

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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| John P. DeFazio | - | President, Council-At-Large |
| Nicholas Futules | - | Vice President, District 7 |
| Samuel DeMarco III | - | Council-At-Large |
| Thomas Baker | - | District 1 |
| Cindy Kirk | - | District 2 |
| Edward Kress | - | District 3 (via telephone) |
| Patrick Catena | - | District 4 |
| Sue Means | - | District 5 |
| John F. Palmiere | - | District 6 |
| 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 - County Manager
Jack Cambest - Solicitor
Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services
Ken Varhola - Chief of Staff

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Will you please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection.

After me with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

(No response.)

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?

MS. MEANS: Here.

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: Fourteen (14) members are present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10372-17.

MR. BARKER: Certificates of Achievement recognizing the 40 talented young professionals who participated in the 40 Under 40 Program, based on their passion, commitment, visibility, diversity and overall impact on the region. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

MR. BAKER: All right. Thanks, Mr. President.

If we could have all of the 40 Under 40 honorees come on up. Come (indicating) on up and join me.

I see you, Julius Boatwright. Come on up, everybody (indicating).

How are you? Congratulations.

So Friday night was the Annual 40 Under 40. It's an incredible event organized by PUMP, the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project and Pittsburgh Magazine. And on Friday night, 40 amazing and talented young professionals in our region were honored at that event. They were all wearing amazing medals night. I was there with you guys. It was --- it was very fun. It was a great --- great event.

And I just wanted to say congratulations to all of you that are here with us tonight. We do have proclamations for each of you and we're very thankful for all that you're doing through your professional lives and also your civic lives.

I know a lot of times, the 40 Under 40, you might have your day jobs but a lot of times, you know, you're either making a big difference through that or you find a way to do it through giving your sweat equity to the things you care about.

So with that, we'll read the proclamation and then we'll find out who we have with us.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 40 talented young professionals that were recognized last Friday night at the 40 Under 40 Program based on their passion, commitment, visibility, diversity and overall impact to the region.

Each year, Pittsburgh Magazine and PUMP sponsor the 40 Under 40 program with the goal of recognizing 40 people under the age of 40 who are committed to shaping our region and making it a better place for everyone to live, work and play. Selected from a nomination pool of more than 240 candidates, so less than a one and six chance of winning, this year's honorees were chosen by an independent panel of judges comprised of former winners, business professionals and civic leaders.

On Friday, November 3rd, last Friday, you were honored at the Rivers Casino. It was a very fun night, a very, very fun night. And the 40 awardees were honored for their professional and community achievements. We congratulate each of you and thank you for your commitment

to affecting positive change in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.

So if we could give a big round of applause to our winners that are here with us tonight?

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: And did everyone have a good time (indicating) on Friday?

Okay. Good. It was --- it was a good time.

So maybe we can have you all introduce yourselves just real fast. I did want to call --- I think we have the proclamations for the folks that are with us here tonight.

Is Aaron Mares with --- Aaron? Okay. Maybe not. Okay.

We do have one for all of you --- Anqwenique Wingfield? That's you. Is that right at all or no?

MS. WINGFIELD: Anqwenique --- thank you.

MR. BARKER: Okay. All right. Congratulations. Julius Boatwright, I know. Congratulations, Julius.

We got Jen Harrison Fleming --- hi, Jen. Congratulations.

All right. We've got LaRae Danielle Cullens. No? Okay.

Michael Fratangelo --- congratulations.

All right. Marlee Gallagher? Hi, Marlee.

MS. GALLAGHER: Thank you.

MR. BAKER: Congratulations.

And Terri White? Hi, Terry. You got your --- very good.

So maybe if you all just want to introduce yourselves and very quickly, just say where you work and that --- that would be great.

MS. WHITE: Good evening, everyone. I'm Terri White, a first year full-time MBA student at University of Pittsburgh. However, when I was nominated, I was Assistant Director of Development at Carnegie Science Center.

I've been working in museum --- well, I worked in museums for just under a decade, starting at the Smithsonian and then coming back home to Pittsburgh. And my main focus of event fundraising was increasing diversity and awareness about museums in our society.

MR. BAKER: Awesome. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MS. WINGFIELD: Hello, everyone. My name is Anqwenique Wingfield. I currently serve at the Education Director for Pittsburgh Festival Opera and Studio Manager for BOOM Concepts, which is --- which is an art gallery in Garfield.

I'm a Pittsburgh native. I'm also an artist and performer. I've been here before to sing the National Anthem before, so I'm happy to be back again. A lot of my work focuses on educating youth and providing resources and space and opportunities for artists in our region.

Thank you.

MR. BAKER: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: We should've asked you to sing tonight.

Congratulations.

MS. GALLAGHER: Hi everyone. I'm Marlee Gallagher. I'm the Communications and Outreach Coordinator for the Wilkinsburg Community Development Corporation.

Though I work in Wilkinsburg, I live on Pittsburgh's North Side, and I serve as the Vice President of the Observatory Hill Incorporated Board of Directors.

Thank you.

MR. BAKER: All right. Thank you.

Congratulations.

MS. HARRISON FLEMING: Good evening. I am Jen Harrison Fleming and I work Merck Pharmaceuticals and have had the pleasure of working with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Western Pennsylvania for the last 10 or 12 years.

We do so many things to advance just different aspects of care for CF patients. I'm really excited to be a part of that and really excited to be a part of some of the things that are going on at our church, which is First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh right here downtown where we serve quite a few people through Tuesday dinners that we do each night through an organization called Outreached Arms. And then additionally, through our walk-in ministry which helps a lot of people throughout the city.

So thanks to be here.

MR. BAKER: Good to know.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Congratulations.

MR. MACKIE: Thank you.

Hi, John Mackie. I'm a Senior Vice President with Hefron-Tillotson, so in my professional life I'm helping people in our area with their investments, retirement, things of that nature.

But one of my passions is nonprofits and serving the city, so I work to raise a lot of money for --- for nonprofits, usually. I like to help with fundraising, take that burden off them so they can do what they do best in helping others.

Big honor in being here, so thank you for that and thank you for your service to our county.

MR. BAKER: Thank you ---.

MR. BOATWRIGHT: Good evening, everyone. My name is Julius Boatwright, and I have the pleasure of serving in multiple spaces. So I am the founder of Steel Smiling and we bridge the gap between community members and mental health supports. And I also serve as Executive Director with the Will Allen Foundation and our passion is to provide youth with life skills to be successful.

