

ALLEG COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. DeFazio	-	President, Council-At-Large
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Samuel DeMarco	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Edward Kress	-	District 3
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6 (Via Telephone)
Dr. Charles J. Martoni	-	District 8
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
DeWitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Denise Ranalli-Russell	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

William McKain	-	Allegheny County Manager
Jared Barker	-	Director of Constituent Services
Joseph Catanese	-	Director of Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski	-	Budget Director
Jack Cambest	-	Council Solicitor
Rich Fitzgerald	-	County Executive

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Would everyone rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection. After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance Recited.)

(Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection.0

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

(No response).

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: We have 14 members present at the moment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Proclamations and Certificates. 9812-16.

MR. BARKER: That's a Proclamation thanking The Honorable Grace Stanko for her service as President of the North Hills Council of Governments. Sponsored by Council Members Baker and DeMarco.

MR. BAKER: Good evening, everyone. We're really happy to get to honor a terrific public servant tonight. That's Grace Stanko, who is the Commissioner in Ross Township. And Grace has done a great job not just locally as a Commissioner and a business owner, but her vast variety of organizations that she's been chair of are incredible; the Woman's Business Network, the Ross Township Historical Society, the Perrysville Business Association and she just recently completed her year of service --- her time in service as the first ever female president of the North Hills COG, which is pretty amazing. When she was elected president, it was 17 men, 2 women and they elected her as their president after years of serving on the board, in leadership roles. And as somebody from Ross, I know this very well, that Grace is always very active. Always very busy. Denny, she keeps you very busy; right? Right. Okay. Grace is always out there doing so many amazing things to help our community, to help the North Hills, to help the business sector, all the good things Grace does. So I know she did a wonderful job as the president of the North Hill COG. And this Proclamation is to honor you, Grace, for all of your fine work over the years and for your ---. So with that, I'll read the Proclamation and then if Councilman DeMarco wants to say a couple words or if Grace --- then we'll turn it over to you, Grace, then after that.

WHEREAS, because of her leadership, confidence and community presence, The Honorable Grace Stanko was elected in November 2003 and reelected in 2007, 2011 and 2015 by the residents of Ward Five of Ross Township to serve as their representative.

AND WHEREAS, appointed to the Board of the North Hills COG in 2004, elected secretary/treasurer for 2010-2011, elected vice-president in 2012-2013. Commission Stanko is the first and only woman to serve as president in the 42-year history of the organization when she was president from 2014 through 2015.

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Grace worked tirelessly to address regional concerns, improve communications, coordination and intergovernmental cooperation and facilitate cooperative agreements for the 19 member communities that make up the North Hills COG.

AND WHEREAS, Grace is founder and first president of the Ross Township Business and Economic Development Corporation and founder and president of the

Perrysville Business Association. She also served as chair of the Women's Business Network, North Hills Chapter, and as an Ambassador within the North Hills --- or I'm sorry, the Northern Allegheny Chamber of Commerce.

AND WHEREAS, founder and first recipient of the Ross Township Historical Society, Grace was instrumental in restarting the Society and helping to research, write and produce a 127-page Ross Township Bicentennial History book back in 2009.

AND WHEREAS, as the 2001 recipient of the prestigious Athena Leadership Award presented by the Northern Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce, Grace was honored for her professional excellence, community service and mentorship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Council does hereby recognize and thank The Honorable Commissioner Grace Stanko for her services as the president of the North Hills COG and the enhancement of the wellbeing of Allegheny County citizens. Sponsored by myself and Councilman DeMarco and presented this 13th day of September 2016.

Grace, congratulations. Thanks for all you do.
(Applause.)

MS. STANKO: I would like to thank Tom Baker and Mr. DeMarco for this honor. It was a privilege to serve the Northern Allegheny Council of Government. I was with them for 12 years. I worked my way up to chair, and I'm still the alternate this year with COG. And I wanted to thank you for all the help that the County does to help the COG. Wayne Roller is the executive director. He does a wonderful job. He's so conscientious. I don't know how he remembers all the different jobs that we have pending, but he does a great job. I wanted to thank everyone one more time for this wonderful honor. I appreciate it. Thank you so much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9813-16.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation declaring Friday, September 22nd, 2016 to be "American Business Women's Day" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Means, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Martoni, Ranalli-Russell and Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Put my name on there.

MS. MEANS: Is Rebecca Harris not here? Do you think we could wait a little bit, Mr. President, to see if she comes, one of the people we're giving the award to, Rebecca Harris.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, it's up to you. Do you want to wait and come back? We can come back. It's up to you guys.

MS. MEANS: Like later after you read all the Proclamations or do you think we should move forward?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, it's up to you. If you want to wait, we can wait. We can read all of them and see ---.

MS. MEANS: Okay. Maybe she'll come then.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We're going to --- are you going to stand and wait there?

MS. MEANS: Well, yeah. Is there any others to be presented?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, yeah. I'm just going to read them all first.

MS. MEANS: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to stand? Fine. Okay. 9814-16.

MR. BARKER: 9814-16. A Proclamation declaring Friday, September 30th, 2016 to be "Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project, (PUMP), Day" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Baker and DeMarco.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 9815-16. Proclamation thanking The Honorable David Mikec for his service as President of the Allegheny County and Western Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners. Sponsored by Council Members Baker and DeMarco.

9816-16. Proclamation congratulating Brookside Lumber Company of Bethel Park upon the occasion of its 90th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Members DeMarco, Means, Baker, Kirk and Kress.

9817-16. Proclamation commending Bethel A.M.E. Church for hosting the 149th Session of the Pittsburgh/West Virginia Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Why don't you just be seated? We'll wait until after the quarterly report by the County Executive and we'll see if they show up, if she shows up.

At this time, we'd like to have the Chief Executive Quarterly Address.

(Applause.)

MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. It's always good to have this dialogue where we can talk about some of the issues that, you know, are occurring particularly since the last time I was here in June.

