

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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 (via telephone)
Edward Kress	-	District 3
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
Joseph Catanese - Director of Constituent Services
Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski - Budget Director

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Meeting will come to order.
We all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and
remain standing for silent prayer reflection.

After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

Let's have the 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?

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: Present.

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: There are 14 members present,
currently.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10200-17.

MR. BARKER: Certificates of Achievement awarded
to the 2016-2017 Moon Area High School Gymnastics Team for
winning first place in the 2017 Pennsylvania Classic High
School Gymnastics Team Championship and the 2017 WPIAL

Gymnastics Team Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

MR. BAKER: All right. Thank you, Mr. President.

We're going to ask all the --- the --- the Moon student athletes and their coaches to come on up to join us. Congratulations to Moon on this great honor. If you guys can join us up here --- and we are glad that you brought the championship home to Moon, and congratulations very much on that.

I know we got a couple seniors in the group, this year. We got two going to Slippery Rock. We got one going to Kent State, so congratulations to all of you.

I will say I did a little bit of research on the team this year, and I noticed that every time --- and you can --- the coaches can attest to this. Every time it seems like you guys get into the 140s, score-wise, you always seem to win. So I notice a lot of 140-somethings on your --- on your stats from the year, so congratulations on that.

Looks like the --- the actual full championship came at the end of February and we're really proud of all of you. So we'll get a chance to meet all of the team.

But I do want to show --- so I was doing the research today, on the team, and this --- I thought this was just an amazing photo. This is you guys when you won your championship and I had a couple thoughts on this picture.

One, is just the jubilation and happiness that comes over from being the best at what you do, but I see a lot of friendship in here. I see a lot of team work in here and hopefully, with that --- that friendship and that teamwork, those are friendships that will last for the rest of your lives, and that's really what it's all about when we come together through sports and through outside of the classroom activities.

So congratulations to the team and with that, we'll read the proclamation. This is for the full team.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2016-2017 Moon Area High School Gymnastics Team in recognition of winning the First Place in the 2017 Gold Division at the Pennsylvania Classic High School Gymnastics Team Championship and the 2017 WPIAL Gymnastics Team Championship. We commend and recognize each player on the team and coach whose determination and resolve led

to this achievement. The team has set a positive example of excellence for all of Allegheny County, continuing evidence that this is the County of Champions. This achievement has conferred honor on this County and is an accomplishment in which the entire community can be proud.

Sponsored by myself and presented on behalf of County Council, this 6th day of June.

If we can give a big round of applause to the Moon Gymnastics team.

(Applause.)

And if you guys --- the athletic director, we got some coach awards and then we got the --- the athlete awards, too, if you want to hand those out.

Do you want to tell us a little bit about the season and then we'll meet everyone real quickly and then we'll get to the county executive's update.

MS. KRAFT: Okay.

I'm Mackenzie Kraft. I'm one of the co-captains of the team and it was a pleasure being part of this team this year.

We definitely had --- going into the season, we had a quote, and it was makes it happen, and that was our number one goal was to make it happen by winning WPIAL's and also state. So we made it happen, and it was an amazing season and I thank every one of them for all the support that I had.

And it's been kind of emotional since it's my senior year, and leaving them, and I've been on the team for like 12 years now, I think. So leaving this family's going to be really hard, but we had an amazing season and I'm so thankful for all my friendships that I've made.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: If everyone just wants to introduce themselves and maybe say your grade, if they're --- not ---.

If you want to join us up here, we'll do --- we'll have one person come up at a time.

MS. CAPRINO: Up there or just?

MR. BAKER: Yeah. Oh, yeah. Come up.

MS. CAPRINO: We're loud.

MR. BAKER: Okay. All right ---.

MS. CAPRINO: Amy Caprino, I'm the head coach.

MS. PUHALLA: Jenna Puhalla.

MS. CARTER: Cayla Carter.

MS. HAHKA: Gabby Hahka.

MS. D'ANTONIO: Gianna D'Antonio.
MS. BARONE: Sam Barone.
MS. PAWUK: Amanda Pawuk.
MS. BAUER: Jordan Bauer.
MS. BOOKSER: Leah Bookser.
MS. THOMAS: Maria Thomas
MS. J. CRAGO: Julia Crago.
MS. A. CRAGO: Amanda Crago.
MR. BAKER: All right. Very good.
(Applause.)

And congratulations and I know we got --- where are the two Slippery Rock students, going to Slippery Rock --- two of them, and they stand together. They're going to Slippery Rock.

And then who's going to Kent State?

MS. BARONE: Me.

MR. BAKER: That's you.

Right?

Okay. So very good.

So we'll grab a quick group photo and congratulations on an amazing season and for all of the good that you've done inside and out of the classroom, so congratulations.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I understand 10206-17 is here.

MR. BARKER: That's my understanding.

Correct, Stephanie?

Okay.

10206-17. A proclamation congratulating the Pittsburgh Black Nurses in Action upon the occasion of its 45th anniversary and declaring Saturday, June 17th, 2017 to be "Pittsburgh Black Nurses in Action Day" in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

MR. WALTON: Can I ask if Ms. Linda Fleming Heath, Christin Durham, Anne Germany, Mary Gray, Michael Harper, Gladys Nesbit and Michael Wood.

Are you guys here? Do you want to come up and join me, please?

(Applause.)

How are you?

MS. FLEMING: Good.

MR. WALTON: Thank you.

Is there more? Come on, can't hide.

Are there any other members of ---?

MS. NESBIT: Linda ---.

MR. WALTON: Linda ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Hurry up, or you're not going to win that Cadillac he's giving ---.

MR. WALTON: Absolutely.

We're --- after all, we have busy schedule. So first I want to congratulate you ladies for the work that you do, the leadership that you provide and improving the quality and the quantity of life in Allegheny County and specifically, and particularly, in the --- in the City of Pittsburgh where most of your work is done. Thank you.

We're here to do this proclamation and we want you to continue to provide the leadership that you do, make sure that there's continued opportunity for young --- young women and men who want to pursue careers in nursing, and urge them to attend CCAC, which has one of the premiere nursing programs in the --- in the area at a truly competitive cost.

So thank you for the work that you do and the leadership that you provide, again.

WHEREAS, founded in 1972, the Pittsburgh Black Nurses in Action, the local chapter of the National Black Nurses Association, are guided by the National Association's founding principal that African American nurses possess the understanding, knowledge, interest, concern, and expertise to make a difference in the health care status of African American communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, the local activities of the Pittsburgh Black Nurses in Action include participation in outreach and community activities that are organized and executed for the purposes of providing health education, supporting health promotion and preventing disease, and empowering individuals to become their --- to become their own healthcare advocates; and

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh Black Nurses in Action works in collaboration with other local organizations and churches that include the Center for Health Equity at the University of Pittsburgh, Healthy Communities Pittsburgh 365 Initiative, Live Well Allegheny, and the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, June 17th, 2017, the Pittsburgh Black Nurses in Action will hold their annual

scholarship luncheon at the Le Mont Restaurant to honor the 2017 scholarship and award recipients;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate the Pittsburgh Black Nurses in Action upon the momentous occasion of its 45th anniversary, and we hereby proclaim Saturday, June 17th, 2017 to be "Pittsburgh Black Nurses in Action Day" in Allegheny County.

