

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Patrick Catena	-	President, District 4
Robert J. Macey	-	Vice-President, District 9
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-at-Large
Bethany Hallam	-	Council-at-Large
Jack Betkowski	-	District 1
Suzanne Filiaggi	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Tom Duerr	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Nicholas Futules	-	District 7
Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis	-	District 8
DeWitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
Robert Palmosina	-	District 12
Olivia Bennett	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Richard Fitzgerald - Chief Executive
Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services
Jack Cambest - Allegheny County Council Solicitor
Ken Varhola - Chief of Staff

PRESIDENT CATENA: Call this meeting of Allegheny County Council to order. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll now have a moment of silent prayer.

(Moment of silence.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Please be seated. Jared, please take roll.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett? Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi?

MS. FILIAGGI: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein? Mr. Macey?

I apologize. Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Thank you. Mr. Macey?

Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: Thank you. President

Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Here.

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

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. We'll now have Mr. Chief Executive for your quarterly address.

MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President, Members of Council. Wishing you a happy summer on the

first day of summer. Welcome, Councilwoman. You weren't here when I was giving my first quarterly address.

So I'm going to start off with the thing that's been dominating really everything for the last two years, COVID. We're now in the low level of transmission which we had been in actually a couple weeks ago high then down into medium then down into low. Almost 990,000 people in Allegheny County have been vaccinated. Over 400,000, 435,000 I believe, have booster shots and obviously the big news that came out over the weekend and last week is now the under five year old - six month to five year olds are eligible to be vaccinated and Dr. Bogen and her team are working feverishly to make sure we get locally the vaccines. People can get shots at the clinic. I think most people are going to get them through their pediatrician for kids that are of that age. That seems to be the way that that will be going, but the state will be distributing as they did with the first go round of vaccines about a year and a half ago so what we would anticipate is over the first couple of weeks people will try to - many people will be trying to get to them and it will probably slow down somewhat after that point.

Also I want to report while I'm on the health department that we had a really, really good quarter when it came to air quality. One of the best quarters we've had. As I mentioned at the last quarterly address we were anticipating that we would be in attainment in all eight monitors throughout the county and that is official that we are for the second year in a row. Last year was the first time we had made it since the beginning of the EPA doing these. The monitoring and the qualifications and being in attainment, so two years in a row as the numbers continue to get better - but as I said and Dr. Bogen has said, we continue to have work to do.

What was in the news a lot last weekend with the Vice President's visit was lead. The infrastructure bill that is coming about to make sure that our homes are safe. Councilwoman Naccarati-Chapkis and myself were able to greet the Vice President talking about lead making sure that our homes are safe. We're also proud to say and it was great to hear that the Vice President and the Secretary of HUD praised this region for the work that had already been done as far as testing goes, those type of things. We had very low levels compared to other places around the country, but we also know that we have an older

infrastructure and older housing stock. So between paint, water lines, et cetera, soil, there's lots of work to do.

But we were heightened - we were glad to hear that there's going to be increased funding that will be coming locally for us to partner with some of the folks that we do this work with. One of the challenges that I'm sure the councilwoman who knows this very well is making sure that we have enough trained and certified contractors who are able to do the work who get the certification.

It's a very difficult process that HUD puts out and the feds put out as far as getting those done, but we want to make sure that not only our own workers which we've made sure that they've gotten the training, the people that work in house under the direction of the county manager but also the contractors that we employ are able to do that - to do that as well.

We had some good designations over the last few weeks that came about by national and international standards. When it comes to affordability, when it comes to what's available here in our region the Urban Reform Institute Frontier Center for Public Policy, that's a mouthful, but they ruled that Allegheny County in Southwestern Pennsylvania was the most affordable place in the world when it came to housing. That's something we can be very proud of, and then just last week Bank Rate came out and said that we are the best place in the US for first time home buyers. So while we've seen values go up certainly in certain neighborhoods, in general compared to some of our peer cities around the country and even around the world affordability is still something that we continue to work on.

Knowing all that we continue to invest in affordable housing. Typically every year us as a county and our budget we put about \$7 million to increase and improve affordable housing and over the last 11 years with all the levels of government and the private sector we've invested over \$3 million in affordable housing in Allegheny County.

It's not cheap to do. The average home price to do some of the renovations costs a little over \$200,000 to bring some of the houses that need some work up to code and make them affordable so those are some of the statistics that have been put out there by independent entities to talk about the things that we do.

We also are still dealing with blight, and I know this is legislation that this body passed a while back. I

think Councilman Macey was the one who introduced it on the demos and we've done a hundred demos over the past year spending about \$1.9 million in the fund that came about through, again, the legislation that you passed a year or so ago.

Other good news on economic development. We're rated as one of the top five regions in the country when it comes to ecosystems of life sciences and robotics. And we're widely - actually moved up from number 22 to number 13, so I think there's probably no surprise that Pittsburgh continues to attract and grow within that sector. We see it certainly with things like autonomous vehicle Aurora opening up. We did the grand opening on them just a little while back. Another great partnership that came about is Tata one of the largest Indian companies that has partnered with Carnegie Mellon to embed themselves in the campus there and investing here in the US and wanting to do it here in Pittsburgh. The Gecko Robotics expansion over in Nova Place which they took over 100,000 square feet into that location and then probably the biggest one was about a week ago when UPMC announced a \$1.5 billion expansion of the Mercy - excuse me - the Presbyterian Hospital. That's on top of what they've done at Mercy which should be opening up sometime next year.

The other thing that I think was really big is you had a manufacturing summit about a month ago, and it was announced that Governor Wolf is going to be spearheading our ability to get a hydrogen hub. For those of you that aren't aware the federal government has decided they are going to spend about \$8 billion on a number of locations around the country. Whether it is going to be four with \$2 billion each or maybe six at about a billion and a half each they're still deciding that but in any event we want to make sure that we're competitive so the governor has put a team together with folks from the Allegheny Conference, government at all levels. I know Shale and Hilary Mercer have been a big part of that, Matt Smith at the chamber and Darrin Kelly at the AFLCIO the labor council is also involved in that.