I'm also honored and grateful to be here, and I just appreciate you guys. So thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: Congrats.

MR. FRATANGELO: Hi, everyone. I'm Mike Fratangelo and I am the founder and Executive Director of DiverseCity. It's a youth organization that uses sports to bring together kids from the inner city and the suburbs in hopes to bridge racial and socioeconomic divides.

It's a pleasure to be here and thank you for the honor.

MR. BAKER: Great.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: All right. So those are just a few of our 40 Under 40 winners. I will say hopefully, in the --- in the room --- hopefully all my colleagues --- I heard at least three or four things that I was interested in learning more about and getting involved with. So you guys are doing great work. Congrats on all --- on all that you're doing.

And we'll do a big group picture and then we'll send you out on your night to do more good work in the community. So we'll get a quick group --- group photo together.

And John Mackie, we'll find yours.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Come on up front here.
(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10373-17.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation congratulating Mr. Edward Everett upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of dedicated service. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

MS. MEANS: It is such an honor to be here this evening to --- to give tribute to Mr. Edward Everett for his life service --- 30 years of service to the Allegheny County Airport international --- I'm sorry --- the Pittsburgh International Airport.

I'm so used to saying Allegheny County.

And --- and 30 years, Mr. Everett provided us with our long-term parking service. And I was so honor --- and this also is a great celebration for --- we have with us this evening Director Ruth Byrd-Smith, Director of the Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise for the county.

And I got to meet Mr. Everett at the open house, and there I was so impressed with his work ethic and his financial good advice, so I'm hoping he'll share some stories with us after we give him his proclamation.

But this is a success story for Director Ruth Byrd-Smith as well as --- as for Mr. Everett.

So I'm going to read this proclamation and you are going to be blown away with Mr. Everett as well, whose ambition when he finally retires is to have a big cup of coffee and watch a movie without being interrupted. So he has been a very busy man. And when you run a company, you know it's 24-7. And --- but let me read this proclamation.

WHEREAS, Mr. Edward Everett began his distinguished career in the parking business in 1987 at the Pittsburgh International Airport; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, he obtained a contract at the Pittsburgh International Airport that allowed him to open his own parking business and shuttle service; and

WHEREAS, on October 1st in 1992, Mr. Everett opened E and S Parking and Transportation. To his 25 employees and his business partner, wife Sherry, Mr. Everett has always been known as a team player, a strong leader, especially noted for his extraordinary commitment to customer service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Everett has dedicated an exuberant (sic) amount of time towards E and S Parking and Transportation in order to make sure he provided for his family and that the business ran smoothly. And now in his retirement, Mr. Everett is looking forward to spending time with his wife Sherry and his son, Edward.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate Mr. Edward Everett upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of dedicated service. His long and distinguished career deserve the accolades of our citizenry and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

This is sponsored by myself, today, the 8th day of November 2017.

Congratulations.

(Applause.)

MS. MEANS: If you just want to say a few words and then ---.

MS. BYRD-SMITH: Thank you.

MS. MEANS: Then you're up.

MS. BYRD-SMITH: I'd like to thank, first of all, my boss, County Manager William McKain, the county executive and naturally, county council and Councilwoman Means.

This means a lot. This gentleman, if you've ever ridden on the long-term shuttle at the airport, he owns the long-term shuttles. And if you can imagine the amount of money and the amount of angst you had to have over a 30 year period in doing that job, you don't know business.

So I would like to just say this, and I was a young girl when this happened. Just keep that in mind. I did the original write-up for this gentleman to become a certified firm with Allegheny County, so --- but I was a young girl.

(Applause.)

MR. EVERETT: Thank you so much and you make me sound so old.

Yes, I'm the best kept secret in Allegheny County. You ever see those shuttle buses at the airport? That's me, seven days a week, 24 hours a day and I have stories. People want me to write a book --- and I won't.

MS. MEANS: Thanks.

MR. EVERETT: I certainly won't.

But in 1992, when Tom Foerster was our commissioner, we needed some minority-owned businesses and I was lucky enough to start off in short-term parking. Got the next contract in '92. And it's not --- it's hard work and sacrifice. Sacrifice --- five years and no paycheck.

I had to work somewhere else to feed the family. Twelve (12) years, no family vacation. Can't tell you how many Thanksgiving dinners I missed. I can't tell you --- Christmas morning, you get up to open gifts. I get up to make sure we're running, because Christmas morning is busy --- flights. That's what I mean. Hard work, sacrifice. But I love it. When I'm behind a microphone, I want to share some wisdom with you.

You liked the shoebox story?

MS. MEANS: Yeah.

MR. EVERETT: All right. I'm going to tell you the shoebox story. This is for everybody in the room, so pay attention.

My mom taught me how to save. All right? So I go into business. I'm a hotshot out of college. I think I know everything. But it's --- we managed the unknown. All right? You can get a text message, an e-mail. You can open up an envelope --- just a piece of mail, and it ruins your day, your week, your year.

Well, my mom taught me how to save. It was the old Christmas club saving. So I would save \$20 a week in a shoebox and hid it. Nobody knew where it was. But every holiday season, you had \$1,000. So if you had an unexpected car repair, you know, the gas bill came in too high or whatever, one of the kids needed something, I would go to that shoebox.

And let me tell you what, everybody. You will go to that shoebox and you will be thankful of this story. I want everybody here, starting this week, save \$20 a week, but don't tell anybody. Okay?

And that's the wisdom I have to share with you today, and I want to thank you all so, so much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10374-17.

MR. BARKER: Proclamation asking all citizens on this Veterans Day to acknowledge the courage and fortitude of our veterans and realize the importance of keeping their legacy engraved through time. Sponsored by Council

Members DeMarco, Baker, Catena, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Kirk, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Ranalli-Russell and Walton.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President (adjusts microphone).

We're here today to ask all of our citizens on Veterans Day to acknowledge the courage and fortitude of our veterans and realize the importance of keeping their legacy engraved through time.

Representing Michael Palarino, the Executive Assistant of Veterans' Services today, is Jerry Tyskiewicz, Director of Administrative Affairs.

MR. TYSKIEWICZ: Yes, sir.

MR. DEMARCO: Or services, I apologize.