Signed by John DeFazio, President of Council, and attested to by myself.

And thank you, ladies. Would you --- would any of you like to make a comment before we take a photograph?

Once, twice, three times --- let's take a photograph.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10201-17 and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: And before proceeding, please let the record reflect that Ms. Means is present.

10201-17. A proclamation congratulating the Borough of Sharpsburg upon the occasion of its 175th anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

10202-17. A proclamation congratulating the 2017 Mooseheart Community Spirit Award winners. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

10203-17. A proclamation honoring decorated veteran Mr. William Knaus for his service to our country and the Bethel Park community. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

10204-17. A proclamation recognizing the teachers and students at Washington Elementary School in the Mt. Lebanon School District for creating a wrist brace for third-grade cello student Finn Maxwell. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

And 10205-17. A Certificate of Recognition presented to the Borough of Whitehall upon the occasion of its 27th Annual 5K Race and Community Day Celebration on Saturday, June 3rd, 2017. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is that --- is that it?

MR. BARKER: That's it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

At this time, we'll have the Chief Executive with his quarterly address.

(Applause.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. Council --- president council and members of council. Appreciate always coming and talking about some of the things that have happened since the last time I was here back in March.

I want to start off with talking about how we, in this region, in Pittsburgh region, have been in the --- in the national spotlight, and the spotlight on a lot of things with a lot of groups we've had brought in.

As you know, a couple weeks ago, we --- we hosted 24 --- 34 ambassadors from around the world, who came --- who came to Pittsburgh to see around technology and innovation and --- and things that we're doing here.

We appreciate the state department picking out Pittsburgh as a place to highlight a city in America, this year, that they wanted to do, and I think the folks that were --- that were there, were very, very much impressed.

I know many of you were there at the --- at the reception that we had at the Warhol Museum on the second night that they were --- that they were there. And I think it was a very positive image for this region to --- to kind of show off some of the great things that we --- that we have.

We also hosted the German Foreign Minister, basically the Secretary of State of Germany, who came to town, I think it was a week or two before then. Again, for the same reason, to see how this region has transformed itself from a --- from --- from a traditional older-style industrial area, into the innovation area that we have become. And Foreign Minister Gabriel, again, was very, very much impressed and if you watch CNN, you see Foreign Minister Gabriel a lot. He's on the world news stage a lot. Germany, obviously being the 5th largest economy in the world. For them to come here to see how we've done things, again, is something we can be very, very proud of.

We also, in the last couple of days, have hosted a number of Chinese organizations. The Chinese Nurses Association University is here, partnering with the University of Pittsburgh.

And I know yesterday, Councilman Baker and then Councilwoman Means were there to present a proclamation on

behalf of County Council, to a Chinese delegation with a sister city --- the 35th anniversary of a sister city with the --- the City of Wuhan, China, a city of 10,000,000 people that really, when you look at the pictures and look at what they've done, remind you a lot of Pittsburgh with three rivers, industrial turning into again, more technology and innovation, and it was a great collaboration.

And just two months ago, we signed an exclusive agreement with Caissa, a Chinese travel agency, with Visit Pittsburgh and the airport, that for the next three years, they will be bringing all of their tourists to Pittsburgh when they come to America. It was a --- it's a first American city to get that designation and it will bring a lot of --- a lot of dollars, and a lot of hotel room bookings to --- to --- to this region, which we're excited about.

We also hosted the National County Commissioners, NACo convention. I know Councilwoman Means was there for some of the meetings that we had around transportation, and some of the innovative things that the county commissioners from around the country came to learn about what --- what we're doing here.

We hosted the Main Streets --- Main Streets of --- of America Conference was held here, about a month or so ago. And we took them --- our Economic Development Department, and our Director Hurley and his team, took them to a lot of the communities in --- in --- up and down the rivers and in --- in our --- in our region, showing off some of the things we're doing around neighborhoods and Main Streets in a lot of our --- lot of our communities.

We hosted a delegation from Richmond, Virginia. Over 200 people that came to see, again, how we're doing things, the kind of best practices. And later on this year, we'll be hosting a delegation from Minneapolis, Minnesota who will be coming here as well.

We hosted the prime --- the --- the Transport Minister of Canada, Minister Garneau, which is their Secretary of Transportation. Again, around innovation and transportation, and some of the things that we are --- we are doing.

And then --- and there are many others. One --- the one last one I want to mention is that the NCAA awarded the Pittsburgh region 22 tournaments. Everything

from Volleyball to --- to the frozen, foreign hockey, to wrestling, to track, many, many sports across --- across what the NCAA does, and Pittsburgh --- the Pittsburgh region got more tournaments than any other place in the country. And again, that's not just the city. It actually extends up in --- up into Beaver County.

Some of our universities who are hosting some of these tournaments. Again, it's going to bring a lot of people into this region, a lot of hotel rooms and a lot of spending that will --- that will happen.

So those are just some of the things on a --- on a --- on a national, international stage that, again, we can be very proud of in Allegheny County, that this region continues to get a lot of notoriety. Along with all the lists we all know about, the top five of this, the top two in that, places to live, places to start a business, et cetera. So we're very proud of those designations.

This summer, I think, is going to be in many ways the summer of parks. We're going to have an awful lot of ribbon cuttings this summer that will happen in our parks. We had, actually, the first one a week ago. Not a week ago, a couple days ago in White Oak Park. And I actually have a picture. I want to go ahead and hand those around.

I --- I really want to praise Director Beckley, Clarence Hopson, Joel, the whole team in the Parks Department. What they did there was, with our building trades, with our landscape architect, it was --- it's just a tremendous, tremendous addition. And that's just one of many park projects we're going to be having this summer, and we'll certainly be letting you know when it's in your district. So if you can join us, we certainly want to have you.

The Deer Lakes Portal Project, we're going to be having the --- the work that's going on there. And I know Councilman Futules and Councilman Kress have been out there to see some of the work that's going on at Deer Lakes. We were actually out there for the first day of trout season, a month or two ago, when that kicked off. And that was very, very well-received, quite a crowd that --- that showed up for that.

Councilman Kress and I were there this week for the 30th anniversary of the Wagman Observatory. That's been a great partnership with the Astronomers Club of Pittsburgh, who've done a lot of work up there, and we've

partnered with them to do --- to do some of the improvements at --- at the Wagman Observatory. There's star parties that they have every --- every month or so are very, very popular with --- with folks in this region.