I guess the good news that didn't happen last year is July we got a state budget. And that was very, very important, obviously, for our human service folks that we provide and a lot of the other initiatives that we rely on the state for their funding for.

Really, the good news, though, that I would also like to reflect on is last year, if you recall, because of the good work that you had done and working together with the administration, even during a very, very long budget impasse of a year ago, we were able to keep the doors open for all of our human services providers. And that was not the case for a lot of counties around this Commonwealth. So I think it's something, again, we can be proud of.

We're also anticipating, after a two-year lag, that the capital assistance program, the RCAPs, are going to start being released hopefully in the next couple of weeks. So there's a lot of economic development projects that we view around this County that are going to be very, very important with those initiatives. So we're looking forward as those RCAPs get released from the governor's office, and we'll certainly be, you know, letting you know in your various districts to be part of any program that might be occurring.

Also, since we last met, PHFA, the Pennsylvania Housing and Finance Authority has awarded tax credits for three projects in our county. And we're very --- it's one of the best years we've had. One is for Glassport Senior Housing, Councilman Macey's district. One is in Mt. Lebanon, Senior Housing, Councilwoman Means district and Forest Hills. Is that Mr. Futules, I believe. Are you Forest Hills?

MR. FUTULES: No.

MR. FITZGERALD: Mr. Martoni. Mr. Martoni's district. Veterans housing in Forest Hills. So we're very appreciative of PHFA for the work that they've done.

Also, in late July, after many, many years of working on this, we were awarded an \$19 million Tiger grant for the work at the old Civic Arena site which will reconnect and put a park over 579 to reconnect downtown Pittsburgh to the Hill District. That had been cut off over 60 years ago when the Civic Arena was built back in the late '50s, early '60s. So that's something. And we really have to thank Senator Bob Casey and Congressman Mike Doyle who literally stayed on this for a number of years with the Department of Transportation. And we appreciate Secretary Fox and their work in awarding that. That'll be so helpful to build out that infrastructure and again keep that project moving. It's very, very important.

Obviously, you see, and it might even be because of the traffic that one of your awardees didn't get here tonight. We've seen an awful lot of traffic over the last couple of weeks. I'm sure a lot of it is connected to the Liberty Bridge. But the other thing that it's connected to, quite frankly, is the growth. I mean, there's a lot more office buildings. There's a lot more residential area that's coming into the urban core. And it's something we're really going to have to --- you know, on planning make sure we work on. The good news is we have a lot of young people moving in. There's a lot of jobs. There's a lot of people working. But you know, with that comes the challenges of how to move people around and the infrastructure that's required to do that.

You know, Pittsburgh is often given --- you know, we get national attention from the New York Times and Times magazine and Forbes. One of the most recent ones I want to point out was Bloomsburg. The Bloomsburg study which said that for young, college graduates in their 20s and early 30s that Pittsburgh is the best place in the country to live. And they cited three things. Number one, that there's a lot of jobs. A lot of opportunities for young people.

Number two, that it's very affordable, the affordability index for housing and other things.

And third, that there's a lot of other young people. There's vibrancy. There's a lot of activity. So we're very proud of that. And you know, obviously, all

working together, we want to keep that --- keep that moving.

One of the challenges we have in all working together is housing affordability. Some of these neighborhoods like the Hill District, the Strip District, Lawrenceville, et cetera, become desirable and a lot of --- and a lot of people want to move in there and their values go up. And when those values go up in Millvale and East Liberty and places like that, you know, we've got to make sure that we have some affordable housing. And working with the city and working with some of our municipal partners, we want to make sure that that continues to occur.

The other big thing that happened, you know, in the last few months, is the announcement with Shell, the Cracker Plant, which is really going to provide a tremendous, tremendous economic boost probably over the next decade. Not just the \$6 or \$7 billion that they will spend and all the trades people and all the workers that we require to help build that plant, but all the downstream work, the manufacturing plants that will be built here because of the feedstock that will be provided from that Cracker Plant.

So again, it's a challenge that we have. We know we need a lot of welders, for example. And one of the things our community college is doing, President Bullock and his team, they actually have a midnight welding class at our West Hills Park. They have filled up so much of the class that they just ran out of room during the day, so we're welding at night. So when you think about how we're trying to do, you know, round the clock work, we're also doing round the clock job training as well. And I appreciate that the president and CCAC and their board for working on that.

Staying out in that area, the airport, we continue to see good things. We announced just a couple of weeks ago a Harrisburg flight. Three times a day you'll be able to get a flight to Harrisburg. We hadn't had a flight to Harrisburg in over ten years. Southern Air has also opened up flights to Hagerstown, Maryland, Johnstown, about 10 or 11 cities within the regional air service; Jamestown, New York, Bradford, et cetera. So along with One Jet, which announced Cincinnati and Louisville, Frontier and Allegiant expanding. You know, in the last year and a half, we've gone from 37 cities

that you could get to on a direct flight up to 63. And we anticipate there's going to be a few more before the end of the year. And then next year we also see some good things happening. So we're very bullish on our connectivity. That's been a problem over the years when we lost the HUB a number of years ago. The business community has been very helpful all working together to make sure that's happening.

Also, the gas is now flowing at the airport. Consol opened the valve on the drilling operations they did for the natural gas so revenues will start coming in, royalties to the Airport Authority, which will also help with lowering costs, you know, showing economic growth and all the things that are happening out there, so we appreciate that.

I want to talk a little bit about the summer paving program that you were also very instrumental in helping. If you remember, we got the \$5 fee last year. It hadn't been raised in over 20 years. We typically did about 30 miles of road per year. We own 400 miles of road so that's not very much. Well, this year because of the amount of revenue, we were able to bring in --- we actually bought a new paving and milling machine. We're not leasing and renting any more, so that made it more efficient. We actually went up to 45 miles.

And I'm also happy to report because of the efficiency of Director Shanley and the County Manager and the work they do, we're actually going to do another five miles. So we're going to do 50 miles of road this year which is by far the most we've done. And I know you probably see that in a lot of your districts. Sometimes it's an inconvenience. We know that. But when it's all done, you've got a good --- you know, we got the roads, you know, back in where we want to be. So we appreciate the work cooperatively with you letting us know where your highest needs and highest priorities are, and we get that to the Public Works Department and try to work on that.