As everyone knows, on Saturday, November 11th, it's Veterans Day. And this proclamation we've prepared of behalf of council says ---

WHEREAS, valor is stability, not of legs and arms, but of courage and the soul. That quote by an ancient philosopher demonstrates the resolute spirit and unmatched selflessness that our nation's brave men and women of our Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps and Coast Guard embody; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day, we reflect upon the immense burden so many took upon themselves when they decided to wear America's uniform and the families who stood alongside them. We salute those men and women for their service, and we express our perpetual gratitude; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,200,000 Pennsylvanians are veterans, comprising 14 percent of the state's population, and a great percentage of those veterans reside here in Allegheny County; and

WHEREAS, our nation and Allegheny County understand the true significance in taking care of our veterans when they return home. It is important that we are committed to ensuring that when our heroes return home, that they have every opportunity to experience the American dream that they risk their lives to defend; and

WHEREAS, our nation's veterans have set an exemplary standard that will delineate the American character for eternity. It is our duty as citizens to preserve these heroic individuals' legacy, and we shall never forget those who sacrificed for a safer America.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny

County, hereby commends those brave men and women of our Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard who took part in our nation's cause of peace and freedom around the world. This council asks all citizens on this Veterans Day to acknowledge the courage and fortitude of our veterans and realize the importance of keeping their legacy engraved through time.

Sponsored by County Council Member Sam DeMarco and all members of County Council and presented this 8th day of November 2017.

(Applause.)

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President, point of personal privilege?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, what's your point?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to say that those of us who have been on council for a number of years remember that every Veterans Day, a contingent of combat World War II veterans would come and accept a proclamation.

And over the years, as --- as --- as many of them have passed and dwindled, and this year, there are none, there's like a sadness about it. And they were the greatest generation, so just --- you know, thank you.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you very much, Councilman Ellenbogen, for mentioning that.

Right now, a large number of the veterans are down in Washington, DC where they traveled because there's a ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, and they're down there to celebrate and have a celebration there --- a ceremony on the wall.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I appreciate you carrying it on there, Councilman.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you very much, Councilman. Thank you, Mr. President.

Jerry, do you want to say anything?

MR. TYSKIEWICZ: As Councilman DeMarco said, Michael Palarino couldn't be here. He had a family emergency, so I am kind of pinch hitting in an emergency. So I promise you that my remarks will be brief.

On behalf of the county executive Department of Administrative Service and the Division of Veterans Service, we'd like to thank you for the proclamation. We also want to thank all the veterans for their services to the country and to ensure the Department of Veterans

Services will continue to serve both you and your families.

I believe Veterans Day can best be summed up by the words of then candidate Calvin Coolidge in 1920 when he said the nation which forgets its defenders will be itself, forgotten. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. DEMARCO: Picture?

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Thanks. 10375-17, and the rest of the proclamations will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 10375-17. Certificates of Recognition awarded to the 2017 Community Impact Award Honorees. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

10376-17. Proclamation recognizing and thanking Raymond G. Bodnar for his more than 50 years of dedicated public service to the Borough of Munhall. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

10377-17. Proclamation congratulating Mr. John McCoy upon the occasion of his retirement. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

10378-17. Proclamation proclaiming November 13th, 2017 to be "Kindness Day" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

10379-17. Proclamation honoring and thanking Doug Edwards, Sr. for his 33 years of dedicated service as the Scoutmaster of East McKeesport Boy Scout Troop 85. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

And 10380-17. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Mr. William Joseph Hebda of Boy Scout Troop 99 upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

We now have public comment on agenda items. Want to read them?

MR. BARKER: First up is Ray Firth.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Give --- give the --- go ahead.

MR. FIRTH: Good evening. I'd like to speak this evening on lead poisoning.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Would you give your name and ---?

MR. FIRTH: Sure.

My name --- my name is Ray Firth.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And your address?

MR. FIRTH: 816 Sweetleaf Drive, Monroeville, Pennsylvania.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. FIRTH: I'm a constituent of Dr. Martoni's, and my wife said I can't do this under three minutes but I'm going to show her I can.

Lead poisoning can and should be prevented. Infants and toddlers take in lead from multiple sources, dust from paint, water and soil. In the first three years of life, young children's brains, their neurons and brain cells are in an amazing period of growth and forming new connections.

It's at this critical stage of development that the neuron responsible for learning and emotional development can be permanently damaged by the presence of even minute amounts of lead. Lead is a neurotoxin. It kills cells and damages nerves. There are no effective treatments to reverse the loss of these cells and nerves in a child's brain.

It's been well known for many years, even back to Herb Needleman's work here in Pittsburgh, that if we wait to remove the source of lead from the windows in the family's dining room or the water at the childcare center, and if we wait until after young children have been poisoned and then wait for a blood test to confirm they've been poisoned, it's too late. The damage has been done. Cells are dead, nerves are damaged.

We need to remove the lead from a child's environment before they put the paint dust from the window in their mouth or drink the baby formula made with water containing lead. If we wait and the toddler ingests the lead, a few years later when they start elementary school, they're more likely to fail third grade math and reading proficiency tests. And we wonder why there's an achievement gap. And they're more likely to be suspended from school.

If a young girl has been poisoned as a toddler, years later when she marries and becomes pregnant, the lead will pass to her baby through the fetus and harm their infant's development.

In school districts with a large number of children enrolled who had elevated blood lead levels as a toddler, the school district will have more children in

special education and more children being suspended, but it won't be linked to their lead poisoning.

The county can prevent lead poisoning. The Pennsylvania local health administration law has empowered Allegheny County with both the responsibility and the authority to prevent lead poisoning and to remove lead hazards. In the 2018 county budget that you're now considering, please add funding for primary prevention of lead poisoning so the county executive can eliminate lead hazards before they damage the developing brains of the next generation of infants and toddlers in Allegheny County.

Thank you for listening.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. FIRTH: It was close --- it was close.

Thank you.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Jacob Mirra.

MS. FYOCK: I'm helping you.

MR. MIRRA: You have your work cut out of you.

MS. FYOCK: I know. Good luck. Right? Is it in order?

MR. MIRRA: Yep, they sure are.

MS. FYOCK: Okay.

MR. MIRRA: So if you could just show the room the --- there you go. Great. Just hold up the first one.

MS. FYOCK: Okay.

MR. MIRRA: Hello. Thanks for taking the time to listen. My name is Jacob Mirra. I'm a citizen and resident of Shadyside. I believe that makes me District 11, so thanks for representing me on the council. I believe that's Mr. Klein, Shadyside?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. MIRRA: Thank you, and thanks to all the council.

