylvania are mandated to do this. You can't do a plan without understanding where these lease lands are. So --- and the other thing as a private citizen, if you're looking to purchase a home or other property, you would want to know the conditions associated with the land. What am I buying? And the land surrounding the --- property --- what am I buying?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Done, done, done.

MR. SHIELDS: Are you cutting me off?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. SHIELDS: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Give us a sentence or so.

MR. SHIELDS: All right. Well, I'm just --- as, you know, I just want you to understand that this is a very important matter, it goes to transparency. More importantly, it goes to the managing of this activity. It's not pro, it's not against, it's just we got to manage it, it's here, just like new voting machines.

So I'll be calling upon all of you this --- in this week or so. And I just want to --- also, on a personal matter. I want to apologize, probably to Councilman Futules, who I had inadvertently put out information that a committee meeting would be held on this matter --- my apologies to you Master Chair --- of the Government Reform Committee. Unfortunately, I got bad --- the information was incorrect. I sent an e-mail to you today around three o'clock and also cc Mr. --- okay.

Well, it's in your County e-mail box, to explain what happened. And again, my most sincere apologies and all the more reason for us, you and I, perhaps, to get together and discuss the Bill and the process as this Bill goes forward. Thank you all very much. I really appreciate it.

MR. FUTULES: Thank --- thank you, Doug. You bet.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's it?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Matthew Kelso.

MR. KELSO: Hello. I work for a local nonprofit called the FracTracker Alliance. And in 2016 we mapped the oil and gas lease data in Allegheny County based on the data available from the County Deeds Office.

This was not an easy task and it actually required us --- even though we deal with large datasets all the time, we had to --- we had to go get some additional help with a data scientist from a firm in State College to get all of the data from the system. And even when we were able to do so, we were disappointed with our results, because we noticed that after 2010, we were not able to map in the majority of transactions in the --- in the County Deeds Office data system. And this is because the block lot number or also the addresses were no longer included in these records online, dating from about 2010 and onward.

If you look at the --- the back page of this, you'll see a little diagram of what we were and were not able to map out by year, so ---. So we had --- we came up with a product that is allowing residents to get some idea

of what --- what is happening around the County regarding leasing. But we know that it's incomplete. And it's incomplete because the --- our data source is incomplete and that's the --- the County Deeds Office.

So we would love to see that fixed. And I think that even if you start to include that data, even if you retroactively put all of that information back into the system, the result would be unsatisfactory, because the process of getting the data out of the system is completely onerous. I think that anybody who wanted to find out information about what was happening around, you know, their house or around their neighborhood or if you're a municipal official and you have these kinds of things, you would be unable to do so based on the lease data as it exists right now in the Deeds Office.

And I think that --- the data is publically available. I mean, it is --- it is public data. You just have to go down to the Deeds Office to find all of the things that you want. And it's, you know, one record at a time, one parcel at a time. There is really no way for residents and municipalities to have any comprehensive understanding of what's going on in their --- in their area. So thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Denise Johnson-Clemmons.

MS. JOHNSON-CLEMMONS: Good evening. Thank you, Council for hearing us tonight. My name is Denise Johnson-Clemmons. I am on City Council for the City of Clairton.

My issue of concern goes to the CYF Advisory Board. The crime that has been committed by our youth in the City of Clairton, 11 years of age and under is unbearable. Yes, I said 11 --- 11. And next door to me resides a family of 15. They have 13 kids that have been causing havoc in our community. They were cited 11 times last month. CYF was called on --- let me see, June 7th, the date. They had not made it there.

I witnessed, personally one of the kids beat their other sibling down to the ground. I called the police. They came out and they said that they, too, were going to contact CYF. I've even videotaped it, I've sent it to my police department. Nothing has been done. There are no repercussions. These children have no fear. An 8-year-old pulled the grill off of my neighbor's vehicle.

It was a Chrysler 300. And they told the police officer, you all can't do anything to us, we're too young.

The police officer in turn told the children, but we can fine your parents. The kids laughed. The same day, three hours later, the police were called again. They broke into a vehicle, a Hummer, and damaged it. The police caught them inside the vehicle, had the owner's car keys in their pockets, still was not reprimanded. We need help in dealing with these kids. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. BARKER: Last up is Gwen DiPietro.

MS. DIPIETRO: Hello again. My name is Gwen DiPietro. I live at 430 Locust Street in Edgewood, 15218. Today, my comments are going to focus on the efficient and fair processing of voters at the largest polling places.

I'm an experienced Judge of Elections and poll worker at 14/7, a Carnegie Mellon polling place, one of them. During the general elections, we process up to 1,500 voters. Seventy-five (75) percent of the County polling places have 500 or fewer voters in the 2018 mid-terms. In contrast, the 32 largest polling places each process between a thousand and 1,500 voters. These super polls have very different logistics from the typical polling places. These long days are extremely challenging and sometimes it does not go well. The lines at these polling polls are a great fodder for the media.

As the County prepares to select new voting machines, and then the required new training for the poll workers, I strongly urge the County to --- County Council to work with the Election Division to ensure that they have additional training and guidance for the super poll judges. I have several specific recommendations based on my Election Day experiences.

The general training that the Election Division provides is geared toward the typical 1-table polling place with five workers. Our 14/7 Board has found that --- through trial and error that we need three voters not one, splitting our voters into A through G, H through O and P through Z. This has allowed us to reduce our longest lines in 20 --- in 2008 from three to four hours at the worst of that Election Day to 20 minutes in 2018.

While this sounds like a simple fix, the required logistics of voter processing presume a single line and that's what we're trained on. We have repeatedly had to ask other rovers that the County Election Division

provides what we were allowed to do and how other large polling places have handled our shared challenges.

Ultimately, we asked for sufficient workers to fully staff three tables instead of the single table that we typically were allowed. We asked the County to break our register and boxes into thirds. We tailored the process of assigning numbers to each voter, working with our --- our rovers. And we set up a separate area for recording the voted cards into the two required list of voters. This was all something that we had to figure out on our own. This was not something that we were trained to do. We were just really frustrated with the extremely long lines and needed another way to efficiently process our voters.

We remain challenged by the management of those voters who don't show up in the register or the box. Each of these voters needs individualized help in getting to the Election Division to research their registrations. And this was a nightmare. I put 45 voters through the lengthy provisional ballot process and none of their votes were ultimately tallied at our polling place, based on County records.

Despite our innovations at our poll and our Board, we are volunteers and we're working in a vacuum and don't know how the other super polls deal with these challenges. Maybe Ryan and I can talk about this, as he's also a super poll judge.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, would you try to --- a sentence or two ---?

MS. DIPIETRO: Sure, I'm almost there. We also don't know how the new machines are going to affect these voter processing, especially in the first election. Super poll training must address the challenges and logistics associated with the new process. Will we need more space? Will we need to allocate more poll workers to voter assistance after they've been admitted to the polls? We need specialized training for the super polls. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Does someone want to make a motion ---?

MR. WALTON: To adjourn.

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

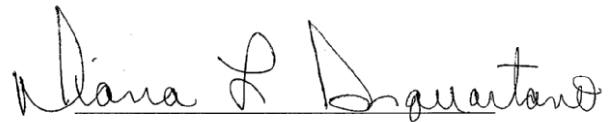
The ayes have it. Meeting adjourned.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6:38 P.M.

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I hereby certify, as the stenographic reporter, that the foregoing proceedings were taken stenographically by me, and thereafter reduced to typewriting by me or under my direction; and that this transcript is a true and accurate record to the best of my ability.

Dated the 25th day of July, 2019

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Court Reporter

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