We also have a very good summer this year with our parks, our special events as well as the programs that we did. You know, last year, going from 2014 to 2015, our concert series had a big increase. We went from 155,000 people that attended the Friday night concerts in South Park and the Sunday night concerts at Hartwood Acres to 2015, we went to a 175,000 people that enjoyed it. Well, this year we did even better. We went to 207,000 people

that enjoyed the concert series on Friday nights again at South Park and Sunday nights at Hartwood.

And I went to a number of them in both venues. And I got to tell you it's what the parks are all about. Families enjoying themselves. People, you know, having a good time. And really, I want to give credit to Mr. Baechle, Director Baechle, Bill Deasy, Kevin Evanto, that whole team working together in putting venues there and bringing acts there that the people of this region really enjoyed. It was a really good program.

Along those lines, we did some programming, more programming. If you remember last year, we kind of started programming in the parks. We put 16 programs in. 408 people participated in those. We actually ran a little bit of a surplus, I think about \$4,000 worth, the fees that we collected. It wasn't about making money. It was about bringing more people into the parks. Well, this year in 2016, we actually had 41 programs that we did with almost 2,400 people participating. And again, we ran a little bit in the black, around \$10,000. So we were able to cover our costs, bring people into the parks, make people have a good experience. And they were a whole vast array of initiatives; yoga, swim lessons, golf clinics, scuba, nature exploration, ultimate Frisbee, deck hockey and many other activities.

So again, our parks are --- been, you know, continue. We've been trying to put in more resources working with the Parks Foundation, working with the director, and I'm very pleased to see, you know, what seems to be going on there. So it's a good, good program.

I also wanted to give a shout out to our Director Cherna and Department of Human Services. They received a grant for \$933,000 to deal with mental health issues that will be very helpful for people that are affiliated with that. So again, because of some of the professionalism and some of the good work we do, we're being recognized and we're getting those --- some of those accolades, as well as some of the grants and dollars, they're able to do that.

The Health Department, working with DHS, did a report on overdose deaths. It come out. I think it was published in the newspaper, part of the U.S. Attorney's efforts dealing with the opioid problem. It continues to be a challenge, and we're going to continue to work with all of our partners. It's not just a law enforcement

issue. It's obviously an issue that cuts across a whole lot of spectrums. And it would really be a partnership of all of us, you know, working together.

We're also pleased that the Heinz Endowments awarded the Health Department a \$500,000 grant to deal with violence prevention. Hopefully, again, that is something that can make some inroads.

The Live Well Allegheny programs continues to do well. We're up to seven schools of the 43 school districts. Woodland Hills just joined in, Mr. Martoni's district. And we're up to 31 communities that have joined in; Greentree, Braddock, East Pittsburgh, Edgewood, North Braddock, Rankin, Swissvale have joined. They have also expanded it to restaurants. So we're giving out Live Well certificates to restaurants that provide good, healthy eating and don't cook with trans fats and some other initiatives that we put forward. And also workplaces. Workplaces that provide good, nutritional foods for the workers, but also a place where folks can do some exercise and enjoy, you know, some physical activity to keep them healthy.

Also wanted to give a shout out to our computer service department. The website design, if you've seen the website, they really did a terrific job. And it was an initiative of a lot of folks. The County Manager led this with the departments. And it was really given the community --- excuse me, the County Commissioners Association Award of Excellence in 2016, something we can be very, very proud of. They were also given an award for GIS by Esri. So we're proud of the work that they have done there.

Another initiative that you're going to see, with the courts, we opened the Safe Families Resource center over in Family Court working with our judges. And that was a great initiative, and we got some foundation money to help provide that.

Beechview, I want to talk --- Councilman Ellenbogen, I know you've been very much involved in this with the City. The Red Line, that's set to open on September the 24th. The blockades are down. Now, people can get through. The parking is now opened back up. And I want to really thank the Port Authority for their work on that. I mean, it's --- obviously, when you've got to invest to redo a line that's literally falling apart, it's not easy on a community. But working with our

stakeholders, the Mayor's office, Mayor Peduto, Senator Fontana, Councilwoman Rudiak, State Representative Deasy, again, Mr. Ellenbogen, you know, everybody working together to communicate with the businesses, with the residents to try to make that as least disruptive as we can.

Another big initiative we have coming up that's been a great tradition in this county is Hay Day, Family Greenfest with a lot of environmental initiative --- excuse me, green initiatives. It's going to be September the 24th at Hartwood Acres that we have every year. And it's going to be from 12:00 to 4:00. And this next coming up week is July --- the report on Economic Contributions for immigrants. That's a bit initiative. A lot of the corporate community, you know, our office, the Mayor's office, our foundations are, you know, trying to be more welcoming and inviting because we're going to need a lot of people over the next few years as people are retiring. It's going to be something that we're going to be --- very much initiative.

And then the initiatives that you guys passed this summer, which we appreciate, Boxing on the Bridge went very, very well. It was a great initiative. We got a lot of good, positive press on that. Picklesburgh is now in its second year. It's become a great tradition. I think a lot of people enjoy that night on the bridge that they do. And the Maker Faire coming up, not on the bridge, but the Maker Faire is going to be coming up in October where we have a lot of our entrepreneurs who make a lot of different things are going to be doing that.

And my final thing I wanted to announce before I open it up for questions is your County Executive is going to be taking a bike ride starting tomorrow. I'm riding to Washington, D.C. on the Great American Passage. So me and a number of trail groups and some other folks, so we'll see if I make it. We're trying. So we're going to start out early tomorrow. This is really to promote tourism and a lot of things that we do. Tourism has become an absolutely big part in Visit Pittsburgh and what we're doing. And so many people come in to ride this trail. And it's the trail that goes from downtown Pittsburgh at the Point all the way to Washington, D.C. It's the longest, continuous trail in the country, 300 and some miles. So I assume when I come back that the County Manager won't have sold off North Park and South Park and

the courthouse and everything else. So no, I'll be checking in and making sure, but I'm leaving tomorrow and I'll be back on Monday. So with that, Mr. President, I want to open it up to any questions you may have.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey.