For anyone in this room who isn't completely up to date on the issue of gerrymandering, I have a few graphics I'd like to share. My friend Deborah is holding up the congressional map of Pennsylvania. We have 18 seats in the House of Representatives.

I drew this map myself. It was --- it was --- it was --- it was challenging. The --- it's --- it's a bit of a mess, especially like trying to get a good picture of Goofy kicking Donald Duck in District Seven.

That's kind of --- it's hard to see from where you are, but the districts have these funny shapes.

But the --- they're not just meaningless Rorschach tests. Actually, the shapes of these districts have consequences. For example, in that district I just referred to, there are 367,000 people who voted, but they only get one representative.

Deborah, if you'd hold up the next graphic --- this next graphic is the same congressional map colored by popular vote. I tried to color code it as best I could. So most of Pennsylvania's pretty purple. There are islands of blue, some red. Some of those red districts, people ran unopposed, I should mention. So I --- I was only coloring the vote for the Pennsylvania House.

And --- but you see, it doesn't matter whether you win by a hair or a landslide, you see. This dividing line between bluish purple and reddish purple, that's what decides who gets that seat.

So Deborah, if you'd hold up the next graphic ---

MS. FYOCK: Yep.

MR. MIRRA: --- this one --- this is the result of that election in the House of Representatives, you see. So it's --- it's just 13 red districts and five blue, which is vastly out of proportion with the popular vote. I hope everyone got a look at that because I have a pie chart of the --- our Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

There you are. Thanks, Deborah.

MS. FYOCK: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. MIRRA: And although the popular vote was just about evenly split 50/50 in 2016, that's not what happened with our representation which ended up being, as just mentioned, 5 blue, 13 red. This is caused by gerrymandering. However, it's not so simple. You --- you can't just draw district lines and --- and get an advantage. It's a complex process.

But one thing we do ask for is that an independent commission be --- exist to --- apologies --- an independent commission exist to pass --- to draw the district maps rather than having a conflict of interest of having out legislators doing it for themselves. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Okay. Next.

MR. BARKER: Next is Deborah Fyock.

MS. FYOCK: Thank you. My name is Deborah Fyock. I'm in County Council District 11. I don't know if you need my address as you did with the other gentleman, ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. FYOCK: --- 502 Cathedral Avenue, Pittsburgh.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. FYOCK: Thank you for hearing us and acting on this issue. I'm asking for you to unanimously pass tonight's motion in support of the goal of redistricting reform. I have two points to make --- to explain why I think this is so important for each of us, our state and our nation.

One, the claim has been made that continuing to perform the same action expecting a different outcome is the definition of insanity. Yet a majority --- a majority of Pennsylvania voters have, in the past eight years, continued to go to their polling places with the knowledge that their active voting will likely not produce a different out --- different outcome. That due to gerrymandering, their vote is effectively been rendered ineffective.

One could say these voters are even crazier than the definition. They continue to vote with the almost certain knowledge that it will change nothing. These voters are far from crazy, and there are a lot of them. They're disenfranchised and they know it. Where is the incentive to participate in the democratic process? You'd almost have to be crazy; wouldn't you?

Number two, the manipulation of electoral district lines is not only an effort made by state politicians to favor a particular party, but as strong support from the national party in question.

Once a majority of the districts have been secured in a given state, our state, the national party in --- the national party, who has their own vested interest, not necessarily Pennsylvania voters' interest, can take its eyes off the super secure districts that they have helped secure and target dollars and effort toward the few remaining unsecure state districts to help produce an even more favorable outcome.

In this case, they're happy to expect the same action and --- that will indeed produce the same super

secure outcome. They can move on in efforts to actually produce different outcomes in districts where they will now have the time and dollars to initiate such a new action. They can also call the shots and call in favors with the legislators that they have been helping all along.

Not so crazy, and not representation that in any way reflects our state, our districts, our people and our parties --- all of our parties. I'm asking county council to help stop the insanity, take action to support the resolution in support of redistricting reform and help us get a new outcome that everyone can get behind. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. BARKER: Last up is William Anderson.

MR. ANDERSON: Hello, my name is William Anderson. I live at 7035 Chaucer Street. I'm in Councilman DeWitt Walton's district.

And I'm here today speaking on behalf of Fair Districts PA. I'm also a member of B-PEP, the Black Political Empowerment Project. And our Chairman, Tim Stevens, has sent the letter in support of the issue of fair districting to council, which all of you should have --- should have received by now.

And I'm here to ask and thank you for the motion that is on your agenda today and ask that there is --- as our --- the speaker before me said, there is a unanimous, you know, passage of this resolution because this is and should be a nonpartisan issue. And we are asking that the state legislature and the Senate pass the Senate Bill 22 and House Bill 722.

And as it was spoken earlier, this Bill would essentially take the politics out of our redistricting in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Because as --- as it sits now, there are five members of a redistricting committee, two democrat, two republican and the fifth is usually decided by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. And which ends up --- after they draw the lines, it ends up right back to the Supreme Court.

So we want to take the politics completely out of our redistricting so that the districts are drawn concurrently and they are in representation of the people that live in the district, so that someone that lives on the western part of the state isn't represented by someone

that has no knowledge or any connection with that community.

And as we have seen what's going on in our district where we've lost Senator Ferlo because of redistricting, that the people in the district are neglected. And those that need the most services aren't given those services because the person that is selected by a party does not represent the interest of that community or that person or the constituent.

So we're here to ask that you unanimously, you know, pass that --- pass this motion, I guess it is, not a resolution --- to ask that and encourage all of our elected officials that statewide, that they press --- press forward on this issue.

And we would like to applaud, you know, Councilman Klein for coming up with this motion and being in full support and out in front of this issue. And we need all of our councilmen to --- and councilwomen to represent the constituents of their districts which all unanimously, you know, are for an independent appointed committee that will be appointed by the people, and it will take politics out of our redistricting and the redistricting of our communities across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

So as we are all, you know, registered voters, we saw that the turnout of the election yesterday, which nobody --- you know, of course people won offices, but nobody won based on the turnout of 23 percent in our county. And a lot of this is because people are discouraged of the system. They aren't confident.

And this --- it's just one thing that will restore the confidence of the people in the electorate and your elected office. So again, I thank you and ask for your full support.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's all the speakers?

MR. BARKER: That's it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's it. We have no approval of minutes?

MR. BAKER: None. Correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. We go to 10381-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Toni Silva to serve as a member of the Minority Business

Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Appointment Review Committee. 10382-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Austin Davis to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Appointment Review Committee. 10383-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Marianne Malloy to serve as a member of the Personnel Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Appointment Review Committee.