North Park's going to be opening up the tennis courts and pickleball courts. That will be happening. Hartwood Acres wedding pavilion and formal garden will be opening up. And I want to talk about weddings in --- in just a little bit, toward the end.

The Round Hill Pond renovations are going to be occurring this summer, as well.

In South Park, we've got a couple projects going on. The South Park ice rink is going to be expanded and --- and improved. And then the South Park --- there's a new dog park that's going to be --- going to be opened there, as well. And we did some --- some paving there. I want to talk about that when we get into the --- the road part of things.

Settler's Cabin, going to have some new basketball courts that are going to be opened up in that area.

White Oak is also going to have a wedding garden that's going to --- that's going to open up in --- in White Oak, so we've got a lot of wedding stuff planned. I hope there's a lot of marriages for all those millennials who are --- who are moving into Allegheny County, so a lot of good things.

I also --- we began the concert series, as --- as I mentioned. The last couple of years, we have been setting records, year after year, with the concert series at South Park on Friday nights, and Hartwood Acres on Sunday nights this last summer, and there's the schedule.

I'm going to have folks hand --- hand those out. This year, look at --- aren't they good at this, aren't they? Get it on your calendar for --- for --- for Friday night. We have ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Vanna White?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: We have food trucks, a number of food trucks that are showing up. As we know, Pittsburgh's becoming a foodie destination, one of those rankings that we got.

And also, we have a local craft beer entity from Lawrenceville, Hop Farm Brewing, who's providing beer for --- craft beer for folks who --- who are enjoying the concert series at South Park.

In addition to the improved sound system and lighting system that --- that this council appropriated and approved last year, improving the experience for people who really do enjoy the summer concert series.

We're also going to have a lot of special events in the parks and we have --- you guys aren't done yet.

Right?

We're going with the books. You going to put Austin to work here at all? That's Austin. You've got to put Andy to work here. We've got everybody --- everybody go.

But I really want to --- again, what Director Beckley and his team out there in parks have done --- Kevin Evanto and the special events folks, I --- I --- I just look at this booklet.

You could have something to do almost every night in one of our parks. From a full moon hike, for those of you that want to go out when the --- when the moon is full, on a --- on a hike in our parks. A robotics obstacle course, yoga, the beaver habitat exploration, car cruises, themes up in Hartwood, seldom seen tours. Junior ranger training, that will go on. A catfish fishing festival, arts in the park, and the Allegheny nine series of races, five and ten Ks, and I know Councilman Baker has --- has run in a number of those.

We also, we're going to have Billy Porter, the award-winning, Tony Award-winning performer who grew up in Pittsburgh, who will be coming into Hartwood for one of our last concert series, and --- and also helping with the Parks Foundation in a fundraiser that they're going to be having in --- in late August.

The Parks Foundation has really taken off and been a great partner for the Parks Department to be able to find some funding for some projects that we're doing. And they've been --- they've been just great, great partners to deal with and we appreciate the fact that Billy Porter is going to be coming in later --- later this summer.

On to a few other things that --- that --- that are going on. We --- we just completed and released a Health Department survey --- survey under --- under Dr. Hacker's team. It was the most comprehensive health survey that we have done in this county and it talks about all aspects of --- of public health, smoking rates, heart

disease rates, cancer rates, violence, et cetera. And it is very, very informative.

And --- and it talks about parts of the county that --- where we can really make some improvements, and in areas of the county where we can make some improvements as well. I mean we're doing some things around Live Well, the Live Well Allegheny program. But it shows some areas where we've made some progress, but it also shows some areas where we can --- we can improve.

You probably saw that the --- the BRT system that we talked about and we --- we talked to Council about a number of months ago, we --- the Port Authority and --- and --- and the city planning was going around to various neighborhoods, taking surveys.

And --- and the population of --- of the region overwhelmingly supported the most robust aspect of the BRT program, which will reach into 22 neighborhoods, including the core from --- from Oakland to downtown, connecting those two very vibrant, very busy job centers in this region. But also reaching out as far as Wilkesburg, along the bus way, down into Greenfield, in that direction, and Highland Park out in the other direction.

So we're excited about the fact that great planning and great input has gone on, and we --- we definitely see improvement on transportation through, again, the two busiest job center corridors that we have.

Also want to talk about a --- a --- a great project that --- that this council supported a number of months ago, and that is the Wilmerding partnership we have had with law enforcement, our county police. Dr. Martoni and I were there, I guess about a week ago, at the graduation of the Citizen's Police Academy. And I can tell you of --- of --- many things that --- that I go to and --- and certainly enjoy, it was probably one of the most heartwarming events that --- that I have been to.

The folks in Wilmerding have seen improvements, already, in public safety. There's a confidence in --- in the community, in being able to walk out on the street and --- and go down to the park with --- with their kids. And I really want to thank Coleman McDonough, our superintendent, and --- and Maurita Bryant, for putting that together.

I know the County Manager and I were out there again, with Dr. Martoni. It was just --- it --- it was very heartwarming to see the --- their response to the

folks coming together through the community, and coming together with the county, and it was very, very popular. I was glad --- glad to see that happen.

We actually have some pictures --- more --- these guys aren't done.

Right?

They got --- this was a --- this was --- these are members of the --- citizens in Wilmerding who came to the --- went through, I think it was a nine week or ten week course where they came once a week, and really got to know the --- the --- the police officers who are walking the beat in Wilmerding. And I'm really proud of our --- our county police officers who have really gotten to know the folks throughout the community, and it's been a --- it's been a great community service.

We also are kicking off the Learn and Earn Program that we've had the last couple of years, with --- with high school students who can intern throughout the summer months at --- not just, you know, doing work in parks and --- and --- or on the roads, but really working for some of the major corporations in Pittsburgh to see if --- if --- if they're going to like a certain area of --- of work and if --- if the --- the companies are going to like what they are doing. So we --- we think we're going to be having 2,000 kids in this region who are going to be getting work this summer.

And we really appreciate some of our foundation, community, economic development, human --- the Human Service Department, et cetera, doing all that work.

The airport, I know I --- I often talk about the airport. We again, see very, very good numbers. An 11 percent increase in --- in flight passenger service with all the flights that are --- that are taking off.

We're actually going to be getting --- be getting the Iceland flight, next week. I'm actually going to be going to Iceland for a couple of days, and flying back on the first flight, next Friday, with WOW Airlines. It will connect us throughout many, many European countries and cities that will be very, very helpful.

And then later in the month, we'll begin the flight to Germany to --- to Frankfurt, Germany with Condor Air. So the work out there, the partnership that the team's doing out there, we're --- we're very, very excited, very excited about.