MR. MACEY: It's more of a comment than it is any questions Executive Fitzgerald, but thank you for being here. I must --- that I've been pretty aggressive with you as well as the County Manager on economic development in the Mon Valley. But economic development only comes when you have people who are educated for jobs and people --- and infrastructure. And I want to applaud you all for --- and especially Public Works. Every time I call Public Works, whether it's in regard to signage or repairs, they're right there. And I think that's very important.

In addition to that, it's --- I think the initiatives that you talked about in community college by providing technical assistance and education for those jobs that many of us need, like plumbers and welders and boilermakers and mechanics and what have you, is very important. And I want people to note that 60 percent of the people in the trades make more money than their college counterparts. Now, there's nothing wrong with going to college. I've got two kids that went to college. But I have one that's got a GED, but he went to technical school, and he's been 14 years at Clairton Works. So it works.

And I also want to say that, you know, on that bike trail, stop at the Penn --- the McKee Café in McKeesport, please.

So there again, I think the Administration has done a great job. I certainly appreciate everything the Public Works does. And I think I could speak for other Council persons in their districts because I know work is getting done. The roads and infrastructure is being taken care of and that is very important for us to move ahead. Thank you.

MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you. And actually, that is part of the trip. We're meeting with Mayor Cherepko, the Mayor of McKeesport, tomorrow as part of the trip. Also going to be stopping in Homestead, meeting with Mayor Esper, Mayor Bodnar, in Councilman's Klein's District and Mayor Dindak at the Eat n' Park headquarters there, so we are going to try to promote McKeesport at the Palisades

and the Marina as a wonderful, wonderful venue. And that's one of the things we do want to promote, that we have these beautiful vistas and these beautiful places for tourists to come and enjoy. And McKeesport is certainly one of those places.

Back to the job training. One statistic that just comes out and really is startling, the Allegheny Conference put this out. Over the next ten years because of all the folks that are going to be retiring across the board, in the trades, engineers, you know, just everybody, if we kept every single kid who graduates from our 43 school districts and stayed here, we would still be 8,000 people a year short for ten years. So we're going to have to bring in a whole lot of people. And you're seeing that. You're seeing young people moving here for the jobs and the opportunities. And that's just saying status quo. That's not counting all the new things that are happening like the Cracker Plant and other jobs that are coming. So our need of talent and our need to develop our own talent with job training, whether it be at the community college, our career and technical education facilities, our universities, et cetera. Our building trades, I think all those are going to have to work together because we're going to have a severe shortage if we don't --- if we don't deal with that. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other questions? Seeing none on this side, okay. Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Talking about roads, Chief Executive, are we still under the plan that in ten years we're going to be able to do all our roads and continue in that?

MR. FITZGERALD: That would be the plan, yes. When we put the feedback, you know, in place if we do 40 miles a year ---

MR. FINNERTY: Right.

MR. FITZGERALD: --- then, yes. The math will add up that we'll get 400 miles. So this year we obviously caught up from past years that we were ---

MR. FINNERTY: Right.

MR. FITZGERALD: --- behind. And that may be the case. I don't want to say that's every year we're going to be able to do that.

MR. FINNERTY: Right.

MR. FITZGERALD: So I don't want to give false hope. But I know the manager working with Director

Shanley and with our Public Works folks are going to try to have a very aggressive plan. There's three roads that we're going to this year that were actually next year --- on next year's plan, but because we were ahead of schedule, we're able to do those. So you know, again, we got fortunate. Weather was helpful. A lot of factors that weighed into that. The machine was able to continue and work ---

MR. FINNERTY: Right.

MR. FITZGERALD: --- without a breakdown, those types of things.

MR. FINNERTY: I just wanted to make sure that was still in the planning stages. You know, it's just the plan, but hopefully it'll come to fruition.

MR. FITZGERALD: We hope to. We hope to.

MR. FINNERTY: Another thing, how about the bridges? Do we have any plan to take care of our bridges?

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, we do.

MR. FINNERTY: Obviously, we do, but I mean ---.

MR. FITZGERALD: The 500 bridges, we own 500 and some bridges.

MR. FINNERTY: Yes, we do.

MR. FITZGERALD: It's a lot of bridges. As you know, the Andy Warhol Bridge, the 7th Street Bridge, is going to be done and that'll be out of commission for about a year and a half. And then the other two sister bridges will be done as well, the Clemente Bridge and the Rachael Carson Bridge over the next five to six years. So those are major bridge renovations with some decking work, some ironwork and obviously painting and such. So yeah, there is a plan for the bridges and we've ---

MR. FINNERTY: Okay.

MR. FITZGERALD: --- done many of them. And the great partnership that we have with PennDOT through Act 89 has allowed us to be able to do that. But yeah, we're trying to catch up with that.

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Representative Ellenbogen, then I'll get you.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I have a couple of things. Councilman Finnerty said those 808 lane miles are complicated with a lot of lateral support issues, that if you look at a lot of the County roads they adjoin various creeks and there are very --- numerous culvert which are

really small bridges that complicate the issue, too, so --- just saying.

I have a couple things I want to talk about. I'm glad that you're going to leave Willy and Jennifer in charge because if you're riding a bike to Washington, you haven't told us what year you'll be back.

MR. FITZGERALD: I said Monday, but I didn't say which Monday; right?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: See, I've known you too long. It's not what you say. It's what you don't say.

Anyways, in deference to my district and the Beechview community and others, I wanted to thank you for your leadership that you provide in a very heated issue in terms of the Red Line. It caused a lot of --- lot of dissention, a lot of aggravation in the community. And I appreciate the fact that you kind of took the bull by the horns and got everybody together and got that thing done. So I'm glad about that.