I think our ability and our competitiveness come from a lot of different ways. Number one obviously having the great research universities like CMU and Pitt here, having Neville here as part of what we are - having some major manufacturers in steel and cement and aluminum which is what those industries want to do to decarbonize and become

much more sustainable and much more environmentally friendly and then obviously we've got the types of gas under our feet. Marcellus Shale puts us in a good competitive situation so hopefully by the end of this year the federal government will start to make those announcements and then we'll be successful along those lines.

Also a lot of big news, again, in that area out at the airport. CNX and Pittsburgh International Airport came to an agreement on fuel strategy, again, to decarbonize or lower the carbon footprint of the travel industry which I think is very exciting along those lines.

We see out at the airport that the modernization program continues to move forward. There's a lot of work going on there as they continue to do that modernization.

I think we also got some good news with the decision that the airport has decided that large runway, one of the biggest runways in the northeast, is going to stay open because of the cargo and the freight opportunities that are really beginning to grow and flourish with Christina Cassotis and her team have done out there and it's really going to be thousands of jobs so we can continue to see as we become very, very competitive when it comes to cargo and freight and warehousing and logistics compared to some of the folks that have been traditionally gotten most of that business. The big players like New York, LA, Chicago. We're able to do it quicker. We're able to do it in a more nimble fashion and be able to move things much quicker on the road to get them out to the market place, and the fact that 50 percent of America's market place population is within a 500 mile, one-day drive of the airport.

Parks are open again as we all know. The summer season, the summer concert season, we've had three concerts already at South Park and Hartwood. They've gone extremely well. Obviously this is the very first year we've had it open without restrictions and vaccine sections and things along those lines and as you know the pools were open. That was a big thing that all four of our pools are open. You've probably seen that other venues are having trouble opening all the pools because of lifeguard shortages in other areas. I want to credit the county manager and his team for really being very proactive months ago in putting testing together, putting the pay scale together, putting planning together that we

were able to open four pools and they're big pools. They're not very easily to dispatch. I think we have 160 lifeguards that staff all of those pools so we're appreciative of that.

In addition to the summer concert series that we've always known both at Friday nights and Sunday nights at Hartwood this year we're going to be having movies at two of our parks. At South Park it's going to be Saturday night where you can come in. It's the same place at the amphitheater and then Hartwood is also going to have basically Wednesday night a drive-in where you can drive your car right on to the lawn there and watch the cars - excuse me - watch the movies.

We're excited as the parks continue to be such a draw and such an attractive place for those of us in this region. Some of the big things that are going to be opening up in the parks and some of them already have in South Park we've got the parking lot. They've been re-parking a lot above the fairgrounds. That's already been opened and been very, very popular and so many people have used them. The cascades are getting open and we have another big opening this Saturday night with a concert around there, some music along those lines. And then the sculpture garden which Hartwood Acres has been working on for a number of years is going to be opening up in July and that's really going to be a great legacy project for many, many years to come for those of you that represent some of the North Hills. Your constituents are going to be very, very happy with that.

We will be opening up a dog park out in Harrison, the stables in Hartwood, Settler's Cabin. They're cleaning up Pinkerton Run the mine drainage that's being done there and then the tree planting that's really going on in all the parks throughout the county and we'll continue to do that. Those are just some of the projects - oh, the signage.

There's a big signage project that we partnered with AHN on some of our trails North and South Park. One of the things that people don't really realize with our parks they're so vast, they're so many things going on that people don't realize all the things that are available and where they are so signage has really been increased and improved so that people know what's available in their parks.

I was mentioning, you know, the lifeguard issue and that's just one issue as far as when it comes to hiring people. Again, it's a national issue but it's certainly an issue that we're dealing with. We've had job fairs. One job fair we had back in April we had over 1,500 people show up to visit and take a look at what we had. We had also 150 applications that came out of that. We also had another place where job interest was very good and that's around a project that we call project reset.

It's an expungement project and I know Councilman Walton we had one, I guess, about a month ago up at the Hill House and what this is a partnership with the public defender, Public Defender Dugan along with court records Director McGeever where people that have somehow gotten a record that they did not deserve getting, some sort of an altercation or some sort of connection that they had years ago. It's very cumbersome to get that off of your record. It's costly, and it's also unless you really know how to navigate through the legal system it's very difficult to do. We've had a number of these around the county and many of them began right before COVID and were kind of stopped during COVID from doing these. But now that we're back in we've done a couple of them in the last couple months, and we've had over 2,000 people that have had their records expunged. And I'm sure if anybody has gone to one of these and seen people when they get their records expunged it's very emotional.

They feel like they've gotten a weight lifted off their shoulder, and they're able to get a job. The one at the Hill House we actually had our HR department there so people were actually going through, getting expunged, going through the process and then applying for a job within the county because we have needs and continue to have needs along those lines.

And again, I think we've seen projects get delayed. If anybody's flown or tried to go anywhere or met somebody at the airport, we know what that industry has gone through, but it's been every industry. Restaurants that aren't open every single day anymore because of staffing issues. Healthcare trying to get a doctor's appointment or get an appointment sometimes is held back. The construction industry as well, but I can tell you that in public works it's been a goal of my administration and the county manager and Director Shanley to pave 40 miles of roads every year because we have 400 miles of roads and

the civil engineering standards call to do 10 percent every year and we're on track again to do that. I want to give the manager a lot of credit because between supply chain on some of the material that you need as well as the labor issues.

