

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. Defazio	-	President
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-At-Large (Via Phone)
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
Paul Zavarella	-	District 8
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
Dewitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
Robert Palmosina	-	District 12
Denise Ranalli-Russell	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. Will you 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: Okay. We'll have the roll call.

MR. BARKER: Actually, I believe the --- the swearing in for Mr. Zavarella was next on the agenda?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, we could do the ---.

MR. BARKER: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Either one --- one or the other. It don't matter. Is --- is --- is your judge here? Will you come forward?

JUDGE IGNELZI: All right. Councilman Zavarella, can you place your left hand on the bible and raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I, Paul Zavarella.

MR. ZAVARELLA: I, Paul Zavarella.

JUDGE IGNELZI: Do solemnly swear.

MR. ZAVARELLA: Do solemnly swear.

JUDGE IGNELZI: That I will faithfully.

MR. ZAVARELLA: That I will faithfully.

JUDGE IGNELZI: Execute the Office of Member of Council.

MR. ZAVARELLA: Execute the Office of Member of Council.

JUDGE IGNELZI: Of the County of Allegheny.

MR. ZAVARELLA: Of the County of Allegheny.

JUDGE IGNELZI: And will to the best of my ability.

MR. ZAVARELLA: And will to the best of my ability.

JUDGE IGNELZI: Preserve.

MR. ZAVARELLA: Preserve.

JUDGE IGNELZI: Protect, defend.

MR. ZAVARELLA: Protect and defend.

JUDGE IGNELZI: And obey.

MR. ZAVARELLA: And obey.

JUDGE IGNELZI: The Constitution of the United States.

MR. ZAVARELLA: The Constitution of the United States.

JUDGE IGNELZI: And the Constitution.

MR. ZAVARELLA: And the Constitution.

JUDGE IGNELZI: And the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

MR. ZAVARELLA: And the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

JUDGE IGNELZI: Councilman Zavarella, congratulations.

MR. ZAVARELLA: Thank you.

(Applause.)

JUDGE IGNELZI: If I may, I'll just be very brief because I know you have a full agenda. I've known Paul since 1974, when we were at the University of Dayton together. And how we met each other, we were both watching a Steeler game together and we were rooting and cheering on the Steelers. I can tell you that he will serve the residents of Allegheny County with the same commitment and fervor that he has to the friends and the family that he has had within --- within his life. And I can tell you that I can't think of a better man or woman to serve the County in this position. Paul?

MR. ZAVARELLA: Thank you.

JUDGE IGNELZI: You're welcome.

(Applause.)

MR. ZAVARELLA: I, too, will be brief. Judge Ignelzi, Members of County Council and attendees, I thank you, Judge Ignelzi for swearing me in. I'm particularly for your friendship of 45 years. I want to thank all the Members of County Council for showing your faith and confidence in me in appointing me to Dr. Martoni's seat. I will do my best to serve the constituents of District 8 as Dr. Martoni did for many years. I recognize that I have tremendous shoes to fill and I will do my best in serving those of District 8.

I look forward to working with all of you, the County Executive, the County Row Offices as well as the County staff. And I can't tell you how pleased I am to be able to say that I'm truly part of a team that is committed to making Allegheny County a better place for all its citizens, and I am truly humbled and honored to be sworn in tonight. Thank you.

(Applause.)

JUDGE IGNELZI: President, I would be remiss if I didn't say one thing. There is no more fervent Pirate fan that I know than Paul Zavarella, and with that I will just say, Go Buccos. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

We'll go with the roll call now.

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: I'm here.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Here.
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: Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA: Here.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: We have 15 members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We have 11136-19 and the other one will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 11136-19. A Certificate of Recognition presented to Rocky and Kathy Leonhardt upon the momentous occasion of their 54th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

And 11137-19. A Proclamation presented to Jennifer Booker for having met all the requirements to achieve the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public comment, we have none?

MR. BARKER: Not on agenda items, no.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Approval of minutes?

MR. BARKER: Also none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Presentation of appointments?

MR. BARKER: Also none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Unfinished business, 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: Representative DeMarco? Oh, he's doing ---.