I also wanted to talk again, about a new initiative. Again, this is about --- a lot of it's about customer service. We began on April the 1st, the very first time you can go to our Department of Court Records to get a passport or a marriage license. Used to be you had to come down on Monday through Friday, and we know how parking and traffic and difficult that --- that could be for folks.

So I --- I applaud Director McGeever in his initiative, working with the County Manager to open up some Saturday hours. In just the first couple of months, we've had over 400 people get their marriage licenses on a Saturday, and over 320 people who've got their passports and photos through that system, and --- and the response has been very, very good.

So again, we're always trying to make things easier on --- on our constituents and you know, that might be one small way in which --- which we can do that.

And then I also want to talk about the roads. You've been very, very supportive in appropriating the funding for --- for Public Works, and Director Shanley and his team.

And we've begun many of the roads in --- in our parks. Three in South Park, Sesqui Drive, East Park Drive and --- and Boathouse Road and --- I'm sorry. Boathouse Road's in --- in North Park. Two in South Park and I know that was a concern of our South Park community.

Mr. Palmiere and --- and Councilwoman Means, I know they were concerned about that Boathouse Road out in North Park. And then three in --- in Hartwood Acres, Saxonburg Loop, light show lot and the --- and the stage that goes out to Middle Road, with all of our --- our folks that go there.

And then some of the other ones that have been done, Hemlock Drive, Irwin Road, Reynolds Road, Brown Road and Thompson Run Road have already been completed. Really, while the season is still early. There's going to be many more that the County Manager and the Public Works Department has --- has put on there.

And then finally, before I get to my --- the last --- I'm really excited about this. The last one they're going to give out is really, really good. Saving that wedding stuff for last.

Right --- the wedding stuff.

I --- I appreciate all of you who joined me at the --- the press conference we had regarding voluntary disincorporation. This is something we're going to be working on with our legislative friends in --- in Harrisburg. I think it's something that, again, to give a tool in the toolbox to at least give an option for people that can voluntarily, and I stress that word voluntarily, very, very much. It's not a forced takeover in any way, but it just gives some small communities some ability to maybe do some things that they don't have the --- have the means to do.

And then lastly, we had a wedding, our very first wedding in the courtyard this last Saturday, and they're going to show you some pictures. And I know this was something Councilman Kress wanted to do for many years and I want to thank, again, Kevin Evanto and Alex --- the team. And you probably saw them setting up tables if you were here Friday afternoon. The response was just absolutely terrific.

So if you want to get married in Allegheny County, we've got parks, we've got the courtyard. We've got lots of places for that to happen. So anyway, again, it was a beautiful setting, everything looked --- looked terrific and I --- and I think they've done it in a first class manner after having the --- the --- you know, the wedding show that they did --- the trade show, if you will. So very, very positive image for all of us when people come in and see this beautiful building that we --- that we call home.

So with that, Mr. President, I'll open it up and see if anybody has any questions.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Speaking of our wedding, we're --- we're not doing this to compete with you ---.

I'm looking at the pictures, but were there --- are there any provisions in --- in --- in the event of rain?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yes, it's called inside.

MR. FUTULES: It's called inside?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FUTULES: No, there's --- there's --- there are --- I think they do --- I think you can get some tents, as part of it.

MR. KRESS: Tents on the outside or the inside, so we track the weather and Kevin works on it and Alex and his staff with the bride and the groom.

MR. FUTULES: Look like a perfect day.

MR. KRESS: Or they come inside.

MR. FUTULES: Seeing all these pictures, I was like where's the tents?

MR. WALTON: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead ---.

MR. WALTON: Mr. Executive, I want to say several things.

First and foremost, I want to thank you for your leadership that you provide --- providing here in Allegheny County for the past years.

And I think that on several fronts, it is absolutely critical --- the work that we've done and engaged in in Wilmerding is truly invaluable, in terms of demonstrating Allegheny's County --- Allegheny County's commitment to improving public safety across the spectrum.

There are a host of communities that don't have the resources to do what they need for themselves, in --- in a substantive way. And the leadership that's been provided by this county, in that community, is invaluable, and provides leadership and --- and a direction that more of us can follow in a host of ways.

On the road building piece, we are doing huge numbers of miles, in terms of rebuilding Allegheny County roads. And in a substantive way, your leadership and your commitment in providing employment opportunities to people who were --- who were formerly on the outside, looking in, and now are on the inside, providing real family-sustaining wages for themselves and rebuilding their lives. I can't tell you how much I appreciate that, and that kind of leadership needs to be lauded and congratulated every day.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, thank you, Councilman. I --- I really have to give a lot of the praise to Manager McKain, and Director Shanley, and --- and other department directors who really do look for places to provide opportunities, if we have some openings and some needs, to --- to provide second chances for some folks who may have made some mistakes early on in their lives.

But I also am excited about the fact that you mentioned the amount of roads. We did over 50 miles last

year, the most we had done, maybe ever. Nobody could remember any time when we did more, and we're on pace to do the same amount this year.

So because of the resources that you have provided for us, because of --- again, the input you've given us about which roads are needed out in your districts, I think, you know --- again, Director Shanley and his team have really --- they hit the --- they hit the ground running very early in the --- in the season. And --- and you know, buying the milling machine and the --- and the --- and the paving machine that we have now, having that control and having that efficiency allows us to do more roads with --- with less.

So really, it's a great partnership. So thank you.

MR. WALTON: And the last comment that I want to make is simply this, I don't want to get into partisan politics, petty politics. But our president, last week, withdrew from the Paris Accord. I believe that that was a fundamental mistake and not necessarily a wise choice for America and particularly, for Allegheny County.

We pride ourselves on --- on the transformation that Allegheny County has undergone over the past 40 years, with the downturn and the shift from a primarily steel-based economy, to one predicated on technology and innovation. That --- our leadership and the technology that it's generated from educational institutions in Allegheny County, provide a real front for --- an opportunity for growth and family-sustaining wages that comes from that technology and energy innovation and having a clean and safe environment.

Last but not least, a clean environment creates jobs, creates employment opportunities for a broad cross section of our community, and we need to support clean, green economies.

Thank you, sir.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, let me just --- let me just comment on --- on --- one of the things that I think that has been a hallmark of Pittsburgh's resurgence --- and by Pittsburgh, I really mean the whole Pittsburgh region --- is the fact that we've diversified our economy in a big way. We still make things and we want to continue to make things in manufacturing, but we also realize that having all of your eggs in one basket,

makes you vulnerable to downturns that --- that --- that could be --- be hurtful to --- to the region.

So I think the two things I would say that Pittsburgh has really learned over --- over our --- our time, is the fact that diversifying our economy and cooperation. I think we cooperate very well, not just across municipalities, business and labor, universities, foundations, but across even counties.