It's taken a lot of work to continue to be on pace, and again, knock on wood, but at this point we're still on pace to do 40 miles and make sure that our infrastructure, you know, continues to be done.

Last time I was here one of the questions or many of the questions you had was around bridges that had been - I light of the Fern Hollow collapse and even one of the bridges we had in our Port Authority, the busway, had to be shut down because of a separation that occurred. You know, we continue to do the bridge work that this happened for many, many years. Out of about 500 bridges that we own, that we're responsible for, for maintaining 27 of them have been rated poor. We have seven of them that are being done this year and probably as many done next year and then within a couple years we'll have it pretty much all cleaned up.

The biggest one of course you see the Clemente bridge that's being done now. That's closed down that should be opening up in about a year and a half along those lines.

Another big change that's come about the term Port Authority is no longer used. We don't use the Port Authority anymore. It's called Pittsburgh Regional Transit. Many people that came into town and was wondering when they heard port was wondering when they would catch their boat. That's not the case. So we have three things in there that make all the sense in the world. Transit, first of all, needs to be in the name and if you go around the county you'll see the word transit in just about every cities' transit agency. Pittsburgh obviously which is what we all are. We're all Pittsburghers whether we live in the city or live outside the city and then regional. We're a region that works together so Pittsburgh Regional Transit. Katherine and her team made that announcement a couple of weeks ago and that all moving forward will be what we will be called and what we will be named.

One of the big things at the Port Authority that they did just in this last quarter was opening up a McKeesport Transportation Center. There was a ribbon cutting out there with the representatives from that area and then the

red line is back in business, and we talked about the separation of the bridge. I think it was called the Palm Island Bridge if I recall had been closed on February the 4th and opened again on May 24th so the people going to the South Hills will have that ability to go out there.

Some of the other initiatives we've done over the last few months the Ukraine situation. Partnered with the mayor and Brothers Brother Brother taking over 20 pallets in just a very short period of time collecting hygiene products that we were able to send over there to our friends in that part of the world and then the other thing that was brought to us, was brought to Mayor Gainey and myself, was there's been an increase during COVID of domestic partner violence. It had been an issue even before COVID, and it became exacerbated since COVID. Folks from the women's shelter and FISA Foundation come to us asking us to put a group together of folks who are in that space and we've created a task force chaired by Judge Clark, President Judge Clark, along with Erin Dalton from our Human Services Department, of people like US Attorney Cindy Chung and others will be working on this project which is something that I think we all can agree is something we want to eradicate in every way we can.

The last thing before I open up to questions one of the most moving things I think I was at the last few months was the graduation of the community college. I know councilman was there but actually it was three graduations because they did not have a graduation in '20, '21 and now in '22 and just to see the opportunities that those graduates moving on to be able to get some of the jobs and some of the things that were had. It was actually held at Heinz Field this year. It was very, very special. They got their pictures up on the scoreboard and they got the same place that Ben Roethlisberger and, you know, Joe Greene and whoever back in the day got to be.

So with that let me open it up, Mr. President, to any questions you may have.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Before you do that though, can you let the record reflect that Councilwoman Bennett has also joined.

MR. BARKER: Got it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

Any questions? Councilwoman Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Thank you, President Catena. Thank you for coming and delivering your quarterly address. So

I have a couple questions. My first one is I read an article in the Post-Gazette yesterday that the airport authority, since you mentioned the airport authority, was evicting Fraport Pittsburgh Inc. after they met, you know, the business is signed with a lease with us for 30 years and then they were terminating the lease with no notice and that's something I found out about in the Post-Gazette which I communicated because if you recall we've had conversations with the administration about this happening.

I just wonder if you could speak to, like, what lead up to that, why that happened?

MR. FITZGERALD: My sense is that I will defer to the airport authority on the work that they do that they were dissatisfied with some of the work that had gone. I don't have all the details from what went on. I'm sure there will be a court case and move forward and see what happens.

One of the things I do know about Director Cassotis is she's very focused on customer service and making sure things are run very well and that airport has improved immensely so if there are any entities or even individuals that aren't living up to the standards of what they would like to see I'm guessing they're going to want to make some changes.

I'm assuming there have been conversations over time. I don't know those details, and she might be able to answer that. Maybe some of that will be coming out in the court case, but if folks aren't living up to the standards of those ten million county residents that go through there every year, I think she wants to make sure that they're brought up to that.

MS. HALLAM: Okay. You just don't have any details on, like, why?

MR. FITZGERALD: I don't know if it's financial, I don't know if it's performance. I don't.

MS. HALLAM: Okay. My next question is since your last quarterly address multiple people have died in the Allegheny County Jail, and I'm just wondering for the next quarter what is your administration's plan to address those deaths in our jail to prevent them happening, you know, over the next quarter and future quarters.

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, certainly any death in the jail is unfortunate. We investigate every single one of them to see if there's corrective action that will be

taken. I believe there have been 12 or 13 over the last two years.

MS. HALLAM: Fourteen (14).

MR. FITZGERALD: That certainly sounds like an awful lot, but when you look at the national average, it's actually half. One year it's half of the national average, and the other year it's a quarter of the national average, so again, every single death is a tragedy. I will certainly concur with that but compared to what happens in jails across the country they're doing much, much better than their peer, their peer folks.

That's not to say that if there's something going on that could be environmental or any other aspect of the operation that they would take a look at. The other aspect it was, I guess, it was a year, year and a half ago, people brought up the suicide rate and there was a lot of work that was done on that, and I believe there's been one over the last 36 months or 33 months or something like that so there have been improvements. But I know every single one of them gets investigated, the medical examiner gets involved, county police and any other entity and my understanding is all of them have been by natural causes.

MS. HALLAM: And for the record that stat about the half compared to other jails that's of all jails. Out of comparably sized jails per capita we have one of the highest in the nation so just look into that.