MS. MEANS: Well, he's on the phone.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, he's on the phone, okay. This --- can you hear me?

MR. DEMARCO: Barely, President DeFazio.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We're up to you on the --- was someone else at the meeting? I mean, I can't hear ---.

MR. CATENA: Mr. President, the Committee on Appointment Review met on 6/18 and affirmatively recommended this motion to Council.

MS. MEANS: I'll second it.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 11035-19.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey, I think you ---.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. I chaired that meeting and we met on the 25th, and the --- the particular ordinance was well vetted, and it was sent to a full Council with affirmative recommendation. I move for approval.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll 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: Abstain.
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: Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Defazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 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: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Likewise, I chaired the meeting and this was sent to the full Council with affirmative recommendation. Therefore, I move for approval.

MS. MEANS: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in --- oh, okay. That's a roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Aye.

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: Mr. Zavarella?

MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President Defazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, nos zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 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 was chaired by Representative Macey.

MR. MACEY: Yes. It was sent to the full Council with affirmative recommendation and I move for approval.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll 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:	Aye.
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:	Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	President Defazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ayes 15, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 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: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. The Committee met on June 25th and this was referred to the full Council with affirmative recommendation and therefore I approve --- excuse me, I make that motion.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we will 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:	Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	President Defazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ayes 15, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 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: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: That was a busy afternoon on June 25th, and this was well vetted and was sent to the full Council with affirmative recommendation. I make a motion to approve.

MS. MEANS: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll 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: Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Defazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11112-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, Incorporated for the purpose of stating a

craft and food vendor market on the Roberto Clemente 6th Street Bridge on Saturday, August 3rd, 2019 and Sunday, August 4th, 2019. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. The Committee met on June 25th and this issue was well vetted and was sent to the full Council with affirmative recommendation. I make a motion to approve.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll 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:	Aye.
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:	Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	President Defazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ayes 15, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11129-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to 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: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. This meeting was held June 25th and it was sent to the full Council with affirmative recommendation. I make a motion to approve.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll 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:	Mr. Zavarella?
MR. ZAVARELLA:	Yes.

MR. BARKER: President Defazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 15, nos zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison reports? Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: Thanks, Mr. President. I --- I promised Mr. Macey I would keep it brief but a couple good updates. We're going to have our 5th Annual District 1 Town Hall meetings this summer. We just confirmed the dates for those, so August 14th will be at Stoke's in Ross Township for our 5th Annual District 1 Town Halls and August 19th will be at the Max and Erma's in North Fayette.

This will be our second year doing the Difference Makers Award. So anyone from District 1 or throughout the community are just allowed and encouraged to nominate somebody that makes a big difference, who lives in one of the 14 communities in District 1. So that was a great element of the town halls last summer and we're looking forward to that again. Councilman DeMarco is my co-host again for --- for the town hall, so that should be great.

A great parade, as always, in Ross on Sunday, and we're having a celebration in Moon on Thursday night which should be terrific. I will say, speaking of Moon, we had --- I think we had our best episode of our little public access show, Get Involved Moon Township on P --- MCA-TV and we had the President, Chris Howard on the show. And then, Frizy, who is only the third ever rap artist to win an Emmy. So they were both --- they were both great. It was --- it was a really good episode. It turned out --- it turned out well.

Since our last meeting, we did have our --- from a Big --- Big Brothers Big Sister's perspective, I just want to give a shout-out to my colleague. We had our Bigs in Blue Summit on June 19th and Councilwoman Anita Prizio signed up to be a big and I even saw her application today in the office. So good job, Anita. Glad to have you as a big and I think you'll have a lot of fun. So I just wanted to give Anita a shout-out for that. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Any other? Do you want to go next?

MS. PRIZIO: Oh, no, thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay, okay. Representative Catena?

MR. CATENA: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to wish everyone a happy and safe Independence Day. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Thank you. A couple weeks ago, on a Sunday, I had an opportunity actually to leave Allegheny County, and I heard about this Cruise-a-Palooza in the City of Butler. I hadn't realized just how big it was until I got there, and I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw the entire town of maybe ten blocks in every direction with thousands and thousands of antique special-interest cars and saw the business that was going in there and how it promoted the city itself. It was a great event. And --- and as soon as I walked in, the first thing I thought about is, gee, why don't we do this in Pittsburgh?