We know in Beaver County, for example, the cracker plant and the impact that that's going to have positively for --- for this region. So I think there's a lot of good opportunities that we can showcase with Pittsburgh.

And I think the other thing I would say is, you know --- is we're in a battle for talent in --- in competing with other regions in this --- in --- around the country and around the world. Talent wants to go to a place where there's a --- a very good quality of life, with parks and safe neighborhoods, and things like Wilmerding that --- that they can move to and have their family safe, and good schools, and all the kind of things we all want for our families. So it's something I think all of us working together, can continue to do.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco and I'll get to ---.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President.

Thank you, Mr. County Executive for your leadership and trying to attract jobs and businesses to this region. I --- I appreciate that and I appreciate you looking out for the future to try to take and attract technology-related companies and organizations here.

But I think it's important that we recognize that Pittsburgh has a past and with that past, without heavy industry which we had had, the population of Pittsburgh in Allegheny County would never have expanded to the dimensions it reached. Without these industries, the vast fortunes that build these skyscrapers, funded the arts, built these museums, hospitals and universities, would not have happened.

Without heavy industry, there would not have been the development of the waterways infrastructure out there, that creates a stable pulse in the three rivers, that provides these great views that folks enjoy on the weekends, these recreational opportunities, reliable water supplies, a place for the sewers to run. Without the

accompanying population growth and the discretionary income that those industries created for workers, it is doubtful that Pittsburgh would have ever had the Pirates or the Steelers, and little chance that Pittsburgh would have had a symphony or an opera.

So I appreciate it. Without industry and the fortunes it created, most of the large philanthropic foundations that have provided so much funding for a civic society, the arts, education and health, would not have come into existence. And ironically, these same foundations are now major funders of many in the environmental programs that make up, you know, the mayor's and other folks agenda.

So I think you've seen here, in working with this council, that we will work hand in hand with you in trying to move the county forward. And we understand that change is going to be constant and it needs to move forward, but I think we need to --- not try to engage in partisan politics here, and I appreciate you're not doing that as we look to just focus on the task at hand, which is looking out for the citizens of Allegheny County.

Thank you, Mr. ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Well, let me say this, and I'm going to steal a line from Mayor Peduto who --- who talks about the vision for the region, and he says we need to look forward and --- and change.

The economy's going to change, but we want to keep what makes Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, our traditions. And --- and you know some of our traditions are the great architecture that we have, including the building that we're --- we're proud to --- to serve in.

And --- and a lot of the lessons that we have learned through that industrial past are how to do it better. And one of those lessons is, you know, environmental concerns that we could be proud of, that we led 30, and 40, and 50 years ago.

So you know that --- there's --- there's opportunities moving forward. But you're right, some of the great philanthropic groups, the foundations that provide our museums and our --- our cultural amenities have been a big part of --- of what we are. So we can celebrate our past, also learn from our past, and --- and --- and improve upon it moving forward.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you for being here this evening, Chief. I appreciate your leadership, and one of the things I've always applauded you on was your ability to pick good people. I'm going to do something a little unusual, but I would ask you if you would call Director Reardon to the podium.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Director Reardon, did you do something? No, I --- I have a feeling I --- I know what --- what Councilman Ellenbogen's going to say, but --- Director Reardon, the director of facilities.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Good to see you, Jim.

MR. REARDON: Same here.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Director Reardon, myself, Deputy Director of Public Works, Thompson, we were all part of the old Special Services Department.

About a month ago, just to tell you the caliber of --- of this individual, one of my dearest friends in the world had a massive heart attack in the county office building that --- actually, he told me he went in the county office building because our facilities are much nicer than in the city. Those are the maintenance people, thank you.

He was having a heart event and --- and from what I understand, he was basically gone. And if not for Director Reardon's training, and the --- and just the fact that he would get involved, he literally saved one of my best friend's lives, literally.

And from myself and from their family --- as a matter of fact, the individual is engaged to be married and --- and I was with them last night. And if not for your efforts and the quality of the person that you've always been, I don't --- I don't even know what words to put in that. And I thank you as the family does.

And --- and that only stands to show the kind of people that you hire. A lot of people would have just said, well, let's wait for the ambulances, but not Jim Reardon. He did what needed to be done and saved someone's life and --- and the heartache of a lot of people and I thank you. Publicly, thank you.

(Applause.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thanks, Councilman. And that --- that was a special --- it was a special event that really occurred and you're right, Director Reardon stepped in and ---

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Most people wouldn't have did it ---

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: --- talk about a hero, absolutely.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: --- but he ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

Thank you ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Any other remark, questions?

Okay. Thanks a lot for ---.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Councilman, and have a good evening. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: There's public comment, but on the issue, they're all speaking on the same issue. We're going to send it back to the committee, so you can either speak tonight or wait until later to speak, it's up to you.

MR. BARKER: First up, is William Youngblood.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You can speak tonight or later, it's up to you.

MR. YOUNGBLOOD: Thank you very much. That's a tough act I have to follow, I have to tell you.

My name is Bill Youngblood and I am the Executive Director of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority. And in light of full disclosure, I am also the Vice Chairman of the Allegheny County Board of Health, but I am in no way here tonight representing the Allegheny County Board of Health.

There's an item on your agenda this week, or tonight, that deals with stormwater. Unfortunately, the sewer authority community was not involved, to the best of my knowledge, in any of the reviews of that.

And I think Jared's going to hand out --- or someone's handing out a couple of letters. One is from John Brosious, who is Deputy Director of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association. Another one, I think you received from me earlier in --- in the week. And the third one is from Jerry Brown and I have some other ones, but we --- we won't bore you with the details. They're all basically saying the same thing.

We were kind of blindsided, as a sewer community, because there was an item added in that no one, apparently, from the sewer authority side was aware of, into the stormwater side. On page eight --- A-18 under

section 305, there was a clause inserted that said that no sewer lines could be run within the riparian buffer, which is basically a grass and --- and what --- adjacent to the stream and that was within 35 feet of the stream.

In those communities that are north and south, and other ones that are expanding and growing, it creates a real problem because in the Town of McCandless --- and again, these are minimum standards. The communities are requested to adopt them and they can increase them, but they can't decrease them.

The State of Pennsylvania's DEP requires a minimum of a 20 foot right-of-way for a riparian buffer. The county here is suggesting 35, which we have no problems with. And anything else, or most of the other things within the ordinance, we do not have a problem with. But that 35 feet, when you add 20 feet for a sewer easement and in McCandless, for example, their 50 foot right-of-way, you have a 70 foot right-of-way above ground that the homeowner can't use to put a shed, or above ground swimming pool or --- or whatever. That's a lot of property.

But we have over 30,000 customers in our system and we are expanding. What I'm going to suggest is tonight, instead of voting on it, if you could, is to refer it back to Committee for further study and let us take a look at it, where we're part of the discussion. And if you need to vote on it, to eliminate that one section on 305 that's subsection I.