MR. FITZGERALD: We're going to disagree with that because if you look at our state which we're one of the bigger ones we're lower than many of the counties in the State of Pennsylvania.

MS. HALLAM: Not per capita based off population in the jail. I don't want to argue that, but just maybe look into that. My next question is -.

PRESIDENT CATENA: We'll go back to you.

MS. HALLAM: Okay.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Anyone else have any questions? Councilman Walton?

MR. WALTON: Executive Fitzgerald, I want to thank you for the leadership you've provided on a host of issues, and I also want to call in to concern you talked about the leadership that's going on and to try to provide these hydrogen hubs which I think are absolutely critical to the overall growth and success and environmental

progress that needs to be generated if we are going to hold a good deal of the economic development here.

How do you see that playing out in a substantive way because for example with US Steel operating a significant piece of its manufacturing here in the Mon Valley this hydrogen hub can play a significant role in continuing to improve air quality if we reduce the use of some of the fossil fuels whether it's coal, whether it's coke in the steel making process.

In my opinion it's incredibly critical that we have the kind of local, state, and federal support to ensure that one of those hydrogen hubs are located in this region. And I'll end it by saying thank you for your leadership and the county manager's help in these expungement clinics because they are - as you described they are extremely critical and we are doing - I had a conversation yesterday with the chief public defender about pulling out our next expungement clinic in Wilkinsburg in the very near term so thank you and expound a little bit on this hydrogen hub stuff.

MR. FITZGERALD: Yes. Well, first of all, they are life changing these expungement clinics through project reset.

MR. WALTON: Let me interrupt for a sec. Let me interrupt you for just a second. You came to that expungement clinic and you stood there with a young lady who had a life-changing instance. That young lady is now an employee of Allegheny Health Network. Thank you.

MR. FITZGERALD: That's wonderful to hear. I do remember meeting that young lady and she moved everybody that came in contact with her because she was so emotional and that it changed her life. In industry after industry and we certainly know the steel industry here in our neck of the woods because of our history. There is a worldwide race to see who can decarbonize first so whether it's in China, India, Europe, South America and other parts of North America in this country. The industry are competing with each other to see who can be the greenest of all these folks. Hydrogen is obviously the pathway to do that whether it's blue hydrogen or green hydrogen, and I won't get into all the details of how they all work but it's going to lower the carbon footprint that I believe and many others believe is causing some of the weather issues that we have had severity in weather.

But they're not the only industry. Whether it's the aluminum industry, whether it's the cement industry, the glass industry these are industries in manufacturing that you have to use very, very high temperatures in which to achieve the processes that you need to achieve. So hydrogen in the way it's burned doesn't emit the problems that others do.

So again, I laid out some of the issues but I think the partnership that has come together around the business community, around the foundation community, around the geology that we have here and around some of the manufacturing that already exists. The petrochemical plant that's going to be coming online. The steel mills that are here. Not just US Steel but ATI and all the other ones that we know about and again I probably don't need to go on and on about the things that we do here that are very impactful.

If we're going to compete for manufacturing jobs for the folks that we represent, this is going to be a big part of where we go. It also within my mind is a win-win because we are improving not only our competitiveness with jobs but it also improves the environment that I think we all care about.

MR. WALTON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Any other questions?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: I just have one.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: I just wanted to publically thank the Department of Health and Department of Economic Development for the work that they're doing on lead remediation and prevention of lead exposure across the county and because of the collaborative effort with the agency, the government agencies as well as all community partners we had a visit by not only the Vice President but also the Secretary of HUD and the administrator of the EPA.

And I also want to acknowledge all the water systems across Allegheny County who have been utilizing federal funding through PennVEST to do lead service line replacements including PWSA so for that I just wanted to make note of the great strides and progress that we're making that as a result lead to the national attention that we had last week so thank you.

MR. FITZGERALD: And we still have a lot of work to do.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilwoman Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: I have one more. So the first thing is you just mentioned jobs and then you talked earlier about how there is staffing crises everywhere. It's not just Allegheny County so we're actually voting on a bill tonight that you introduced to exempt 911 operators from residency requirements so I'm just wondering when you introduced this bill why is it just 911. Like, for example we could use exemptions in other places as well. The first place that comes to mind is, of course, the jail but can you speak to why you didn't choose to exempt other county employees from this emergency requirement?

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, over time we have done other job classifications that have happened. I believe at the Kanes for nurses and medical professionals I think we've done that so we really rely on our Human Resources Department to tell us, advise us, what is needed. One of the things with the 911 center that makes it impactful is where it's located in geographically over by Beaver, Washington County, Mercer County or excuse me Lawrence County kind of where they come together. Many of the folks who work at the airport do come from those other counties. We know the shortage. We actually worked with the union, SCIU. They were very supportive of doing that. They've been working with my staff with Ms. Liptak as well as Mr. McCain to do that and as time goes on it could be the case for lifeguards or any other job classification might be the case so we'll certainly take a look at that.

MS. HALLAM: Okay. I appreciate that, and at the jail oversight board's meetings we actually get a vacancy list of the positions so if you would please come to one of those you would see that there are tons of vacancies in the jail as well so if - I just hope we keep it in mind and you consider opening -.

MR. FITZGERALD: I meet regularly with the staff there and the warden and the manager and talk about not just that department but in health. Last year with contact tracing was a big part of it when it comes to vaccination, when it comes to - at the ME's office, public works, construction. We're short, and it's something that I've never seen this year that we've had in past years so we do monitor. The manager's very good at making sure he's working with his department heads to make sure that we keep staff.

MS. HALLAM: Okay. And then my last question is, you spoke about all these awesome things that are happening at our county parks, and I'm just wondering what you see as the impact on those events and attendance at those events if we don't stop the harmful practice of fracking at our county parks which we're currently debating right now. I just wonder how you see if we were fracking right next to the Hartwood Acres State, would you think that people would still come to those concerts. Do you think those events would still be as well attended and successful?