Unfinished business, 10321-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Ed Sperling to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review for a term to expire on January 1st, 2021. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere, did you chair the meetings?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes, I did.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, thank you. First of all, I'd just like to say I was honored to be able to fill in for Ed that particular evening. And the quality of people that are being appointed to these various boards are --- are just outstanding. And once you have an opportunity like we've had to interview them and get to know them, it's really been a --- an eye opener for us and it's --- it really helps us to know that Allegheny County and all these various committees are being served very well.

So I move for approval, Mr. President.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Let's see --- 10323-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of William Brooks to serve as a member of the Redevelopment

Authority of Allegheny County for a term to expire on May 23rd, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and --- and members of Council. Again, the same thing applies here. Mr. Brooks is very qualified to serve on this committee and I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
102 --- 10325-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Barbara Parees to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. Again, same thing applies here. Barbara Parees is very --- very competent, very qualified to serve on this and I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
10325-17.

MR. BARKER: I'm sorry, 10326?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm sorry, 10326-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Abass Kamara to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. Again, Mr. Kamara is one of the outstanding people getting ready to serve on this board here and I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
10300-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Allegheny County Budo-Kai to use a structure on Brownsville Road in the County's South Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, members of Council, Mr. Baechle, I'd like you to come up please and explain to the council people that weren't here for that --- these committee meetings to --- just give a brief synopsis of what's going on here, please.

MR. BAECHLE: Thank you, Councilman. Budo-Kai has been in South Park for 31 years. They provide a site for patrons to participate in martial-arts related activities, separate classes for youth and adults. Instruction is in Jiu-jitsu, Karate Okinawa style. The instructors are internationally certified.

Benefits of martial arts are physical and mental. They provide adaptations for special needs participants. They're very low cost and again, they've been in the fairgrounds for 31 years. \$200 a month rent is what they pay.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, this also met with an affirmative recommendation.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. MEANS: I'd like to make a motion to accept.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, I guess we will take the --- take the vote?

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Roll call.

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

(No response.)

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: 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, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Was that 10300?

MR. BARKER: That was double zero, correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Go on to the next page, we will have 10301-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Mon Valley Express Drum and Bugle Corps, also known as Mon Valley Express, Incorporated, to use a structure on Brownsville Road in the County's South Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, again, Mr. Baechle will explain this. This also was met with an affirmative recommendation.

MR. BAECHLE: This is another three year contract. They pay \$200 a month. It's in one of the exhibit buildings in South Park. They've been there for 11 years. They provide a training site for music related activities. The only competitive drum corps in Western Pennsylvania, it provides an opportunity for local patrons and participants in various marching band activities and competitions. They assist surrounding high schools in providing equipment and additional training for school competitions. They provide adaptations for handicapped band participants, are frequent visitors to parades sponsored by local municipalities.

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to approve.
(Chorus of seconds.)

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

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

(No response.)

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: 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, nos zero. The bill
passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10338-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing OTB Bikeworks to use a structure on Pearce Mill Road in the County's North Park known as the North Park Boathouse. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and members of council.

This --- this one here is relatively new and --- and much more --- it's much more beneficial to the county and I --- I want Mr. Baechle to please explain it. Thank you.

MR. MCKAIN: And Andy and I are going to double team this one. So as Mr. Palmiere said, this has been a wonderful partnership with OTB the last five years. Andy will tell you about the operational type of things that they do, but --- a couple things.

One is if you go there now, it is vibrant. It complements the park so well. It helps make North Park a destination --- a place to visit. Prior to them coming in, Andy and his team put out RFPs and there just wasn't a match. That place was storage area for the boats out there.

And now when you go to North Park, you can park in that parking lot, rent a bike, 5.2 miles around the lake. Perhaps kayak, perhaps do the zip line, perhaps enjoy the other amenities in the park. And come back to that restaurant and have a meal and look over that wonderful lake. So they've been a wonderful partner.

Some of the numbers that Andy has negotiated with them, remember that they were a new entity. They didn't know how they were going to do. So the first five years, they paid us about --- they paid us \$240,000. What they've asked is for an extension of 11 years, because that brings them to 16 years, which is the loan that they have with their financier --- with their bank. It also gives their employees the confidence that they are going to have employment there.

The next five years out of the 11, they are going to pay us \$585,000. And the next six years after that, they're going to give us even more. So just to give some perspective, the first year that they were in existence, they gave us \$36,000. At the end of this lease, if council approves this, they'll be paying us \$144,000 a year.

Some other numbers --- the first five years, \$240,000. If you approve this, over the next 11 years they will be paying us \$1,400,000. In addition to the revenues, just to give you a little bit of flavor of the type of partner that they are, they also donate to Trail Pittsburgh. Trail Pittsburgh helps coordinate Andy --- efforts with his team for the trails and the parks.

They also --- every year under this leaf will

--- lease will donate \$6,000 a year to our Parks Foundation that I know that you all know works so hard and closely with us.

And they're also going to make some capital improvements outside of their facility to make it more enjoyable for people that visit there and they're waiting for restaurants.

That building was dilapidated. It was a partnership between them and the county to restore it. We still get revenue upstairs. We rent that. We rent that upstairs. It's air conditioned and people enjoy it and it's really something that we strongly recommend. I --- I really think it's a model for government and private public type of partnerships.

But I'd like Andy to maybe tell you a little bit more about the operations and --- and his relationships with them.

MR. BAECHLE: Okay.

So they're so successful, we had to build two more parking lots across the street from the boathouse. They fit well in the parks. It's created a hub with Go Ape, the --- the restaurant there, the tennis courts. They pay all the utilities. They pay for the insurance and they're good partners to work with.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: John, did you make a motion?

MR. PALMIERE: Move for approval, ---

MS. MEANS: Second.

MR. PALMIERE: --- Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone second it?

(Chorus of seconds.)

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

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes

MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

(No response.)

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: 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, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison reports? Seeing none ---

MS. MEANS: Oh ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You have one ---?

MS. MEANS: --- yes ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: I'm sorry. I wanted to congratulate the Friends of South Park because this last Saturday on November the 4th, they hosted a wine and cheese event called Savor the Flavor and they --- I wanted to congratulate Jason and Bernadette Fincke for their --- all their work. And they raised over \$6,000 for South Park.