At this point, I'd be more than glad to answer any questions. But this will have a dramatic effect on the sewer authorities and those communities that are developing.

DR. MARTONI: What you suggested is exactly what we're going to do.

Okay?

MR. YOUNGBLOOD: Oh, I'm sorry then. I hate to bore you.

DR. MARTONI: No, no. You --- you were excellent, but --- you made the point very well, but that's exactly what we're going to do.

MR. YOUNGBLOOD: Thank you and I would be more than glad to serve on --- on that committee if you chose to have ---.

DR. MARTONI: And we will keep that in mind because we'll need your expertise on it.

Okay?

MR. YOUNGBLOOD: Thank you very much.

MR. BARKER: Next is David Borrebach.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Again, you can speak now or speak later, it's up to you.

MR. BORREBACH: Oh, I'll speak not.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. BORREBACH: There are three of us here from the Montour Trail Council. I think I'd wear an advertisement for us.

I'm Dave Borrebach. I live at 2384 Oakview Drive, up in Franklin Park. I'm a board member with the Montour Trail Council.

I'm also here, like my colleagues, gentlemen, because of section 305 of the proposed stormwater ordinance. As written, this ordinance will have consequences that could cripple trail building in Allegheny County.

In this state's model --- in the state's model stormwater ordinance, section 305 is entirely optional. Allegheny County adopted that section, and they also added paragraphs that make 305 too restrictive. The sheet that's coming around is the actual language of section 305. The section that's in black is the original state language. Everything that's in red, and there's a lot of it, was added by Allegheny County.

If we lived in a flatter area, those added regulations probably wouldn't be that onerous. That's because the flat land next to streams can be used for other purposes. But I don't need to tell you we live in a hilly county. Sometimes there isn't much room beside streams. In some cases, the Montour trail crowds in a valley and the only thing that fits in the valley is the stream, and right next to it, the trail. We follow the old railroad line. That's how they went, too.

So we need to squeeze multiple uses out of a small space. The Allegheny County language is too restrictive for any use other than the stream and that 70 foot buffer. The added paragraph, C.1 --- C.1's on the first page --- added paragraph C.1, when you start to pull into that, and paragraph G.1 at the top of the --- of the back, both of those create significant problems for trail builders and would be costly, in terms of money, and in terms of volunteer effort.

The current language also demands solutions that exceed the requirements of the federal government and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The easiest solution is simply to go back to the state's model language. Your --- if you're on the Public Works Committee, please tell your staffers, just go back to the state language.

If you don't do that, we've submitted --- the Montour Trail Council has submitted three recommendations, and we urge you to incorporate those recommendations in the new --- in the new revision of this ordinance. We're an all-volunteer organization. We create our own motivation to go out and find the funding, design and develop the trail, and maintain it. Don't make our job any harder than it is.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Thank you.

Next, do you have ---?

MR. BARKER: Next is Paul McKeown.

MR. MCKEOWN: Hello, I am Paul McKeown and I'm the Secretary of the Engineering and Construction Committee of the Montour Trail Council. Montour Trail Council is a non-profit organization whose mission is to construct and maintain 47 and a half miles of mainstream mainline Montour trail, between Coraopolis and Clairton, with five branch trails.

Most of our trail has been built, and as such, a considerable amount of trail building experience and expertise in the Allegheny County area resides within our organization. The MTC has no paid staff.

The Montour Trail is a linear park and as such, the MTC is concerned with preserving green space and usually acquires available land, adjacent to the trail, when --- when we can get it. And in that role, we're also a land trust.

Building of the Montour Trail within the county is performed as part of a public private partnership between Allegheny County and the Montour Trail Council, and we're very thankful for that collaboration and that collaboration's been very successful.

The task of designing rail trails is often complicated by the characteristics of the sometimes narrow strip of land on which the trail is to be built. Sometimes, the land is not wide enough even to accommodate the standard ten foot trail, and the two five foot

shoulders. And sometimes, the trail is complicated by being within the 35 foot riparian buffer easement next to a stream.

Fortunately, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has a best practices manual describing numerous design techniques for use in environmentally sensitive locations. As currently written, the draft Allegheny County Stormwater Management Plan, unfortunately, does not allow use of some important options for trail design, as described in the DEP best practices manual. And without these options, trail building will be considerably more difficult or impractical in certain locations.

So as noted in the handouts, the Montour Trail Council requests the Stormwater Management Plan be revised to allow additional techniques as permitted by state and federal regulations.

Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. BARKER: David Oyler.

MR. OYLER: Good evening. My name's David Oyler. I'm a South Park Township resident, 3321 Brownsville Road Extension, rather, South Park Township, and I want to address just one small portion of the ordinance (adjusts microphone).

Under section 305, the DEP model ordinance on riparian buffers, subsection F.1 states that trails shall be for non-motorized use only. The Allegheny County model ordinance, section 305, Riparian Buffers, subsection G.1 states trails should be designed to be permeable and for non-motorized use only. The difference there being the, be designed to be permeable, portion of that sentence.

The Montour Trail Council notes the DEP did not require this wording. DEP, by this submission, allows alternate BMPs, or best management practice, means of --- of meeting DEP's goals. The Allegheny County Model Ordinance would disallow some BMPs, such as gravel filled infiltration drains, et cetera, and mandate the use of permeable trail surfaces.

The primary choices of trail surfaces, allowable to the Montour Trail Council under the Allegheny County Ordinance, would be limited to porous crushed limestone and --- or permeable asphalt. The infiltration under drain system and asphalt pavement system currently planned for use on the Montour Trail Section, to be constructed at

--- on the Sports Legacy site near Coraopolis, and currently allowable under DEP rules, would not be allowed.

Although porous crushed limestone is normally the Montour Trail Council's surface material of choice, it is generally not acceptable in floodplain areas. In those areas, the Montour Trail Council has typically used asphalt paving, which is resistant to scour by flood water. This will be ruled out by the Allegheny County model ordinance.

The available alternative material, resistant to flood waters, is --- is permeable asphalt. However, by the admission of the Federal Highway Administration, and you can see the reference there in my handout, permeable asphalt has the following limitations --- higher cost, potential clogging with dirt and organic debris, with subsequent degradation of its performance, and limited use for heavy loading areas where sharp turns are probable. They recommend annual inspection and vacuuming, between two and four times a year, or power washing to prevent this degradation and performance of the asphalt.

The Montour Trail Council believes that a standard asphalt paving system with infiltration trenches is superior to permeable asphalt because it is less subject to this degradation after installation and does not require frequent maintenance to assure acceptable performance. Therefore, the Montour Trail Council recommends that the wording, be designed to be permeable, be removed from this ordinance.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is that it on ---?