One of the things I wanted to talk about is, you know, being the Public Safety chair, when they came out with the list of numbers of overdoses that have happened in this county in the last year, three of the top ten are in my own district. Actually, Beechview --- I think Beechview and Carrick being like in the top five. I've reached out publicly, as have members of my committee, to the City in terms of, you know, us maybe dialoging and sharing ideas and whatnot. I don't know if there's any communication in terms of what Superintendent McDonough and the City does, but I would be verse to possibly some kind of a summit in the sense of how the City and the County and others --- because we haven't been included in the discussion and I think that it's a county-wide issue.

Anyways, I'm asking for some leadership here from you to try to see what we can do to help, whether it's financially or whatnot to, you know, try to deal with what is actually an epidemic so ---.

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, yeah, let me just --- a couple of things. First of all, U.S. Attorney Hickton is really taking a great leadership role in doing this at the federal level. As you know, Governor Wolf actually called a special session just to deal with the opioid issue that he's going to call the legislature back in to deal just with that issue. This is a very --- you're right, you're absolutely right. And we need all the stakeholders to be there. And it's --- and as Governor Wolf and U.S.

Attorney Hickton say, we can't arrest and jail ourselves out of the this problem.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Right.

MR. FITZGERALD: There's a lot of treatment that needs to be done, a lot of education that needs to be done. The state with some of the regulations --- and they have through DHS and some of the things that they're providing. You know, there's factors, you know, that all come into play. And Councilwoman Rudiak, who represents those areas, actually called for kind of the same thing. So we're working with her to --- exactly what you're talking about, put some sort of special group together, whether it's a commission or whatever you have, to talk to folks to get the best ideas, whether it's with the Health Department and Dr. Hacker, Director Cherna, Coleman McDonough, Superintendent McDonough and his team, at the County level working together and working with our partners across the spectrum.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Right. We just want to be part of the discussion. I think it's too important for us not to be.

MR. FITZGERALD: No question.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I have one other issue being that you are now taking up bike riding.

MR. FITZGERALD: It's all I can do at my age, Jim. It's tough to do any of the other things, so ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'm very impressed, I have to tell you. Them guys on central steam (phonetic) would love to hear this. But anyway, bike lanes, in general, I mean, they've become part of the landscape. And I'm sure at some point they may reach out into the county. And the question that I have is, unfortunately, you know, bikes are great. They're great exercise and everything. But you know, we're saddled with paying for roads. Has anybody taken the discussion in the terms of --- you know, if you're taking out lane miles of roads, they have to be plowed. They have to be paved and they cost money. And at some point I believe that the bike riders need to be part of the financial. I mean, we raised the cost of the owner's cards so that the drivers are picking up the freight for all of it.

So I was just wondering has there been any discussion in terms of, you know, how the bicycle riders, at some point, and if they reach farther will be part of the financial solution to try to get this all paid for.

MR. FITZGERALD: The answer to that is actually yes, that there's been some preliminary discussions. Obviously, this will be a statewide ---

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Right.

MR. FITZGERALD: --- initiative. It can't be done at the municipal and/or county level. But I think there is some recognition that as we continue to grow in the bike population --- and again, we want to do it right. It's good health and all those good things that are happening. But it's got to be done safely. You got to figure out a way to pay for it. All those things I think are very valid points. And I think you're right. And I think those discussions --- I think the biking culture is ahead of --- or maybe the state and the legislature are at this point and they're kind of catching up.

I did also want to point out we just did major bike --- Corrigan Drive. And Mr. Palmiere is not here tonight, bit Councilwoman Means and --- just in the last month or two, opened up the restriping of Corrigan Drive taking it down from four lanes to two lanes with a turning lane. And putting the bike lane, separating the bikers from the walkers. So far it has gone very, very well. I've been out there a number of times at very, very busy events and so far it seems to be folks are sharing the road in a good, good way. Not everybody is going to be happy with whatever change. We always acknowledge that. But you know, we're trying to make the parks safer, more user friendly. And I think I want to give the County Manager and his team and Director Baechle and Shanley, again --- they went out and met with the community. They met with Borough of --- with Bethel Park and South Park Township to talk to them about, you know, what would be the best way. And it seemed to have been a pretty positive development.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Well, thank you for entertaining us. You have an ability to get in some of these rooms that I don't seem to be able to. But if you need me to come get you, ---

MR. FITZGERALD: There you go.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: --- you have my phone.

MR. FITZGERALD: You can put my training wheels on. That'll help.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress.

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you very much, Mr. Chief Executive, for coming here today. My

question, though, has to do with the motor vehicle registration fee. How much money has actually been generated for Allegheny County from that \$5 increase?

MR. FITZGERALD: We budgeted about \$3 and a half million, and I'm guessing we're probably on track for that, maybe a little more, but it just depends how the collective ---. It didn't really start kicking in, I think, until the first quarter of the year, February or March. But I don't have an exact figure on that.

MR. KRESS: Okay. Thank you very much.

MR. FITZGERALD: It should bring in --- and when it gets there, we have about a million cars registered in Allegheny County. It should be around \$5 million once it up and fully implemented.

MR. KRESS: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more, thank you very much.

MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Enjoy the evening.

(Applause).

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going to go on with 9813-16.

MR. BARKER: Would you like me to reread the title?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation declaring Thursday, September 22nd, 2016 to be "American Business Women's Day" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Members Means, DeMarco, Ellenbogen, Finnerty, Kirk, Klein, Macey, Martoni, Ranalli-Russell, Palmiere and DeFazio.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: I'm really excited that we are sponsoring and proclaiming Thursday, September 22nd, 2016 as American Business Women's Day in Allegheny County. And I'm just --- throughout history, women have played a crucial part in the workforce, and we have come a long way. When I graduated from college, I won't tell you when, but that was --- you didn't have a broad choice of what you could do. You were basically a nurse, which I am. That's a good thing --- a teacher or a secretary. There wasn't a lot to choose from. But this weekend I had the privilege to meet a four-star general that's the highest ranking woman officer, ever, in the military. Unfortunately, right now I can't think of her last name, but she was very impressive. She's a commander of NORAD.