I thought about, who would be in charge of it and who would promote it and --- and I'm still thinking about things like Visit Pittsburgh, but I think --- I know we do the Grand Prix at Schenley Park and it's a week-long event and it's a fundraiser, but it would be nice of us at Allegheny County to do something like this in the future and promote our city with a car cruise. Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Rep --- Cindy, Representative Cindy Kirk?

MS. KIRK: I just wanted to make sure people are aware, there's a neighborhood 4th of July parade in Leetsdale. It goes down Beaver and Broad, it's a very nice parade, a local one, a lot of activity and it ends in the Henley Park at the end where they have a lot of kid-friendly, family-friendly activities and fireworks at night. They actually have all that going on all week starting tomorrow, you can go down there. It's a fundraiser for the town. It's a great little event and I encourage anyone who's available. It's a two o'clock parade, so sometimes you can do one in the morning and take up the Leetsdale one in the afternoon. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. None down this way? Oh, wait a minute. Oh, you?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'll get you in a second. Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yeah. Thank you, John. On Father's Day, we had our 41st Annual Soapbox Derby Races. And it's a --- it's sort of a --- a semi-finals for the big race in Ohio. It's --- it's a wonderful event. The --- the kids have a great time. There's a lot of great soap box derby machines, if you will, cars, and there was good food as well. And so I think everybody had a great time.

I also attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Allegheny County 911 Center in Moon Township. What a great facility. It's important that we have those type of communications so that when there are problems in our area and emergencies that there's good access, there's good communications and good radio frequencies. So that's about it, and I wish everybody a Happy 4th of July.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. Last --- last Wednesday, I had the opportunity to attend a meeting that was convened by an organization called Repair the World. And my Council colleague, Councilwoman Prizio, also attended. And this was a meeting that was --- a gathering that was convened or hosted by City Councilwoman Erika Strassburger and the subject was Air Quality in Allegheny County. And Repair the World is an organization that is dedicated to considering social justice challenges that we face, and it provides us with an opportunity to --- to share and discuss these concerns, but also it provides a forum for taking further action.

They occupy space in what might still be called East Liberty on Broad Street, and if you visit their website, Repair the World, you'll see that these are gatherings that they host with some regularity on a broad range of issues. So thank you for letting me share that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. I just wanted to alert everyone and remind everyone that on the 4th of July in Brentwood, one of the areas I represent, we have the largest 4th of July parade. And I --- (cell phone rings) I didn't realize we were going to have a little event, that was nice timing. We have the largest parade in Allegheny County on the 4th of July, and it starts at ten o'clock. Everyone's welcome. It's a wonderful time, looking forward to see you. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Okay. Representative Paul --- Paul --- Palmosina.

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, Mr. President. I've been called worse. I just want to welcome Mr. Zavarella, now Councilman Zavarella, looking forward to working with you. I think that Dr. Martoni would be happy with you taking his place. I'm thinking he's looking down above and saying that you're going to continue his hard work that he started here 20 years ago, and I look forward to working with you and we got a lot to accomplish. Welcome aboard.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: Here, here, Paul.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Okay, no more? No new business?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No notification of contracts?

MR. BARKER: None.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have now come down to public comment on non-agenda items.

MR. BARKER: First up is Alyssa Snyder.

MS. SNYDER: All right. Thank you very much, first of all, for the opportunity to speak and also in advance for your consideration. My name's Alyssa Snyder and I am not really connected to any major group but I do a lot of volunteer work with Women's March, Indivisible and the like.

I urge you all to pass Bill 10909-18, to establish a countywide independent police review board. This is very important to me because out of respect to --- people who are doing good police work, we want to uphold their work by supporting them in protecting, you know, the integrity of police work. I apologize for being a little bit of a nervous public speaker, but also as a social worker, I would never want our area to go through another tragedy like the loss of Antwon Rose the II.