MR. BARKER: Just one more, John Riley.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Must not be here. Okay.

MS. MEANS: Mr. President, may I have a point of personal privilege?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, what is it?

MS. MEANS: We had several e-mails that were sent to us and I'd like to enter them into the record, if that would be possible --- that tie into the speeches that we heard today.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You --- go ahead.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Approval of minutes?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No minutes.

Okay. 10198-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Abass B. Kamara to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to Appointment Review.

10199-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Carey L. Cummings, Esquire to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to Appointment Review Committee.

10138-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Betsy Bechtolt Magley to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President.

On May 31st, 2017, the Committee on Appointment Review convened. At that time, the Committee made an affirmative recommendation. At this time, 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.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed? The ayes have it.

10140-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of James Sacco to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 31st, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President.

On May 31st, 2017, the Committee on Appointment Review convened. At that time, the Committee made an affirmative recommendation. At this time, 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.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed? The ayes have it.

10141-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Sylvia Wilson to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority for a term to expire on December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress?

MR. KRESS: Thank you, Mr. President.

On May 31st, 2017, the Committee on Appointment Review convened. At that time, the Committee made an affirmative recommendation. At this time, 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.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed? The ayes have it.

10193-17.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2017, submission #06-17. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President.

At a meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance, a resolution amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2017 was considered by the Committee, and after such consideration, it comes to this council with an affirmative recommendation and so I offer a motion to approve at this time.

(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?

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: 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, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10165-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association, Incorporated, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, for the purpose of staging a vintage car show and related activities on the Roberto Clemente, formerly 6th Street, Bridge to be known as "Grand Prix Tune-Up" on Wednesday, July 12th, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council.

On May 25th, 2017, the Committee convened and discussed this issue and it was sent to the full council with affirmative recommendation. I make a motion we approve.

(Chorus of seconds.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none ---.

MR. BAKER: Mr. President, I would just note for all three of these --- I know we talked about it in committee that made sure there's no Pirates games that night. I think that was a big worry that some folks might

have had, but there's no Pirates games competing with it, so the bridge closing down on these days is not as big of a problem.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Right.

Any other 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?

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: 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, nos zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10166-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership for the purpose of staging a food festival and related activities on the Roberto Clemente, formerly 6th Street, Bridge to be known as "Picklesburgh

2017" between Thursday, July 27th, 2017 and Sunday, July 30th, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President.

Again, the Committee met on May 25th and vetted this particular issue.

And I just want to mention that these three that we're going to be talking about tonight, it has a positive effect on --- on this region and also brings what Councilman Kress wanted to see for quite some time, and that's use our bridges for events. And it's --- these things are working out quite well.

The Committee sent this to the full council with affirmative recommendation and I make a motion to approve.

DR. MARTONI: Second.

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?

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: 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, nos zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10104-17. We said we're sending it back, but I'll ask Representative Macey if he wants to say something first?

MR. MACEY: Yeah, I just wanted to say that we --- we did meet and the meeting was not attended very well. And since that meeting, I've had quite a few questions that have been brought to my attention, and concerns, and there may be some issues that haven't been brought to light. And in --- in --- in that case, with your permission, Mr. President, I'd like to send this back to Committee so we can continue to get those questions answered and be better prepared to make a decision that affects all of the communities in Allegheny County.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

That will be sent back.

Okay. Liaison reports.

MR. BARKER: I apologize. I think we may have skipped over bill 10167-17.

MR. KLEIN: You missed 10167.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

10167-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the grant of a temporary license agreement to Animal Friends, Incorporated, a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, for the purpose of staging a public fundraising event and related activities on the Roberto Clemente, formerly 6th Street, Bridge to be known as "Bark n'At" on Saturday, June 24th, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you.

Again, this is one of those great opportunities to showcase our city, our county, and also, help animal friends. We met on the 25th and the Committee sent this to the full council with affirmative recommendation. I make a motion to approve.

DR. MARTONI: Second.

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: Aye.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye, 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: 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, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under liaison reports?
Representative Baker?

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

As you can tell from Mr. DeMarco's comment, he is a --- a big supporter of Animal Friends. I think his wife was --- won the Lifetime Achievement Award recently, so congrats to --- to Gail on that.

A couple quick updates --- I had mentioned to all of you that it was going to be a busy Memorial Day celebrating lots of, and honoring lots of good events. We had the West View parade, and also a ceremony afterwards that Chief Fromlack spoke at. That was a fantastic event, about 200 to 300 people from West View at that.

We then had the celebration of the Sergeant Caskey Lodge, and that was amazing as well, up in Laurel Gardens.

So I know a lot of council members were out on Memorial Day, honoring and --- and really spending time in the community. I want to thank Councilwoman Kirk, who is on the phone with me. She helped me on the field at PNC Park, the day after Memorial Day. We were there for the kickoff of the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, which was a tremendous success. It starts here in Pittsburgh and travels all throughout the state and ends up at --- at Penn State, in the end. The County Executive was there at that event, as well.

And Councilman DeMarco and I got a good workout in on Saturday. We were at Representative Mustio Senator Reschenthaler's shredding event. I expected maybe 50, 60 cars to be there to get their items shredded. We had close to 300 to 400 cars that came, so it was --- it was truly a good workout. It was something like 4.3 tons of paper that we shredded that day. So as always, lots of good things going on in the community.

We did have the Run for the Rec in Ross Township. I couldn't go to the Allegheny nine on Sunday. And I know Commissioner Bukowski is here. His colleagues, one of them beat me. One did not beat me for Run for the Rec, so I was not the fastest elected official for another year. Commissioner Jeremy Shaffer did defeat me as the fastest elected official. But it's always a lot of fun and brought a lot of good people together, so lots of good things going on in the community.

And I did send everyone an e-mail. If anybody wants to come, there's a couple spots Thursday morning for Boy Scouts, if anyone's interested. It's a breakfast with Brett Keisel, if anyone's interested in learning more about all of the good stuff that the Boy Scouts are doing here in our community.

Thanks, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

Let's come up this way. Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President.

Councilwoman Means and I both attended the Upper Saint Clair Community Days. We --- we participated in the parade. I got quite a workout trying to follow the car. There was a gentleman, Chuck Mertz, who was driving a 1950

Chevrolet classic automobile. Councilwoman Means had the opportunity to ride, and I got to chase.

Then we worked --- we worked the --- the tent together and met many of the citizens of Upper Saint Clair, providing many of the materials that they've paid for and that the county so kind enough to give it to us to pass out.

And last week, I attended at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, there was an event that had been sponsored by Western Pennsylvania National Electrical Contractors Association, and this was Thursday evening. Robert O'Neill, the former Navy Seal that killed Osama bin Laden, was in and gave a very --- gave a great talk out there on Thursday night.