And I spent the weekend with World War II pilots at a World War II pilot reunion, and there I learned that there were women pilots in World War II. And we thought about Rosie the Riveter, but women have made a great impact into our workforce. And we are very honored this evening to have with us Ruth Byrd-Smith, who is the director for the Allegheny Department of Minority Women, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. And she has worked for the County for 13 years, so we're really fortunate to have her.

And we also have Rebecca Harris, who is the Executive Director of Chatham Center for Women's Entrepreneurship.

MS. HARRIS: Thank you.

MS. MEANS: So I'm happy to have you here. And she has 20 years of experience as a consultant entrepreneur marketing specialist. She has started and managed a number of businesses and consulted on business development, marketing, sales, management, strategic planning, has worked for several nonprofit organizations. Rebecca hold an MBA in marketing from the Fox School of Business at Temple University, has a Bachelor of Science degree in communications and studies from Northwestern University.

So as you can see, we have the great line up of Council members behind you. So we're joined by Mr. Ellenbogen, Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Klein and Councilwoman Kirk and Councilwoman Denise Ranalli-Russell --- have to roll those Rs out there. And so --- pardon me, oh, and Bob Macey. Yeah, you were co-sponsor of this, too. So welcome, and I would love it, Ruth, if you would say a few words and afterwards, Rebecca, and then I'll be joined by my fellow Councilwomen. Would you like to go first, Cindy, before ---? I think I did it out of order. Do you want to say a few words then we'll have our honorees?

MS. KIRK: First, I'd like to say I'm not that much younger than Sue, but by the time I came along, women were encouraged to go into the math and sciences.

Further note, I am a nurse, and I do work in a very --- it's not all female anymore, but probably 40/60. Especially if you go to the universities, you'll see a lot of male nurses and a lot of female physicians. But anyhow, I do come from an industry that has a lot of women working and I'm just very proud of all the women and the men, too, but tonight, it's about the women so I'll say

that. So thank you and I thank you guys for coming tonight.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Good evening. I also --- I have a small business that I run. I am a woman barber. And there's not many of them, but I have seen more and more lately. And I have taken over my father's business that he has had --- that he had. We're on our 53rd year. And he passed away two years ago, and I am carrying on his legacy. And it's an honor and I hope he's very proud that the business is still thriving. And I worked alongside him, I believe, before he passed it was 27 years. So I encourage women to get involved. And I just thank you very much. And without further ado, here's Ruth.

MS. BYRD-SMITH: Thank you all. You know, as Councilwoman Means mentioned, the World War II and Rosy the Riveter, my mother worked in a back office with generals on the mapping corps when they were mapping Africa during World War II. She worked in Philadelphia and in Washington, D.C. So that brings back a lot of childhood stories that she told. And when I was a kid --- I'm a baby boomer. I don't want to go there, but I'm a baby boomer and there were men's want ads and women's want ads. Everybody remember that? Okay. And you had to get your husband to sign for you to have credit even if you made more money. I'm not bitter, but I'd like to, on behalf of women that I work with every day who are business owners and they are extraordinary people and the women who work for those women and business owners, thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. HARRIS: Well, thank you very much. I'm honored to accept this Proclamation on behalf of Chatham University and our Center for Women's Entrepreneurship at Chatham. We help create economic opportunities for women through entrepreneurial training and education and mentoring. On April 1st, we were just granted the Women's Business Center from the SBA. So we also are able to really expand our entrepreneurial training into a number of neighborhoods and contingent counties. So we're really excited about that.

And while things are going great with women, we also know that women start businesses with half the amount of money that men start businesses, that only ten percent of women-owned companies have employees, 90 percent are sole providers and only one percent of all women-owned

companies get to the million dollar mark where you look at small businesses, and with men it's six percent of all male-owned companies under 500 people get to the million dollar mark. So we have a way to go. But women control \$7 trillion of spending. They are strong, active consumers. Women are good for business and good for the economy. So they're starting 1,100 new businesses a day so we need to support them. We need to start and really make sure that they get enough money to help their businesses grow and everything you can do to support them, I would really appreciate it, as would our center. And I'm really honored to be here today. Thank you so much.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: Gentleman, would you like to say a few words?

MR. DEMARCO: Tonight is about the women.

MS. MEANS: That was very politically correct. So without further ado, I will read this Proclamation.

WHEREAS, American Business Women's Day offers the foundation, private government and educational stakeholders in Allegheny County an opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments, achievements and contributions working women make in business, the professions and their communities.

WHEREAS, working women constitute over 73 million or 58.6 percent of the nation's workforce and strive to serve their communities, their states and the nation and professional civic and cultural capabilities --- capacities.

WHEREAS, women entrepreneurs are the fastest growing segment in the small business community with more than 9.4 million owned businesses in the United States generating \$1.5 trillion in revenues and employing over 7.9 million people nationwide.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh strong entrepreneurial culture and a deep entrepreneurial support system including incubators, tech centers, small business development centers, women's business centers and the SBA and the local universities provide a variety of resources to help women-owned businesses grow and thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County does thereby declare Thursday, September 22nd, 2016 to be the American Business Women's Day in Allegheny County and urge all citizens of Allegheny County to join

in this salute to the working women by encouraging and promoting this celebration of the achievements of all American business women as they contribute daily to our economic, civic and cultural purposes.

Sponsored this day by myself, on September 13th, 2016 and all the other Council members. So thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. KRESS: Jared.

MR. BARKER: Before proceeding, Mr. Kress had asked to be added as a co-sponsor for this Proclamation. If anybody else would like to be added? Mr. Baker. Mr. Baker.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public Comment on Agenda Items, we have none.

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Approval of Minutes, we have ---

MR. BARKER: Also none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: --- none. Presentation of Appointments, 9811-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Dr. Charles T. Blocksidge to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Property Assessment Appeals and Review Board for a three year term to expire on December 31st, 2019. Sponsored by Council Members Martoni, DeFazio and Finnerty.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Appointment Review. 9777-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Dr. Donald Burke to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on January 13th, 2010. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Councilman Kress.