I also think that it could be very helpful for us to possibly focus on the prevention aspect of a police review board. We could ask for funding, we could do grant writing. We could also, you know, help some of the underfunded municipalities in the County to do those background checks that are so essential to building a good police force. So I think that is about all I've got and I thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Juliet Zavon.

MS. ZAVON: County Council has a Government Reform Committee. What does it do? The most recent meeting I found was some years ago. What about using it to pursue matters such as the lack of transparency in the process of selecting voting machines?

There are two players involved in selecting new voting equipment, the interim Board of Elections and the Voting Machine Search Committee. The composition of the interim board is said to have changed last week. As for the search committee, since it was formed in March, the public has no information about what it is doing. No updates, nothing. Here are just a few of the questions I have.

I've been told the search committee is independent. Given that all the members come under the County Executive who had to recuse himself from the process, what measures are in place that guarantee the committee's independent operation? Why are there no truly independent people on the search committee? How does this search committee operate? Of the committee's ten members, only David Voyer attended the entire public hearing on election security on June 7th. If testimony from national experts on voting machines and election security is not relevant to what a voting machine search committee does, please help me understand why not?

How does the search committee interact with the interim board? What's their working relationship? I asked the Board of Elections this using their online forum but I have not received an answer. What am I to conclude?

As for the board, is it true that Mr. DeFazio is back on? I realize he's not running for office in November and can legally be on the board, but the interim board has worked for over three months on the selection process that will only last a few months longer. If it's that easy to swap members without compromising the board's work, what does it say about the role of the board in selecting voting equipment? It raises suspicions. Could the board just be a rubber stamp?

If my questions show I'm missing something, please help me. I want to believe this process is going forward with integrity, but silence, the lack of ongoing information and the lack of transparency, it makes me wonder. You know better than I what methods you have for

oversight. Will it be the Government Reform Committee, the Finance Committee and Budget or something else? This is not just a matter of concern for the public. It affects you, yourselves and every other elected official from this County. Will you act?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Ron Bandes.

MR. CAMBEST: Would you like me to respond to these questions?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. KLEIN: Please, please.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CAMBEST: I will. I can't speak about the search committee but I can speak about the Board of Elections aspect of this because that's contained in our Home Rule Charter and it has specific language as to who is the makeup of that board and as the speaker indicated, what happens when a member of that board becomes either nominated for a position or becomes a candidate for a position. And so it's very specific.

The make up of the board are the two at-large members and the County Executive. As we know in this election period, all three of those members were either nominated or a candidate for election. As the speaker indicated, Mr. DeFazio did lose as far as his candidacy for the at-large member of that Board of Elections. So I don't know how much more transparent it could be. The --- the Council Members nor the County Executive make the decision as to who sits on the board or who is appointed if there is a vacancy created by a nomination or a candidacy. That is done by the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. That decision is made by the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. And it's my understanding that that is what occurred here.

And so if you look at the specific language, because a --- a member, in this case, Mr. DeFazio, could not be a candidate or is not re-nominated for some other position which I don't think exists, but if it did, that is not the case as to what occurred here. The President Judge then has the ability to put him back on the Election Board. So I hope that answers your question about transparency.

MS. ZAVON: Maybe we can talk afterwards?

MR. CAMBEST: We can do that, no problem.

MS. ZAVON: I appreciate that. Thank you for that.

MR. CAMBEST: Okay. All right. Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thanks for the explanation. Next?

MR. BANDES: Hi, I'm Ron Bandes. I'm a Judge of Election, President of Vote Allegheny and a director of the League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh. I'm a computer security analyst by training.

Vote Allegheny is prepared to make its recommendation for a voting system to be used in Allegheny County, but first I wish to express my thanks to the Interim Board of Elections. Not only did the board convene a special meeting with three election security experts of national renown, but all three have understood both the unique moment in history in which we find ourselves and the developing threat. It doesn't matter whether you believe that the Russians changed votes or committed some lesser crime against America.

Russia has clearly demonstrated their intention to interfere and their capabilities are prodigious and continually developing. Other countries also have this capability and motivation, if not necessarily the will to interfere. Security matters.