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, first of all, we didn't do - we haven't done anything in our parks and we'll continue not to do anything in our parks and I have no interest right now in the next year or so that I'm in office of doing one. Just - we did one about eight years ago, almost eight and a half years ago we started that process and it was successful. It was successful on a lot of different levels. Number one financially. It brought an awful lot of money and improved a park that had - if you had seen that park beforehand it wasn't very good. It didn't have bathrooms. The lakes weren't very good. The playgrounds were falling apart et cetera, et cetera. Also, the folks in that community were actually supportive of it. The folks who live in that area, councils of those municipalities that share that park they had a resolution supporting it and the folks that were around the park, the people who owned property around the park were all doing it so the only piece of property that wasn't involved in the process was the park itself.

So all the protections that were put in place for people who live in that community including noise, including truck traffic during school hours, including light pollution for the Wagman Observatory, including the air quality that was monitored by our health department, including the water testing that went on and proved to be very successful. All of those things were put in place by the lease that our law department negotiated so when those homeowners and private landowners were doing it on their own they did not have that level of legal expertise to be able to get that so we protected - when that project was done - we protected all those people that live in West Deer and in Frasier and I think a councilman who's here and a councilman previously who represented those areas they knew how important that was for Allegheny County's

participation in that and nobody stepped foot on the park property and nothing was damaged as far as park property goes, so again, we could go on and on where that is but there was no fracking that went on in the parks in Allegheny County.

MS. HALLAM: Okay. I appreciate that, and my very last question is -

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. You said that last time.

MS. HALLAM: - this is actually my last question. I swear I won't ask another one. I just wanted to know - you talked about the Port Authority's rebranding to Pittsburgh Regional Transit, and I'm just wondering, like, overall if you have the numbers on how much that rebrand cost and was it taxpayer dollars that paid for it, did that funding come from somewhere else because I'm thinking bus rebrand, uniforms, bus passes, signage, all the things that say Port Authority of Allegheny County. Do you have a cost or does your team have a cost on how much that entire rebrand from start to finish is going to cost and where the money's coming from?

MR. FITZGERALD: I don't. I guess we could check with the Port Authority. They run their own budgets. We don't vote on their budgets.

MS. HALLAM: Right.

MR. FITZGERALD: I think in a lot of communication and a lot of marketing whether it's about painting buses or whether it's about putting shelter signage up and all the things that we want to do. We're going to rely on them, and I think what she's been able to do has been tremendous as far as moving the Port Authority - or Authority. I'm already stuck in the old word - Pittsburgh Regional Transit into the next generation and this is an industry right now that has challenges and their biggest challenge is the fact that people aren't coming to work in offices five days a week so their revenues are down.

Not just in Pittsburgh Regional Transit but in transit agencies across the country so there are challenges that are going to come about. The legislature in Harrisburg is going to be reauthorizing some sort of a transportation funding plan that will be coming about as Act 89 comes to an end, and as someone who lived through that last time, it's very, very challenging so I can't tell you where every single dollar goes, but they can take

a look at that and break that down. But whether it's in planning, whether it's in advertising, whether it's in communication, whether it's in operations we want to make sure that we do serve people that need the service in that system and, again, that's what we're going to do. I don't have a report.

MS. HALLAM: I would appreciate if you could get that. I think it's helpful if we're going to talk about that here we should have the relevant information.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilwoman Filiaggi.

MS. FILIAGGI: Thank you. Thank you, President Catena and Mr. Fitzgerald. I just wanted to say that as to the West Deer Park I'm trying to get up to speed on things that we've been talking about and going on - I don't have my mic on.

I have been there twice since our public comments. It is a beautiful park. I have grown up in this all my life in this area in the North Hills. I have never been to West Deer Park. I have been there twice on a Sunday - Deer Lakes. I'm sorry.

MR. FITZGERALD: It's in West Deer, but it's called Deer Lakes.

MS. FILIAGGI: Deer Lakes. Okay. I've been there as was Mr. Phillips who works for the county because he was there checking the water, and he spoke to me. He took the time to speak to me, and I told him who I was and my husband and I were there on a Sunday and a Wednesday and it was full.

It is beautiful. There were lily pads and we walked - it's 1,100 acres. We didn't walk 1,100 acres, but we walked a lot in an effort to educate myself of what it looks like to have that - the fracking be underneath the park and to see also what the money that was received for that endeavor was able to do for the park. Kids were there. Parents were there. They were using the splash park. There were kids who were fishing. It was beautiful, and I wanted to say that, again, in an effort to educate myself as to what is going on in the county in districts other than my own I did want to say it is apparent that there is a lot of money that went into that park and recently and the bathrooms are also very wonderful.

So I applaud the effort, and it's clear that efforts are being made. I saw nothing by way of noise or any sort of discontent. People and I think that's important. I

think if the people in the community are happy with their parks I think that's an important thing to note, and I would encourage everyone on council to go to the park and look at it right now. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Any other questions?
Councilman Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: I know I'm going to belabor it a little bit, but Mr. Executive, I want to just compliment you upon your speech tonight. I've been to graduation parties, and I spent 24 on school. I've been to more graduations than you can shake a stick at, and I've heard many, many speeches. And I think I mentioned to you that night thank you for the speech. For two reasons.

Number one of Edward Everett was the foremost speaker of Lincoln's time. He was invited to Gettysburg to speak first before the president. He spoke for three hours. President Lincoln spoke for 20 - I think it was two and a half minutes, and nobody remembers a damn word that Edward Everett spoke, but Abraham Lincoln's speech one of the best ever. Okay?