So thank you, Mr. Chairman ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MS. MEANS: --- and congratulations again, to the Friends of South Park.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no other hands, we will move on. Move on to new business, 10384-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance Number 07-06 and subsequent amendments, which establish the existing schedule of facility and recreational rates and fees for the use of County recreational and park facilities. Sponsored by Council Member Futules, and I believe Mr. Palmiere wished to be added to this one and the next bill as well.

MR. PALMIERE: Yes, thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. That'll go to the Parks Committee. 10385-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance Number 07-06 and subsequent amendments, which establish the existing schedule of facility and recreational rates and fees for the use of County recreational and park facilities. Sponsored by Council Members Catena and Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mr. Catena, Representative, do you want to say anything?

MR. CATENA: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. When we were working --- or when the original ordinance was written, I believe we excluded a small piece of the sheriff's reserve deputies that are volunteers and would benefit from this program. And I wanted to get those people included in this program, Mr. President. So since they do --- it's a dedicated public service they provide to the community.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We will put that into the Committee on Parks. 10386-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing South Park Boxing, Incorporated to use a structure on Hundred Acres Drive in the County's South Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Parks Committee. 10387-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Western Pennsylvania Police Athletic League to use a structure on Center Road, also known as Monroeville Trestle Road, in the County's Boyce Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Parks Committee. 10388-17.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting an Operating Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter, by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of Allegheny County and for meeting debt charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2018

and ending December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

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

MR. KLEIN: Maybe we could do all three of them and then I'll say something, because there are two more.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. KLEIN: Let's do the other --- let's do all three and then I'll say something.

MR. BARKER: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We'll go on to do the next two then?

MR. KLEIN: Next two, yeah.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10389-17.

MR. BARKER: Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a Capital Budget pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 and Article VII, Section 4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses for capital expenditures during the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2018 and ending December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We're going to move on then and go 10390-17.

MR. BARKER: Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Grants Budget, Special Accounts Budget, and Agency Fund Budget, by setting forth appropriations to pay said expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2018 and ending December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. We're in the midst of budget season and beginning next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, budget hearings will be held here in the gold room beginning at 5:00. So this is all pursuant to our efforts to create a new budget for 2018. So we'll look forward to seeing all of you there.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. That'll go to budget and finance. 10391-17.

MR. BARKER: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County urging the General Assembly to undertake public hearings on Senate Bill 22 and House Bill 722, bills which would initiate the process of amending the Commonwealth's

Constitution in an attempt to establish a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of the decennial drawing of state legislative and congressional districts, with all deliberate speed. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. At this point, I'd like to introduce an amendment to this motion that we are considering this evening. And Mr. Barker, can you distribute the ---?

MR. BARKER: Actually, Ms. Roka has ---

MR. KLEIN: Oh, okay.

MR. BARKER: --- the copies ---

MR. KLEIN: Great.

MR. BARKER: --- with her.

MR. KLEIN: Great. Great. Thank you very much. This is being distributed to council members right now and then I will talk about the purpose of the amendment to the motion that we're considering this evening.

The --- the purpose of this amendment is to --- is to remove from the initial motion any reference to Senate Bill 722 and House Bill 22 that are being considered by the --- in the state legislature. And so rather than particularize the motion, we are making a motion that is broader in that respect, you might say.

So what I'm seeking right now is I'm seeking to amend the original motion and I'm looking for a second on ---

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. KLEIN: --- that amendment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll take the vote on the motion. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

MS. MEANS: Shouldn't we take a voice ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Opposed?

MS. MEANS: Mr. Chairman, would it be possible to take a --- a --- not a voice vote, but --- a roll call vote, Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, if you ---

MS. MEANS: Mr. President, ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: --- if --- if ---

MS. MEANS: --- sorry.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: --- you requested it --- we could do it. You want to take a vote that way, go ahead.

MR. BARKER: On the proposed amendment, Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?
MR. CATENA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?
(No response.)
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?
MS. KIRK: No.
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 12, nos two. The amendment passes.

MR. DEMARCO: Well, wait a minute. This is the amendment. This isn't ---?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No --- right. That's the amendment.

MR. DEMARCO: Okay ---.

MS. KIRK: That's the amendment, oh ---

MR. DEMARCO: Okay.

MS. KIRK: --- I missed ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right.

Now we'll vote on the motion on that --- with the amendment.

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. You want to make ---

MR. ELLENBOGEN: For discussion?

MR. DEMARCO: --- discussion?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, we can --- yeah. You want to make the motion for ---?

MR. KLEIN: Yeah, I'd --- I'd like to offer the motion ---

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. KLEIN: --- for consideration by the ---

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: With the ---.

MR. KLEIN: --- entire council with the amendment.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. He seconded it, Representative Macey. Okay. Under remarks, go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: It's him (indicating).

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. President, I have a couple concerns here.

One, I appreciate the folks from Fair Districts and the other folks who are coming forth to say we want to try to propose a solution to what they see as gerrymandering and unfair districts. But the --- when I look at those bills and I look at the solutions that have been presented, I have some concerns.

I mean, we're talking about --- they're saying to give it back to the people. Well, the people have it today because they elect their representatives. And I'm afraid when we talk about an independent commission, who's going to appoint those people that they talk about being appointed? And how do we know that those people that are appointed --- because it says that they will be appointed from the folks who submit requests, that those folks will indeed actually represent the district.

If you look at both major political parties today, whether it be the republicans or whether the democrats, the parties are split. You have folks to the extreme on both sides and folks that are more centrist. Just because you put four of a particular party on there doesn't mean that you'll have that same sort of balance or that that will reflect the district.

Then we also heard that some of the folks believe that it doesn't represent it from a population

perspective. Well, no kidding, because it's based upon the actual geographic boundaries of a district ---

MR. KLEIN: Uh-uh (no).

MR. DEMARCO: --- where the folks are taken ---

MR. KLEIN: Uh-uh (no),

MR. DEMARCO: --- and where they're located.

MR. KLEIN: No, it doesn't.

MR. DEMARCO: So they're predominantly in urban areas that they're looking at.

Secondly, we heard from someone else who said that it --- the folks are disappointed because when they go to the polls, their vote doesn't matter. Well, to the folks who elected their representatives and those folks who were successful, their votes definitely mattered and I believe that they're --- they're happy here.

So it --- the --- from a --- try to --- fixing a district, something that I could support, I've seen stuff in the newspaper where you have professors from like CMU and the University of Pittsburgh that have talked about using computers to draw boundaries based upon parameters where they say, hey, or every congressional district, we want 705,000 people in there. Has to be contiguous boundaries. We don't want to take and cut up municipalities, I could support something like that.