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Dr. Donald Burke appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on September the 7th, 2016. I just want to say real quick at that time we had a really nice discussion on the opioid epidemic. There's a lot of different things going on that he had discussed about why people are using drugs now, and what the potential problems are and maybe some of the resolutions. So I think --- at that time we made an affirmative recommendation for his reappointment. And I'd like to make a motion for his reappointment.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9779-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Sara Baldi to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress.

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. Sara Baldi appeared before the Committee on Appointment Review on September the 7th. At that time we made a positive --- we made an affirmative recommendation for appointment. And I'd like to make a motion for that appointment.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9780-16.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Jane Clougherty to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress.

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President. On September the 7th, Jane Clougherty appeared before the Committee of Appointment Review. At that time, the Committee made a positive recommendation for appointment. I'd like to make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9788-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2016, Submission #08-16. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Yeah. That was released from Committee and I'd make a motion to approve.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll take the roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

(No response).

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes, 14; no's 0 with one member not present. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9789-16. A Resolution approving a Project for the benefit of Robert Morris University, a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("The University") to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority by the issuance of the Authority's tax-exempt bonds, to be issued in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount not expected to exceed \$31,000,000 provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (the "County"), shall

not be obligated in any way with respect to the Bonds (hereinafter defined), and determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, this was released from the Committee with unanimous approval. And I'd like to make a motion for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll take the roll.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: 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. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes, 14; no's 0 with one member not present. The motion passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9802-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny approving the Bingo Lots Redevelopment Area Plan and Proposal pursuant to the Commonwealth's Urban Redevelopment Law. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton.

MR. WALTON: On September 16th, the Economic Development Committee heard this Ordinance in Committee and it was affirmatively recommended by the Committee for referral back to the Council. So I move that this motion be --- this ordinance be passed.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: 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. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes, 15; no's 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9738-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, LERTA, PA Statue Title §4722 et seq. (1995), as amended, providing for: a program of temporary exemption from increases in Allegheny County Real Property Taxes, for a specified time periods, resulting from improvements made by an owner of property located within the Ninth Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, generally known as the Central Lawrenceville neighborhood, previously determined to be a deteriorated area; establishing a schedule for exempting increases in Allegheny County property taxes resulting from such improvements; and prescribing the requirements and procedures by which an owner of property located within the deteriorated area can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton.

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. On September 6th, 2016 the Committee on Economic Development held a hearing on this issue. And as a result of that hearing, it was unanimously affirmed and I recommend back to Council --- and refer back to Council for passage. And I recommend --- I move that we pass this.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?
Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes. I attended the meeting on the 6th and we were handed this letter by P.J. Dick. And it was a list of the unions that would be employed in this project. It's called the Foundry. And I was just wondering if the Chairman or someone --- and I want this letter entered into the record. Thank you, Mr. Szymanski. If someone could explain to me why we were given this letter from the P.J. Dick Corporation?

MR. WALTON: I'd have to see the letter ---

MS. MEANS: Oh, sure.

MR. WALTON: --- before I could refer or respond to it. I can only respond in this manner. I urge all developers to do work as much as is possible by the trade unions for construction. And in response to my concern that was their effort to address my recommendation.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. MEANS: I'm not finished.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. MEANS: I have a comment to make. I realize that I am probably in the minority on this issue, but I do thank all for allowing me to share my thoughts. I believe in the American way and a basic call to fairness. And I'm not anti-union, but as our former member of Council, Amanda Green-Hawkins, would say, I want everybody to have a job, union or not union. And I think that she would also add I prefer they be union as she would say so, sweetly. But I think that it's --- the government should stay neutral on this in this affair. It's not fair to favor one group over another. And when we have economic development it does benefit the County. And it causes --- we improve the land value. We have more jobs. We increase the tax base. It's really a win.

And again, I'm not anti-union. It's just I feel very uncomfortable favoring one group over another. And discussions about PLAs have me also very uncomfortable. Historically, a PLA can cost the project to increase by up to 25 percent. There's no government involvement in this money. This isn't --- these are private industry building these buildings, this building, this apartment complex. It's ---. So I just feel very uncomfortable when I feel like the line of questioning is going beyond the authority to insist on union labor and the percentage of minority in business and again, women. I'm not opposed to those aspects, but I think this is a stretch for us as our economic committee. We are delegating to private industry who they should require to work on their projects.

So I will be voting no. And I thank you again for allowing me to speak.

MR. WALTON: So ma'am, Member Means, are you suggesting that I --- that as chair I'm doing something illegal or inappropriate?

MS. MEANS: I didn't.

MR. WALTON: Thank you. So since you said I am not doing anything in appropriate or illegal, I respect your opinion. I fully respect your opinion and I suggest you go back to former Councilwoman Green and share that view with her.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's move on. Does anybody else have a comment? No. Okay. Let's take the vote.

MR. BARKER:

Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: 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. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: No.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes, 14; no's 1. The motion

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9790-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, LERTA, Pa. Statue Title 72, § 4722 et seq. (1995), as amended, providing for: a program of temporary exemption from increases in Allegheny County Real Property Taxes, for specified time periods, resulting from improvements made by an owner of property located within the Fourth Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, generally known as the Central Oakland neighborhood, previously determined to be a deteriorated area; establishing a schedule for exempting increases in Allegheny County property taxes resulting from such

improvements; and prescribing the requirements and procedures by which an owner of property located within the deteriorated area can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton.

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. On September 6th, 2016, we heard this issue in committee and it was affirmatively recommended by committee that we bring it back to Council for passage. And as a result, I move that we --- I move that we adopt the ordinance.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, let's take the vote.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: 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. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes, 14; no's 1. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9792-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, LERTA, Pa. Statue Title 72. §4722 et seq. (1995), as amended, providing for: a program of temporary exemption from the increases in Allegheny County Real Property Taxes, for specified time periods, resulting from improvements made by an owner of property located within the Twenty-Third Ward of The City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, generally known as the Troy Hill neighborhood, previously determined to be a deteriorated area; establishing a schedule for exempting increases in Allegheny County property taxes resulting from such improvements; and prescribing the requirements and procedures by which an owner of property located within the deteriorated area can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton.