So wanted to compliment you on that and the other thing I wanted to mention to you also that was one of the best graduations and I've been - again - it was just superb. I'm glad you were there. When they told me you were speaking, I was thinking oh, my God don't tell he's going to give a speech.

I'm being perfectly honest with you, but you did a wonderful job and I commend you for that and Allegheny - CCAC is the best kept secret in Allegheny County.

MR. FITZGERALD: And President Bullock does a fantastic job.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: One last question. For me. It's my turn. County assessment process. I know your - it's no favorite of yours. Any update on where the court - I mean, obviously we're before the court. I was curious if anything came up recently about it.

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, those of us that have been here a long time, and I guess I'm the longest serving that was here in 2001 when the first reassessment came about and then we had another one in 2002. Jack was here, I guess, maybe one of the only other ones that were part of that. It's one of the most disruptive things that we can do so under my tenure I will not be supporting a reassessment. We do the Bayshir plan that goes back to I

believe 2011, 2012. Unfortunately what happens sometimes is newcomers come in and buy the home and their school district or their municipality, typically it's a school district, kind of spot assesses them and goes after them and you'll have five houses on a street. Four long-term, long-time, owners who have lived there for many, many years. There all assessed at the same thing and then the newcomer comes in and buys with the price has gone up. We've seen the values go up in Allegheny County and they go after them, and I think that's unfortunate.

We won't do that. The county will not go after newly purchased property so if the state wants to go through a statewide uniform reassessment then I think that's something that would be worth looking at but right now Beaver, Butler, Washington, Westmoreland many of them haven't reassessed in over 50 years - 40 years, 50 years.

It's very disruptive. It's costly. Until we're going to make changes, I think the Bayshir plan has worked, what I'm going to continue to support and then moving forward the next person running for this seat next year could run on that issue. They could run on the issue of reassessing everybody's property in Allegheny County and maybe they'll be voted in.

PRESIDENT CATENA: But you haven't had an update in the most recent court case I guess at this point?

MR. FITZGERALD: No, I have not.

PRESIDENT CATENA: The reason I was asking is and I don't know if you had an opportunity to read the initial complaint, but the initial complaint obviously had some serious allegations against the county for some misdoings and that's what I was concerned about to see if we were going to investigate to try to get to the bottom of that internally, because like I said, those allegations are fairly serious, so -.

MR. FITZGERALD: I'll have to look at them.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

MR. FITZGERALD: All right.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. At this point in time we'll have proclamations and certificates. 12339-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation honoring former County Council Member Tom Baker for receiving the North Hills School District Board of Education 2022 Community Service Award sponsored by Council Members DeMarco and Betkowski.

MR. DUERR: Jared, can you add me on as a cosponsor? Thank you.

MS. HALLAM: I want to double cosponsor this one too.

MR. DEMARCO: Folks, the council meetings have been ending too short. We've all missed the proclamation parade that used to occur here on county council with our esteemed member Mr. Tom Baker. Now, we decided to honor him tonight because he was awarded recently the 2022 Community Service Award by North Hills School District, and Tom actually served on a school board there, but we didn't invite him here really tonight to honor him. We wanted to see Lila June because we haven't seen her since he was on council.

But in all seriousness, folks, everybody here recognizes that Tom Baker is probably one of the - I don't want to say busiest. One of the folks who gives back more to his community than probably anybody that's ever come through Allegheny County Council. Okay? Whether it's let's get connected, let's get involved, I can't remember all the names of all the folks, you know, at least we're just honoring him and not, you know, the 100 greatest hits partners or whatever that we used to see.

So I would like to honor him tonight, I would like to honor Tom Baker for achieving North Hills School District's Board of Education 2022 Community Service Award. This certificate is being presented to Tom Baker who is receiving the North Hills School District Board of Education 2022 Community Service Award for his tireless efforts to unite and make the North Hills a better place to live and work. Tom works diligently in his role as executive director at North Hills Community Outreach to help as many people as possible.

Tom, doesn't work this hard to help others simply because it's his job but also because it is his human nature and his character to help others. We Sam DeMarco, Jack Betkowski, all members of council wish to congratulate Tom Baker on his achievement and wish him continued success in all of his efforts in the North Hills communities. Congratulations.

MR. BETKOWSKI: Councilman, I think you really summed it up well. I only really have one more thing to say which is in the time that I have known Tom which actually now turned into a few years is Tom has just exemplified the definition of public service and this

recognition is well deserved and in my opinion long overdue but congratulations, Tom.

MR. BAKER: Thank you, Jack, for those incredibly kind words. Bon Jovi once said who said you can't go home; right? And this was my home for eight years. It's so good to be back with all of you. I really appreciate this, Jack and Sam, Council Members Betkowski and DeMarco. Coming together on this really means a lot to me. I want to thank the North Hills School District so this was a big deal. It was on a special night. It was on June 9th. It was on my 43rd birthday so it's really just an incredible honor. Getting involved and being active has been ingrained in me since childhood and I love volunteering. There's nothing better than volunteering if you go to council, if you can believe that, volunteering in the community. If you believe me, try to believe me. I tried for eight years.

It's literally the best getting to volunteer. After graduating from college I think a lot of you know and there used to be jokes about every time I would say Big Brothers/Big Sisters. A lot of you know that I literally open up a phone book back in 2002 called up Big Brothers/Big Sisters. That little brother now is 30. He is Lila's godfather. He's one of my best friends in this world. First generation college, first generation graduate school, works in city government in San Francisco and we couldn't be more proud of him. That's Preston.

My second little brother Eric whom some of you have met. He's 23. He's an alum of AmeriCorps, Job Corp, have Eddie who's a marine, fellow marine with Sam and then DJ and Eddie - we were out bowling last night. Some of you might have seen this. I will say this at 43 bowling three games in 60 minutes you wake up, and Erin can attest to this, you wake up with some pains. He's 16. He's fine. I checked in on him, but through these friendships it's been the experience of a lifetime. They're kind of wandering groomsman of my life. You guys have volunteered as well at Anchor Point Council Ministry which is in District 1 in Jack's --- in Councilman Betkowski's district.