But I have a concern where we're talking about folks will submit names. People will pick these names. No one comes to this without a bias. Who are the people picking those folks or appointing them? Do they have a bias?

Okay? I don't believe that you can absolutely talk politics, you know, out of this. So for that reason, I have some significant concerns about this proposed motion and I can't support it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen, and then we'll go down this way.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just want to say that I --- I don't disagree with anything that Councilman DeMarco said. You know --- God, I can't believe how many years.

I was first appointed a committee man 45 years ago and these kind of things were the price of doing business. That's just the way it was, and we accepted it as, again, the price of doing business.

Can you take the bias out of it by appointments? That's delusional. Anybody that knows this game and has

been in it as long as some of us know that somebody is going to appoint somebody that has bias.

I never liked it when I was young. I don't like it now. Perhaps the best way to do it would be instead of people being appointed, people being elected out of the district the same as you would state committee people or whatnot.

But the point is although I agree with what Councilman DeMarco said, he's looking at this as a realistic point. And those of us that have played inside baseball and know the game, know that there's nothing that he's said that's wrong.

However, the discussion needs to take place. At some point, the discussion needs to start. Maybe this isn't perfect, but it's the beginning of a discussion that is very long overdue. And because of that, I will support it in spite of the realities of it, ---

(Applause.)

MR. ELLENBOGEN: --- the discussion needs to be done. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. okay.

Representative, I think, DeWitt Walton was next and we'll come down ---.

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, only have some concerns. I recognize that no system is perfect, but I recognize the damage that is being done on a daily basis by what's occurring today.

As the gentleman who spoke earlier talked about the --- describing the imbalance of 13 to 5, if that were truly because of the will of the people, then I could live with that, although it may not favor my interests politically. Personally, I could live with that.

But far too often across this country, when you look at --- when you look at what has transpired in North Carolina and was recently ruled by the Supreme Court to be just patently wrong. When you --- when you look at what has occurred in Texas and being forced to redraw maps because of the horrendous efforts to disenfranchise communities, to disenfranchise people, we have to take some steps.

Look, everyone has trepidation. Everyone has concern. But to sit idly by and allow it to continue is a disservice to the people that I represent every day, to the things that I believe in, and the justice that I'm committed to in our society, and I have to support this.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Next was Representative Palmiere.

MR. PALMIERE: No, Ms. --- Ms. Means had her --- her hand ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Did she? Okay. Well, Representative Means.

MR. PALMIERE: I'll defer to Ms. Means.

MS. MEANS: Thank you, Mr. President, for recognizing me.

I agree wholeheartedly with the comments made by Councilman DeMarco. I do also agree that it's unacceptable that the city of Monroeville have three different congressmen. I agree that our present system is flawed.

And I voted against removing the reference to Senate Bill 22 because, as my colleagues know, I mean I wanted to talk about this bill and why it's flawed and why it's unconstitutional. As my colleagues know, I'm the one that always reads and studies these pieces of legislation. There's sections of it that are just --- like I said, unenforceable and unconstitutional.

And I wanted to --- and I --- and I --- I reached out to my state representative. I reached out to my state senator because that's where SB22 and --- and House Bill 722 are. They're in the legislator (sic) --- and they're there, but they're kind of stalled. And they're stalled because at least I'm told at the senate, it's because they're waiting for the legal challenges that are going to take place in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

So they're waiting for the challenge. There's a Wisconsin case. And yesterday, the Supreme Court announced it was going to accept the --- the League of Women Voters' challenge from the Pennsylvania --- from Pennsylvania. So I think it's too soon to have that discussion until we get these legal rulings and the precedents set by the Supreme Court. So thank you for recognizing me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. Number one, I cosponsored this with the --- with Councilman Klein because I fully believe that gerrymandering is a cancer that's eating away at this country.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: And you know what --- you know what the physicians recommend when you have cancer. You either cure it with chemo or cut it out. Since chemo is not going to work there, let's just cut the darn thing out.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: You know it's a shame, when 17 percent of the people voted in the primary and 23 percent voted yesterday --- and the reason --- one of the key reasons why people don't come to vote is because they feel like their vote doesn't count because it was gerrymandering.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMIERE: Those are the --- those are the facts.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hold up ---.

MR. PALMIERE: That's all I heard at the polls. I'm sick and tired of hearing it, and it's time to do something. I don't want to wait any longer. Let's get it done.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of council and the audience that's here today.

What we're voting on is a motion. It clearly has taken --- we've taken out SR22 and HR722 (sic). So this is a motion. This is a motion from us, how we feel about this gerrymandering and how it needs to be addressed.

And as my colleague, Jim, said, Mr. Ellenbogen, we've got to start somewhere, and let's start it here. I think that I'm going to support this. I was on the original motion from Councilman Klein and I'm not turning my back on it.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Let's take ---

MR. KRESS: No, I ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: --- you --- you ---?

MR. KRESS: I have a question.

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

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President.

I have a question, maybe to the parliamentarian or if somebody can answer this. How does the county

council --- how --- who draws the boundary lines for county council?

MR. BARKER: The last time we went down the path was after the 2010 decennial census. A special committee was formed by the president. I believe it was Dr. Martoni at the time. It was comprised of, I believe, Ms. Danko, Mr. Gastgeb and some others, and those lines were drawn internally.

MR. KRESS: Okay. So all those seats that drew the lines --- they was --- county council people.

Is that correct?

MR. BARKER: For council, correct.

MR. KRESS: Well, okay. But who's --- okay. I want to make sure so I understand. So what are they proposing here with the state? Are they proposing to pick congressional people? They pick --- trying --- they're proposing to pick people outside congress or state? I want --- just explain to me, what are we trying to do here at the state level?

Does anybody --- can you --- go ahead, Mr. Klein (indicating).

MR. KLEIN: What --- what we're trying to do is we're trying to take it out of the hands of the legislature.

MR. KRESS: Right.

MR. KLEIN: It would ultimately require that the constitution be amended, but we're trying to open up the process so that a bipartisan, nonpartisan panel could be created, could be formed to draw district lines for legislative --- state legislative and --- and congressional districts that would reflect the realities of the populations in these parts of the states.

MR. KRESS: So you're going to get some people outside? They're like a bipartisan --- this be like a non-politician? Just a --- a regular individual.