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. On September 6th, 2016, we heard the issue of the ordinance, proposed ordinance in committee. And as a result, we --- it was affirmatively recommended we bring it from committee back to Council. And as a result, I move that we pass the ordinance after that.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, let's take the vote.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry, is that an aye?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: 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. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: No.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes, 14; no's 1. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Reports. Sue Means,
Representative Means.

MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing me, President DeFazio. I just wanted to share that on Saturday, September the 17th we'll have a parade in Bethel Park. It'll be our Community Day. And then we'll have booths from 10:00 to 4:00 so everybody come and join in the festivities.

I also wanted to publicly thank the Bethel Park Foundation and the Ben Roethlisberger Foundation because they funded us a purchasing --- we now have a K-9 Officer in Bethel Park and he specializes in narcotics. So I wanted to thank them.

And I wanted to share with everyone also that this month, September, is Love Your Library. And there's a --- Jack Buncher Foundation will match donations up to \$500 to your local library. So this would be a great time to give money to your local library because they'll match it. And so we know that our libraries are just wonderful places to learn and there's technology. And libraries are transforming our communities. So America's libraries are no longer a place for books. Libraries are centers of academic life, research and shared spaces. So again, I want to encourage you to love your local library and make a donation this month. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other? Representative --- go ahead, Ms. Kirk.

MS. KIRK: This past weekend I was at the McCandless Day, Community Day, and one thing of note was that I was passing out the Senior Citizens Guide that the County puts out in the Visit Pittsburgh booklet. They were so well received, were so interested and so pleased with the booklets, I just wanted to, you know, thank the Manager for making sure we have all those kinds of resources.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. First of all, Robinson Township is having their Autumn Festival. That's this Saturday, the 17th, from 12:00 to 10:00 p.m. and it's at Burkhart Fields which is behind Burkhart Elementary.

Also on the 17th is ALCOSAN's Open House and you should try to go over there and see what's going on because they take care of things that you don't want to see. And that's on the 17th and it's from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Also this Friday, the 16th starts what's called RADical Days and it's our regional assess district --- that assets district, I'm sorry. They have --- this goes for a month. And I don't have the pamphlet or anything, but you could go to their site which is R-A-D-W-O-R-K-S-H-E-R-E.org. And that's radworkshere.org. And you will have a complete listing of different venues. The venues are free on certain days like at the zoo and different places like that so --- the museum and so on. Anything that RAD helps, that helps with their finances, was probably going --- is going to be free on a certain day. You have to look it up, though.

I also wanted to put a little plug in for one of the booklets that the Allegheny Parks put out, I'm sure, with the help of Executive. It's called Fall and Winter 2016-2017 Parks Programs and Events Guides for the winter. So you might be able to get one of these books, if you're around. If not, you can get on our site and go to the Parks Department, and you can get those different venues that are free. Mostly free, let's put it that way. Some of them have minimal charges, but most of them are free. Usually --- our Park Ranger Program that we started is one of the things that you will see in here that --- the number of times the park rangers are putting on different things for different venues like Campfire Program, et cetera, History of our Parks and so on like that. So if

you get a chance, pick one of books up. If you can't, get on the County site and look it up. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other liaison?
Representative Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to note the passing of a longtime Bethel Park Councilman John Pape. I've known John, as my family has, for many, many years and his work will definitely be missed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, John.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. I just wanted to acknowledge the passing of --- former Brentwood Mayor Ken Lockhart passed away the other day. Ken served the Borough of Brentwood very well for a couple of terms. And I just wanted to offer our condolences and sympathy to his family. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Sue Means.

MS. MEANS: Yeah. I just wanted to remind everyone that this weekend, September 17th, is household chemical collection. So I don't --- if you went on the County website you could probably find the other places, but at the South Park wave pool from 9:00 to 1:00, you'll have to pay \$3 a gallon to get rid of any household chemical because you don't want to be dumping things down the drain, not a good idea. So paint or other --- sorry, there's probably a list of what harmful chemicals are at the County website. Thank you.

MR. KLEIN: I've got one more.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Who has got one?

MR. KLEIN: I do. Right here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, go ahead.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. This Saturday, September 17th community days in Munhall. And it will be held at the beautiful Carnegie Library in Munhall from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., and come on out.

And in addition, the subject of opioid addiction, the opioid epidemic, it's come up a couple of times today. Family Links at their location on Shady Avenue in the Shady Side/East Liberty area will be hosting an information and resource day this Friday, I think, from 11:00 until 4:00. They're located at 250 Shady Avenue.

And they are an organization that supports, helps, provides resources for people who are struggling with addiction and are seeking recovery options. So this is an open house they're holding 11:00 to 4:00 this Friday.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more, we will move on to 9819-16.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the grant of a non-exclusive service driveway easement under the 16th Street Bridge to the Buncher Company as part of its Riverfront Landing development to enable Buncher to have access to buildings that it will construct on its property located on both sides of the 16th Street Bridge. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into the Committee on Public Works. 9820-16.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2016, Submission #09-16. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into the Budget and Finance Committee. New Motions.

MR. BARKER: We have no new motions.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Notification of Contracts, do we have any?

MR. BARKER: Yes, actually we do. 9818-16. Communication summarizing approved executive actions from August 1st through August 31st, 2016.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to make the motion?

MR. FUTULES: Move exactly what?

MS. MEANS: To adjourn?

MR. FINNERTY: I'll make a motion.

MS. KIRK: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Approving the Executive action of August 1st, it was so moved. Someone seconded. Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Public Comment on Agenda Items, I don't think we have any.

MR. BARKER: We have none.

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

MR. WALTON: Move to adjourn.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Ayes respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Thank you very much.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20 P.M.

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