And then met Ethan. I had so much fun. Today had a little 9th birthday party over at Anchor Point which was a really good time. Just being a good, hopefully, big to all these young men has been incredible and led me to a great experience for 12 years as the chief community

affairs officer and vice president of programs at Big Brothers/Big Sisters and that was reassuring but during that meantime I also got to volunteer at North Hills Community Outreach. Who's heard of NHC0?

Thank you. So I was a volunteer first and then I was a board member for six years and getting to serve and now getting to serve as our executive director has been incredible. We have a great staff. We have a great board. We've got a great young professional board as well. NHC0 is able to serve thousands of people, thousands of families every year with tens of thousands of services. It's across 40 ZIP codes and 50 communities. I just want to spotlight our incoming board president Sharon Miller from Highmark is here tonight and also Mikhaila Fogel. She loves going to board things so she is a joiner so she runs our McKees Rocks office.

I want to thank Sharon and Mikhaila for being here tonight. I also want to mention Phyllis Komer who was the Get Involved 2021 Woman of the Year. You might have met her through that and has served on more boards and commissions than all of us combined, so Phyllis, congratulations. She has, like, three more meetings still tonight she said.

Being on non-profit boards for the last 20 years have been such a rewarding experience. My dad and I when I was a kid we would volunteer at the Special Olympics. Years later I got to be the keynote in honoring Sharon. My mom joined me as my date at that actually and got to be on the state board. When we moved here in 2003, I said to myself someday I will meet somebody on the PUMP board of directors. Five years later I was on board, and I was board president and then Erin's on the board. It was really amazing. You can get involved in our community here.

Rotary's been a great way to do that as well, but I will say when my book came out in 2008, Get Involved Making the Most of your 20's and 30's, my mother-in-law, Erin's mother, read it and she said cool book buddy, but how about church council? And I said, oh interesting.

So literally years later my dear friend Sylvia Lynn who's in the back got me to run for church council, I was like you, Jack, as a sitting council member. Running for church council I figured this was an easy thing to get in to. I got there. There was a slate of eight candidates in, like, four spots, and I was, like, is this a

Post-Gazette or Trib story if I lose here as a sitting member of county council that represents 100,000 people lose for church council? I don't know.

But we ended up all right. If you ever need to run a campaign again, call up Sylvia Lynn. She did a great job and was a really rewarding experience by the way. So I want to end on I enjoyed the proclamations stand; right? I really enjoy it, and I enjoy spotlighting other people. But this means a lot to me and honestly, and I mean this sincerely, because spotlighting other people is such an incredible opportunity to get to share with others about the great work that they've been doing.

Final remarks. It is incredible, and I think a lot of you know all three of these people, at least two of the three, to have three, the most important three women in your life in the room together here tonight. That's my mom, Patty, my wife Erin, and our daughter Lila. All three are in the room which is pretty remarkable.

Like we did on swearing in night, we have some flowers for the mom and for Erin and we got Lila a princess because I don't think four year olds want flowers. So thanks to them for being them and for all their support, and I think we all know this, if - you can't do this without your family. And I just want to thank you all for this incredible experience of being recognized here tonight. It was a little bit longer. It wasn't as long as Rich's part, but it was still long. This means a lot to me so thanks to my mom, my stepdad, Lila, Erin, Sharon, Mikhaila, Phyllis and the Lynn family for joining us here tonight.

I hope it was a lesson in civics actually. It's a little interesting, and again, this means a lot. So thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CATENA: The following proclamations will be read into the record. 12334-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing and honoring the service of Aradhna Oliphant to Leadership Pittsburgh and the entire region sponsored by Council Members DeMarco, Naccarati-Chapkis, Klein and all other members of council.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12335-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Cameron Joseph Lisle for his efforts in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12336-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing and honoring the service of Douglas Marguriet to North Braddock Borough and congratulate him on his retirement sponsored by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12336-22.

JARED BARKKER: I already read that one.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12337-22.

MR. BARKER: Thank you. A proclamation recognizing the Keystone State Wrestling Alliance and this year's Hall of Fame Inductees Dennis Gregory, Bubba the Bulldog, Mayor Marvin Mystery and Andy "Kid" DePaul sponsored by Council Member DeMarco.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12338-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation honoring the Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association on the occasion of its 125th anniversary sponsored by Council Member Bennett.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12340-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing June 15, 2022 as Elder Abuse Awareness day in Allegheny County sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12341-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation congratulating Earl and Shirley Birdie on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary sponsored by Council Member Macey.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there any public comment on any agenda items?

MR. BARKER: We did have one individual sign up but they submitted their comments in writing.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Very well. Approval of minutes 12342-22.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 regular meeting of council.

MS. HALLAM: So moved.

MR. DUERR: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Seeing no discussion all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. 12343-22.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular meeting of council.

MS. HALLAM: So moved.

MR. DUERR: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Seeing no discussion all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. 12344-22.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 regular meeting of council.

MS. HALLAM: So moved.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing no discussion all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. Presentation of appointments. Any?

MR. BARKER: None.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Unfinished business. Committee on public safety for the second reading. 12313-22. Councilwoman Bennett, or - I'm sorry. Go ahead.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending section 1007.11 of the county administrative code codified in chapter 5 of the county code of ordinances as article 1007.11. To provide for an exclusion from the residency requirement for county employment for telecommunications officers and shift commanders in the 911 communications division of the Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services. Sponsored by the chief executive and Council Members Walton, Klein, Duerr, DeMarco, Macey, Filiaggi, Futules, Palmiere, and Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Councilwoman Bennett.