MR. KLEIN: Yeah, nonpartisan. I mean, in terms of the details, I mean, the game plan is to --- to impanel a nonpartisan group, a nonpartisan panel to oversee that process.

MR. KRESS: Okay. So ---.

MR. KLEIN: And --- and with a good deal of input from people who actually have the knowledge, the expertise to do that.

MR. KRESS: Well --- well, then my question is why not adopt it also for the county council --- for here?

MR. KLEIN: Well, that's not what we're considering tonight and ---.

MR. KRESS: I'm just saying you get more bang for your buck. Is that something we could actually do here if we adopt it?

MR. KLEIN: Yeah.

MR. KRESS: I'm just saying, it's a --- it's a real thing. I mean, we're just asking somebody. I'm just talking about this is something real that you can put your hands on and make a change.

MR. KLEIN: Yeah --- yeah. I think we would probably have to go back to the drawing board to do that, and that is another matter that, you know, I would certainly welcome you or anyone who's interested in doing that to consider and put on the table ---.

MR. KRESS: Well, maybe we should make an amendment to this thing.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I --- I don't care ---.

MR. KRESS: Maybe I do.

MR. KLEIN: Maybe some point of order here.
I ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead. What's your point?

MR. KLEIN: Yeah. I think that we --- we are called upon right now. There's a motion on the floor.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Right.

MR. KLEIN: It has been seconded to --- to allow us to amend the original motion, and it's on the floor. We're putting it up to a vote at this point.

MR. KRESS: Okay.

But I'm just saying, I would maybe like to amend and maybe put --- and include the county in this, too, Allegheny County, or all counties who have a council.

MR. KLEIN: All right. I think that that ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We could do that later.

MR. KLEIN: That is something that we could segregate, treat separately from what we're considering tonight. We're taking a look at the state tonight and how the laws --- lines are drawn statewide.

And I think that that could certainly be the subject of another motion and you know, while --- you know, you're certainly welcome to make that motion going forward.

MR. WALTON: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah?

MR. WALTON: I think from my perspective, the idea that my colleague has raised is an interesting perspective and has merit. However, what I'd like to --- I'd like to suggest to him, if he would, is that immediately following this meeting and this vote, that we --- that we create --- that we --- we develop an additional motion to address the concerns that he raised to ensure that his concerns are addressed in a constructive way.

But in the meantime, we have an amendment that's been --- that's been approved by the body and a motion that has been properly moved and seconded on the floor. And absent his effort to successfully amend the motion, then I would hope that we'd go forward with the motion that's on the floor that's been properly moved and seconded.

I concur that we need --- that we need to make as many actions and as many efforts to legitimize and to bring equity as we can. But in the effort and the --- and --- and the spirit of trying to move the process that we're currently debating and addressing, that we move forward in that manner that we --- that we so moved at this point.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

DR. MARTONI: I think we should just call the vote. We have a motion and a second.

MR. KRESS: I just wanted to say one thing. I'll present this other motion for the county, but I would like to see your support. I'm --- I'm going to --- I'll vote for this, but I want to see your vote --- positive vote from the next thing coming up. I'm saying ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, we got to wait ---.

MR. KRESS: I'm saying I'd like it to be something that's, you know ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, but ---.

MR. KRESS: Can we --- can --- can we --- let's just say, let's be consistent. That's all.

MR. KLEIN: We can have this conversation, but not right now.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You have to bring it up at the next ---.

MR. KRESS: I just wanted to say --- okay. We'll see what happens when we do that.

MR. KLEIN: Okay. Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes, do it --- yeah ---.
DR. MARTONI: We ought to do one thing at a
time. It might work out a lot better.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right.

Let's --- all right. Let's move on.

MR. KLEIN: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's take a voice vote.

MR. KLEIN: Let me just ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. KLEIN: I --- and before --- before we push
ahead, just a couple of things that I'd like to --- I'd
like to share. And I would like to thank those who have
been interested enough to come to these meetings and do
the legwork of getting behind a motion that suggests that
we need to do --- we need to do something. We need to pay
attention.

This evening, I'm joined by nine of my
colleagues who have signed on as cosponsors of this
measure, and this measure is intended in --- in some small
but important way, to address concerns regarding the
integrity of our electoral system.

The infrastructure of democracy needs our
attention. Just as the physical infrastructure of a
society must be tended to, the infrastructure of our
democratic system needs that kind of attention as well.

We all understand that when we are not attentive
to the physical foundation that sustains our communities,
things tend not to get better. And in fact, they tend to
get much worse over time. And they also become more
expensive if we don't make the necessary repairs sooner,
rather than later. We can expect that the same holds true
for the political --- this political process of ours as
well.

There is no mystery --- there's no mystery as to
the damaging effects of gerrymandering. It stands before
us in the form of a government that is often immobilized,
even calcified, by partisanship producing the greatest
threat to a functioning democracy, and that is permanent
gridlock.

For those among us who understand that democracy
is fragile and does not do well when we set it on auto
drive, this is a small step in tending to our democracy.
After all, democracy is an experiment that we all hope to
continue and improve upon.

I find it hard to make any remarks on virtually any subject without speaking of my good friend, that Frenchman Alexis de Tocqueville, an immigrant who wrote this in his book Democracy in America in 1801. He said the greatness of America is not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather in her ability to repair her faults.

So let's take a step forward this evening. Imperfect as our efforts might be, let's take a step forward this evening toward repairing some of those faults and making those first steps. So thank you very much for your agreeing to sign on.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's ---.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's go --- let's go with the roll call vote, as amended.

MR. BARKER: On the motion as amended, Mr. Baker?

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| MR. BAKER: | No. |
| MR. BARKER: | Mr. Catena? |
| MR. CATENA: | Yes. |
| MR. BARKER: | Mr. DeMarco? |
| MR. DEMARCO: | No. |
| MR. BARKER: | Mr. Ellenbogen? |
| MR. ELLENBOGEN: | Aye. |
| MR. BARKER: | Mr. Futules? |
| (No response.) | |
| MR. BARKER: | Ms. Kirk? |
| MS. KIRK: | No. |
| 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 10, nos 4. The motion passes.
(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We have 10302-17.
Wait, 10392-17.

MR. BARKER: Communication summarizing approved
executive actions from October 1st through October 31st,
2017.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have a communications
from the --- we have to --- someone want to make a motion
to receive and file?

DR. MARTONI: I make a motion to receive and
file.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
Does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. MACEY: I make a motion to adjourn.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? Motion, adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:22 P.M.

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