I'd especially like to thank Councilman Bob Palmosina, who will not be allowed to accomplish his mission although he poured his energy into it. Like Councilman Tom Baker and Judge Kathryn Hens-Greco, Bob demonstrated his open-mindedness and sought out good information. We welcome Council President John DeFazio back to the board. Vote Allegheny stands ready to assist Councilman DeFazio as we did the others during his recusal.

Now, as for voting systems, all of the systems under consideration have their pros and cons but some features are disqualifying in our opinion. Topping the list is the use of barcodes to reflect the choices of voters on ballots marked by machine. A ballot with barcodes reflecting voter choices cannot be considered a voter-verified ballot. If the ballot scanner is tabulating barcodes which are unreadable by humans, then the voter did not verify the information that is being counted.

ES&S offers four configurations of varying security properties. However, all four of them print

barcodes with voter choices on their machines marked ballots. Vote Allegheny scores all ES&S configurations as disqualified. Dominion Voting is disqualified for the same reason. Clear Ballot does not --- does not suffer from this worst feature, but they are not our top choice. Their scanner stacks ballots in the exact order in which they are cast, which enables poll watchers to correlate individual ballots with individual voter's identifies. Furthermore, Clear Ballot has a short history as a voting machine manufacturer and a small install base.

Hart Intercivic has two configurations. We are not interested in the configuration where all voters have a machine mark the ballots for them. It is not only much more expensive and will result in longer lines of voters but it produces ballots which are voter verifiable but not necessarily voter verified. Hart's configuration for hand-marked ballots plus a ballot marking device for those who can't hand mark a ballot meets all of Vote Allegheny's requirements and is our recommended system. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. BARKER: Last up is David Tessitor.

MR. TESSITOR: Good afternoon. I've been involved with the issue of the selection of equipment since we proposed the voting process review commission for Council to have a commission as it did in 2006, but this administration saw fit to insist that that not go forward, that you not have that opportunity. I think that's wrong.

One of the things that should be understood is that the law does not give the Board of Elections the selection of the equipment. Look at the words. They can purchase it, but purchase can be something that they are directed to select, yes. And as regards to the selection of the committee itself, I do happen to know that until there was a consultation with the County Executive that the President Judge of Elections was considering independent people who had cyber security, voter usability and other experience all having Judge of Election experience to be the interim. As the law states, that during this time, either judges or electors from the County are to be placed. This is to keep it entirely separate. As it is, while I respect the individuals who are on there, they do come under the direction or influence of the County Executive in having to deal with him, and is not as independent as the law envisioned. I did want to point that out.

What we need to be doing is looking forward to --- to consider having a referendum to change the charter so that we implement a provision similar to what they have in Luzerne County where no elected officials, no appointed officials, no members or employees of the government or suppliers of --- of services or goods to the government can serve on their Board of Elections and is to be kept entirely separate. They have a five-member board, two Republicans, two Democrats. We'd suggest that there be two added for the Independents and third-party. They select their extra chair and there's a number of other things that need to go into that.

But this is a way that we can restore faith in the system, as it is now, it is tarnished and I'm --- I'm disappointed to have to say that, but you as Council have been sidestepped, you know that. The provisions have not been before you for the voter process review commission because of this administration. So I thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's all --- all the comments?

MR. BARKER: That's it.

MR. CATENA: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah?

MR. CATENA: A point of personal privilege?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What's your point?

MR. CATENA: Can I make a brief comment?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, what is your point?

MR. CATENA: Just to thank Councilman Palmosina for the time that he served on the Election Board, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMOSINA: Thanks, Pat. And I want to thank all the residents that are here, all the meetings you came to and all the information you guys gave me. Ron and Julie, I appreciate the hard work you guys put in, but I have faith in the system. I have faith in President DeFazio and I don't think nothing's going to change. And I think in the end, they'll pick the wise choice and the residents of Allegheny County will be the ones that benefit from all this. But I want to thank you personally and thank you for the kind words, Ron. Thank you.

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to adjourn.

MR. WALTON: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

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

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:38 P.M.

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