MS. BENNETT: Thank you, President Catena. We met on June 8, and this was affirmatively recommended to council. I also asked to be added to this at that time, and I move to - I move to add a motion.

MR. DUERR: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: I'd like to be added.

PRESIDENT CATENA: You want to be added.

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: I'd like to be added as well.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there anyone else that would wish to be added? Okay. At this point in time then hearing no discussion we'll take a roll call vote, please, Jared.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve. Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?
MR. BETKOWSKI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr.
MR. DUERR: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi?
MS. FILIAGGI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?
MS. HALLAM: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey? Ms.

Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?
PRESIDENT CATENA: It's on 911.
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, no's 0 with one member absent. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. Committee on Public works for the second reading. 12321-22.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works. And the Law Department to acquire by condemnation permanent rights of way in fee and temporary construction easements from two parcels of land required for the reconstruction of the Thompson Run Culverts number two and

number three, county road number 2303-00-Thompson Run Road located in Ross Township Allegheny County and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law including but not limited to the eminent domain code sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilman Betkowski.

MR. BETKOWSKI: The committee on public works met on June 14 and affirmatively recommended approval for council so I make a motion to approve this ordinance.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, Jared, please take a roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve, Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr.

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi?

MS. FILIAGGI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey? Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Pالموسينا?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, no's 0 with one member absent. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: We'll now have liaison reports. Are there any liaison reports this evening? Councilman Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of council. Mr. President and members of council, I just wanted to update all members of council and the public here today that the executive committee briefly met on June 8 and then adjourned. However, prior to adjourning we entered into executive session to review applications for the staff position of administrative assistant and special projects representative. We were able to narrow the applications down to eight candidates, and we interviewed four of them last Monday. The committee remained in executive session. We'll interview another four next Monday. The committee intends to wrap up our work as soon as we can, and again, thank you, Mr. President, very much.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Councilwoman Hallam.

MS. HALLAM: Okay. I just wanted to remind my colleagues that I know we've been having a lot of Board of Elections meetings lately, but the next one where we are going to certify, like, everything and be done with certification is this Thursday at 10:00 a.m. We are certifying the county committee write-in results, so if anybody ran for republican or democratic committee as a write-in they are certifying those results at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Additionally we are certifying, I think, 200 something - I don't know if Councilman DeMarco can offer the exact number of undated mail-in ballots that we were ordered to count and segregate that we are going to be certifying on Thursday as well. I remember the number is 250, 260, something like that, 200.

MR. DEMARCO: It was, like, 287.

MS. HALLAM: So we'll be certifying those as well on Thursday and so as of Thursday at 10:00 a.m. or when we finish the meeting certification for the 2022 primary will be -.

MR. DEMARCO: Actually it's 11:00 a.m.

MS. HALLAM: I'm glad you told me. I would have been an hour early. Thank you.

MR. DEMARCO: You're welcome.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Any other liaison reports this evening? Councilman Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, again. This past Sunday on Father's Day I had the honor and privilege of helping Mr. Livingston. He races for the prostate cancer organization. He invited me out last week and being the only council member that runs since Tom's been gone I went out there and ran the race and we had a wonderful time. And Mr. Livingston's been for the past 16 years instrumental in helping men to become aware of prostate cancer and get checked. And there were a lot of families, a lot of people out there Sunday that were fathers and have been, I don't want to say cured, but the rate of the cancer's been arrested and they were participating in the race also, a lot of walking and running.

It was just a wonderful day out there and I just wanted to make sure I acknowledge Mr. Livingston for all his hard work.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Anyone else this evening? Go ahead, Councilman Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Thank you. Last Thursday June 16 the grand opening of the David L. Lawrence's Convention Center's roof top events happened last week. You got sent the invitation. I saw your husband. He was there. It was a great event. There were well over 800 people there but the rooftop itself was unbelievably big. It's unbelievably beautiful. I believe it's the size of at least six football fields, and you can hold at least ten events of 400 people on each. It's amazing. They're planning an event for the Fourth of July so I would advise anyone that wants to go see the fireworks that they can attend the rooftop of the David L. Lawrence Convention Center and see the fireworks from a beautiful strategic spot. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Anyone else this evening? Seeing no one else we can go on to new business. 12345-22.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County Article 1009 entitled Personnel Policies through the creation of new section 5-1009.08 entitled non-salaried employee pay in order to establish a uniform policy governing the payment of county employees sponsored by Council Members Hallam, Prizio, Betkowski and Bennett.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to government reform. Any new business?

MR. BARKER: No motions.
PRESIDENT CATENA: Notification of contracts.
MR. BARKER: None.
PRESIDENT CATENA: Public comment on general
items.
MR. BARKER: Also none.
PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. At this point is there
a motion to adjourn?
MR. WALTON: Motion to adjourn.
MR. DUERR: Second.
PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and
seconded. All those in favor signify by saying aye.
(Chorus of ayes.)
PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion
carries. Have a good evening.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6:06 P.M.

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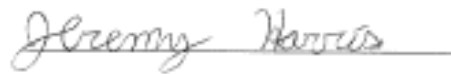
Sarah Flanders Pittsburgh PA

I support Bill Number 12162-22 sub chapter 680 prohibiting commercial land uses in public parks. Fracking is a practice which must be phased out in order to phase out fossil fuels, therefore it is wrong and short sighted to allow land use for fracking or other commercial purposes in public parks. Fracking damages the ecosystem irreparably, creates pollutants and advances global warming. I do not support this environmentally destructive process in public parks and I am shocked that the practice continues at this time in our history when we are progressing toward the use of renewable energy.

CERTIFICATE

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 1 day of August, 2022

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeremy Harris", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeremy Harris,

Court Reporter