And then I also just want to remind everybody, today is June 6th. It's the 73rd anniversary of the invasion of D-Day and we're losing our World War II veterans at the rate of 10,000 a day. So all of you who have those folks in your families, whether it be your fathers, your grandfathers, your uncles and so on, please thank them again, you know, for the greatest generation, for what it is that they did.

And thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Next? Representative Klein was next.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President.

Last week at this time, I attended a program that was hosted by the Pittsburgh Food Policy Council. And the purpose of the program was to --- to discuss strategies for addressing the very real challenges of hunger in this --- in this region and in this county, as well as malnutrition and access to food.

And the program was conducted by two faculty members of the Harvard program on --- on food policy and law. So it just --- it was interesting. There were probably 30 different organizations that address the challenges of hunger in this region, that were on hand, and probably close to 100 people attended.

And then later on this week, the Allegheny County Homeless Advisory Board is conducting three public forums in the county and I will be attending the one that will be held on Friday, June 9th, from 10:00 a.m. in the morning until 12:00 p.m., at the Kingsley Center in East Liberty.

So I just wanted to --- to share that with you that I --- I try to get to all of the feel-good events in the county that I can.

So thank you for your attention.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

Going down this way --- wait a minute. I think it was Representative Means.

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

On June the 1st I had the honor to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Montour Trail. And I know we gave them an award earlier this year, but again, congratulations to the Montour Trail for winning Trail of the Year, from the state. And I'll pass a little brochure so you can take a look at it.

It was an amazing event. We were graced with the presence of two senators who were represented, we also had a state representative there. And Dennis Davlin came, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, and it was a grant event. It was a beautiful day.

And speaker after speaker shared how the trails build our economy, and the trails really are a consideration when someone thinks about where they're going to live. They think about where work is, related to their home, and their recreation also. So I want to commend the trails for helping us build economic development in the county.

Also, Denise Russell and I had the honor to attend the Mattress Factory the other day --- what was that, Friday?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: It was on Friday.

MS. MEANS: Friday --- Friday. And we --- they have a really --- first of all, I felt very humbled because I didn't realize it was an art museum, so I was very humbled. And --- but we --- the Mattress Factory is celebrating its 40th anniversary, and they're receiving a \$1,000,000 art exhibit from a famous artist named James Turrell and it is amazing. And what it is, is like a room where you can look into --- and look at the sky, and really feel like the sky is coming down to you, and it's going to be absolutely beautiful and amazing. It was an honor to be there.

And also I had the privilege, with Councilman Baker and Councilman DeMarco, to attend the Amen Corner

and Pittsburgh Metro FOOLS Firemen and EMS Awards Reception on May 31st. And we have the greatest people working for our county, the greatest EMS service, 911 officers were honored.

And it was --- it was one of those events that when we go next year, take Kleenex. Because there was one story about --- that was very moving --- about how a father, that's a fireman, had a cardiac episode and his two sons were there to give him what he needed and he was there. It was a very emotional event, but it was --- it was just --- and I thank the Amen --- the Amen Corner again, and I thank all our first responders, and our firemen and our police for the excellent job they do.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Wait a minute.

Representative Macey, and then we'll go down to you.

MR. MACEY: Thank you and thanks for the intro, Councilwoman Means.

I want to speak on behalf of the volunteer fire departments in Allegheny County. This summer, you'll see a lot of street fairs. Many of these fire departments depend on their street fairs as part of their fundraising activities. It's very expensive to run an operation and think about it, what you can do to help them in the way of --- of --- of giving, donating money, or attending their events, buying their food so they can afford to pay for their turn-up gears and things like that, is very important.

The volunteer fire companies save the taxpayers \$64,000,000 a year, just in Allegheny County alone. So think about that. Read your newspapers, your periodicals, find out where these street fairs are and support your volunteer fire departments.

On the other hand, West Mifflin Number 3 Volunteer Fire Company has their car cruises every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Great food, door prizes and it's at 5722 Rodeo Drive. That's in West Mifflin, near the Allegheny County Airport. Every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President.

I --- just this past Sunday, I had the opportunity to run in the 35th annual Greenfield Glide race, out at Schenley Park, and I think I've been --- I've

attended 33 of them. I missed two. And I just want to commend the Pittsburgh Parks Organization for a wonderful job they do, year, after year, after year, out there and --- and even though the course is torture, we --- we manage to get up there every year and --- and to get it done.

I also wanted to mention, too, that on the Sunday before Memorial Day, I was at the Castle Shannon Community Day function down at Hamilton Park. That is one heck of an organization down there and a great day. I think there were about 3,000, 4,000 people down there that day. It was just a wonderful, fun day, and it's one of those areas --- one of those things that I do, that I want to do, and not because I have to do it.

And I also, on Memorial day, I attended the ceremonies and the parade out at Clairton, with Mayor Lattanzi and the --- and the group, out there. And again, it was a --- a wonderful day and --- and morning out there and a lot of --- a lot of good veterans, people from the past wars and --- and so on, out there. Some of those people in their 90s now --- was --- it was just delightful to be there, and I was proud to represent Allegheny County on that particular morning.

And one other thing I wanted to mention. On Father's Day, we were having our Father's Day race in support of people with prostate cancer. And it was eliminated for a year and we managed to --- thanks to Mr. Hopson, and Mr. Beckley and --- and of course, our County Manager, I asked them to see if we could restore that and renew that --- or that commitment, and we're going to do that at North Park on Father's Day.

And I'm really grateful to all of you for --- for seeing that that's getting done again. And --- and Jerry Livingston, the gentleman who initiated that whole thing, Jerry was there at the Greenfield Glide, passing out stuff, as he always does, you know, for the --- for the race.

So I --- I thank you, Mr. President, for indulging me here, and we'll take it from there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anymore? Seeing none, we'll move on to 10207-17.

MR. BARKER: A motion of the Council of Allegheny County approving the attached guidelines for the

nine Friends of the Parks Councils. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President.

This --- I'm trying to get a --- a handbook passed for quite a --- for a couple of years now. And finally, we were able to get one done that's readable, legible and --- and doable.

And I --- I'm hoping that my colleagues will see fit to --- to vote for this because it's --- what it does, basically, we have four --- four of the nine parks, four of the organizations, the friends groups that are active -- -- and we just wanted to try to put some parameters and some guidelines for them. And I've spoken to a --- a few of those members, especially at South Park, and they're looking forward to having this --- having this done, once and for all, and I'd appreciate my colleagues support on this.

Thank you very much.

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to approve.

MR. WALTON: Second.

MS. MEANS: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed? The ayes have it.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Notification of contracts?

MR. BARKER: None.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, none.

Public comment on general items?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have none.

Does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. MACEY: I move to adjourn.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Who wants to say second?

(Chorus of seconds.)

All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

Meeting adjourned. Thank you.

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